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**FIE! LADIES.**

The candid criticism which characterised the annual report presented to the Ladies' Guild will probably come as something of a 'jolt' to all but the 'faithful few,' who doubtless have been for some time feeling what the Honorary Secretary has had the courage to say. Honeyed words and over-optimism are definitely detrimental to any organisation when the facts point in the other direction and yet one often sees them employed when there is no justification. It is refreshing, therefore, to find a secretary who is prepared to call a spade a spade and when it concerns the ladies it is enough to make people, and particularly those who come under the lash, 'sit up and take notice.' In sum, the report just shows that in the discharge of their responsibilities to their Guild, the ladies are no whit better, if they are no worse, than the men, and that, in a way, has probably come as something of a shock to many of the male element of the Exercise.

Far be it from us to attempt to justify the 'delinquents.' There is little if any excuse for those who do not pay their small annual subscription, and the only thing that we can find to say in mitigation of those who do not attend the meetings is that the Guild's members are a fairly widely scattered community and the expense of getting to meetings would often be considerable. It is only in areas where members are fairly numerous that even moderately attended meetings of the Guild can be expected. It is one of the difficulties facing the ladies' organisation that their members are to be found only in ones and twos, and then only in a minority of towers. The districts are large and it is almost impossible for the members to keep that personal touch, which does so much to retain interest in the activities of any ringers' Guild. But this much having been admitted, the 'defaulters' doubtless deserve all that the Secretary has said about them. The ladies apparently suffer from just the same faults as the men—although no man would have had the courage to tell them so quite as frankly as their Secretary has done.

There appear to be among the members of the Ladies' Guild peal grabbers and high-brows who do not like to come down to the humbler stuff which is usually the fare at meetings. There are those whose enthusiasm bubbles over when the meeting is brought to their own door, but goes to ditch-water as soon as the bells have been rung down for the evening. Then there are those who join and quickly withdraw when they find they get out of the Guild only what they themselves put into it—which, in their case, is nothing. We sympathise with the officials

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of the Guild in the discouragement which these disappointments must bring. Perhaps the Honorary Secretary's chastisement will bring about a change among the delinquents, for there is little remedy except the awakening of their own conscience. If, however, the punishment could be made to fit the crime, the backsliders over the meetings should be made to arrange them and compelled to attend them to find only a handful of others present. The non-payers should be given the task of collecting the subscriptions—and what a time that one hundred would have extracting shillings from one another? Fie! ladies. You owe it to your officials to reform and that quickly. You are setting a bad example to the men. But we are not sure that they are not already worse than you are.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... Treble	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 6
WILLIAM J. LEE ... 2	*HENRY TOOKE ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 8
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... 9
ARTHUR T. KING ... 5	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal or first attempt on ten bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 23, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... Treble	WALTER R. FARROW ... 5
ALFRED W. BROOME ... 2	*HERBERT C. READ ... 6
*ERNEST P. SHORTING ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob at first attempt.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT ... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... 5
EDWARD H. KING ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, July 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES E. BAILEY ... Treble	*EDWARD J. BEER ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
*JOHN BURLS ... 3	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal and first attempt in the method. First peal in the method by Mr. J. H. Cheesman since some time previous to the Great War.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, July 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	CYRIL B. BURRELL ... .. 6
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 7
JOHN CURRY ... .. 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Geo. Ladd on the 40th anniversary of his wedding.

**TRURO, CORNWALL.**  
**THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, July 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

HENRY WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	*CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 5
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN ... 2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... .. 7
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
\* First 'touch' of Major. Mr. W. B. Cartwright is from Birmingham, and the conductor from Windsor. First peal of Major on the bells.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**  
**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, July 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY Treble	†O. NEVILLE CURTIS ... .. 5
*GEORGE HUTCHINSON ... .. 2	D. C. WILLIAMS, Mus. Bac. 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... .. 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 7
REGINALD A. REED ... .. 4	JOHN L. DACOMBE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. CYRIL WILLIAMS.

\* First peal 'inside' on eight bells. † First peal.

**UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT G. LEWIS ... .. Treble	†WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. 5
CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. 2	GEORGE TOMLINSON ... .. 6
*THOMAS HURD ... .. 3	J. GEORGE BURROWS ... .. 7
JOHN E. WHELDON ... .. 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* 80th peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Rung as a wedding compliment to the younger son of the late Mr. W. Harvey and Mrs. Harvey and the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Burrows, of Uttoxeter. Also as a birthday peal to the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th and 7th.

**HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM G. WHITING ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 5
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

\* First peal of New Cambridge. First peal in the method as conductor by T. W. Last. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Ernest Edward (Ted) Lanham, who was buried in Helmingham Churchyard during the afternoon, and who had been a member of the local company for 35 years. Ringers of treble and seventh bells are nephews of deceased.

**PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*WALTER ELSEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES LOOME ... .. 5
†FREDERICK C. ROPER ... .. 2	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 6
GEORGE ARCHER ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
†WILLIAM MUSK ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal away from the treble.  
† First peal of Double Norwich 'inside'.

**GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST W. FYE ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... .. 6
ERNEST B. DURRANT ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
ERNEST J. RUNTER ... .. 4	ERNEST A. BOWHILL ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

**PETWORTH, SUSSEX.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 4	WILFRED BARTLETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

**GRAVESEND, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. Treble	JOHN BURLS ... .. 5
*EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 2	†GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHESMAN ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method as conductor.

**LONDON.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, July 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	*ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

\* 550th peal.

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**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

*SYDNEY BAILLESS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 4
JOHN H. BAILLESS ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
FRANK BAILLESS ... .. 3	GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor. Specially arranged as a compliment to the conductor and Mrs. E. Morris, whose birthdays occurred on the 28th and 24th respectively.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BURBAGE.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

In 18 methods, viz.: (1) Disley, (2) Trowell, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, (3) Poynton, Old Oxford, Bocking, Willosden, (4) Grove Delight, Neasden, (5) College Bob IV., Wragby, (6) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ROBERT ASHMORE ... .. Treble	W. W. WOOLSTENCROFT ... 4
*KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 2	*GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 5
JAMES A. MILLNER ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in 18 methods. Mr. G. Biddulph's 50th peal. This was also the 100th tower in which he has handled a rope. Rung on the eve of the church's anniversary.

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Norfolk, London, Cambridge, York, Ipswich, Primrose and Durham. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY GIBBARD ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
CHARLES W. WOODS ... .. 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	HORACE M. DAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First Surprise peal on the bells. The last and only other known peal at this church was one of Bob Minor, rung 44 years ago.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven true and complete extents in the following methods: (1) Willosden, Marple and Newdigate; (2) College Bob IV. and Old Oxford; (3) St. Albans, Braintree and Charlwood; (4) Wragby and Neasden; (5) College Exercise, Morning Star and Oakley; (6) Norbury and Duke of Norfolk; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford, Capel, Kingston and Sandal.

GEORGE LORD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR PANIHER ... .. 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

First peal in 20 methods by all the band and on the bells, also believed to be first in 20 methods for the association. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Chant.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE VESTRY HALL.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7-8

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

**A VANCOUVER QUARTER-PEAL.**

On Wednesday, June 27th, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, Canada, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (by Henry Johnson) was rung in 46 minutes for practice: A. C. Lunnus 1, A. Lomas 2, A. King 3, F. Hird 4, G. Roberts 5, E. Vickers 6, W. Sampson 7, T. Greenaway 8, conducted by A. B. Lomas.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The annual festival of Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Gulval on Saturday, July 21st. About 100 ringers were present, including Dr. J. Symons (president of the Guild), Miss Symons, Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Ringing Master), Rev. W. H. R. Trowhella (secretary), Mr. H. Dunstan (treasurer), and ringers from Callington, Gulval, Illogan, Ludgvan, Manaccan, Mawnan, Phillack, Plymouth, Redruth, St. Anthony-in-Meneage, St. Hilary, Towednack, Truro Cathedral, Tuckingmill and Zennor.

The bells of Gulval and the neighbouring churches of Ludgvan, Madron, St. Mary's, Penzance, and Zennor were made use of, and the following methods were rung: Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Bob Major and Minor, call changes and rounds.

A service for ringers was conducted in Gulval Church by the Vicar (Rev. C. H. S. Buckley), assisted by Gulval Church choir, and tea was provided in Lausley Hall.

**LYME REGIS RINGERS' EXCURSION**

The ringers of St. Michael's, Lyme Regis, spent an enjoyable day on Saturday week, making Bristol the centre of a circular trip. Wells was the first stop for light refreshment, and Yatten the first objective for ringing. The latter place was reached somewhat late owing to a detour via Cheddar Gorge, and then a refractory slider curtailed the programme. A pull at Clevedon was abandoned on arrival there, as time was short, and there was illness nearby. Portishead, however, provided a pleasant welcome, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being enjoyed, with Mrs. Edwards standing in the latter. Mr. Gillingham's absence through illness was much regretted. The Vicar's bad leadership into Bristol delayed luncheon further than need have been the case, and all were glad when the table was reached. A splendid welcome was awaiting the party at St. Stephen's tower in the afternoon, and many of the Dorset men experienced their first touch of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and made a very creditable performance. Kent Major was also rung. The attraction of Bristol, besides tea, occupied the rest of the day until 7 o'clock, when the cars were boarded again for the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle. Here Mr. W. A. Cave was waiting, and two good touches were rung as the most that could be allowed before evening. A good run in the cool of a day which had provided thunder and rain intermittently brought everyone home at a reasonable hour.

The Lyme Regis ringers wish to thank the incumbents of the various towers for their kind permission to ring, also Mr. Gillingham, whom they would have like to have met, Mr. W. Knight and members of St. Stephen's Guild, Mr. W. A. Cave and others, who all had such a friendly welcome for them, and added much to the interest and success of their outing.

**HALF-DAY TRIP OF 120 MILES.**

The annual outing of the members of St. Margaret's Society, Lowestoft, took place on July 13th inst. Owing to business exigencies it has to be a half-day excursion, but, notwithstanding that, it amounted to nearly a 120-mile motor trip. A visit to Debenham was the first item, and at 2 p.m. 17 members and friends left by saloon coach for their destination, travelling via Krentham, Wangford, Henbourn Park, Yoxford (the garden of Suffolk), Peasenhall and Earl Soham to Debenham. The church bells being in readiness, two touches of Bob Major were rung, conducted by Mr. Rumsey and Mr. A. E. Coleman, also a short touch of Minor for the younger members. The company, with Mr. Rumsey, then sat down to a good old-fashioned Suffolk tea. The Master (Mr. A. E. Coleman) occupied the chair, and the vice-chair was allotted to the patriarch of the company ('Young Woodley').

Travelling via Helmingham and Westerfield, the company next journeyed to Felixstowe, and most of the time there was spent in the Amusement Park. Sad to relate, some of the party came away sadder and wiser men, as the 8,000 'touch' with 10 'calls' was a little longer than they could manage. One member did call a 7,500, but unfortunately there was no return for hard luck.

Departing from Felixstowe at 9 p.m., the 'going home course' was via Martlesham Heath and the Woodbridge by-pass to Pettistree. Light refreshments were served at the Tuns Hotel, aided by a piano, and at 10.30 p.m. a few bars from the 'Hebe's Anthem' announced time, and the final stretch for home was made via Wickham Market and Saxmundham. The clock on the swing bridge at Lowestoft showed 23.45 as the saloon swung into the town, and as the weather was perfect it truly was the end of 'a perfect half-day'.

The ringers express their thanks to the Rector (Canon H. J. Enraght, M.A.), Mr. J. Woodger, and Mr. Allan Watson, for their kindness, and their thanks are also expressed to the Rector of Debenham for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Rumsey for kindly having them ready.



## THE BOURNVILLE CARILLON.

### MESSRS. GILLETT AND JOHNSTON'S LATEST PRODUCTION.

A private demonstration of one of the finest carillons in the world was given at Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Foundry at Croydon on Monday, when the instrument which they have completed for Bournville was on view and recitals were given.

The Bournville carillon, consisting originally of 22 bells, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. George Cadbury, was installed in 1906 in the belfry of the school in the centre of this garden village. It was the first carillon made for use in England by an English bell firm. Since that time the art of the founder has advanced a long way, particularly in regard to tuning, and the bells of to-day are of greatly improved tonal quality. Additions to the Bournville carillon were made in 1923 and 1925, the gifts of Mrs. George Cadbury and Mr. George Cadbury, jun., and brought the number of bells up to 42, the largest (note C) weighing two tons.

The carillon has now been reconstructed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Thirty-eight of the former 42 bells have been recast to improve their tone and tune, and three high trebles, two bass semi-tones, and a new bourdon bell weighing  $3\frac{1}{2}$  tons have been added. There are, therefore, 48 bells covering four complete octaves. Although not quite the heaviest carillon installed so far in the British Isles, its compass of 48 notes is the most extensive, and provides an unlimited range of music for the carillonneur.

A new frame of massive girders has been constructed, and entirely new fittings, based upon recent developments in improvement and design, have been provided, while the bells have been arranged to secure an even distribution of the sound. All the bearings which carry the connecting wires from the clavier to the hammers are mounted on ball bearings, and the general arrangement of the mechanism is such that the carillonneur can exercise the utmost delicacy of touch and that perfect control of light and shade that is essential to the artistic expression of carillon music. The total weight of the bells is 17½ tons, and that of the frame is 8½ tons.

Previously the main part of the carillon was housed in a turret placed on one corner of the Bournville School tower, and the four largest bells were fixed in the open on the flat roof of the main tower. The turret has now been removed and a campanile of original design, planned by the architect, Mr. W. Alexander Harvey, F.R.I.B.A., is being placed centrally on the tower roof.

Visitors to the Croydon Foundry on Monday found the carillon standing in completed form in the large erecting shop. Among those who inspected it and listened to the recital given at noon was Mr. George Cadbury and Mr. W. A. Harvey. Mr. Clifford Ball, the Bournville carillonneur, gave the recital, and his programme revealed all the wonderful possibilities of the bells. It was at once obvious that the tuning of bells for this purpose has reached perfection point. The harshness that sometimes seemed too predominant among the upper notes in older carillons is gone entirely, and, while the new bourdon bell is a really glorious production, so all the way up the scale the bells are a delight to the ear. Mr. Ball was enthusiastic over the new carillon—a vast improvement in tone and in case of operating, was his comment.

A second recital was given in the afternoon, when one of the most impressive items was a magnificent performance of Chopin's 'Funeral March,' which, perhaps, more than anything else gave the talented carillonneur the opportunity of showing both his skill and the capacity of the carillon. Miss Nora Johnston and Mr. Sidney Potter also contributed to the programmes.

In addition to the carillon, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are erecting a powerful electric clock to chime the Westminster quarters and strike the hours on the great bell.

The special inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

No.	Note.	
1.	A sharp.	Given in memory of George Cadbury. by his wife, E. M. C., and son, G. C., 1934.
2.	A.	
3.	G sharp.	
22.	C sharp.	Muscam Docet Amor.
23.	C.	Adoramus te.
24.	B.	Benedicimus te.
25.	A sharp.	Laudamus te.
26.	A.	Ora et Vigila.
27.	G sharp.	Per Crucem ad Stellas.
28.	G.	Audite et Venite.
29.	F sharp.	Non Clamor Sed Amor Cantat in Aure Dei.
30.	F.	Servite Domino in Letitia.
31.	E.	Gloria in Excelsis Deo.
32.	D sharp.	Good Will Toward Men.
33.	D.	On Earth Peace.
34.	C sharp.	Life Means—Learning to Abhor the False and Love the True.
35.	C.	Jesus be Our Spede.
36.	B.	Peace and Good Neighbourhood.
37.	A sharp.	Ring out the False, Ring in the True.

38. A. Ring out the Old, Ring in the New.
39. G sharp. Praise to the Holiest in the Height,  
and in the Depth be Praise.
40. G. Ring out the Darkness of the Land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.
41. F sharp. In Memory of George Cadbury,  
Who Died 24th October, 1922.  
His Son George Gave 15 Bells  
To Complete this Carillon, 1923.
42. F. Given by George Cadbury, 1906,  
To the Village of Bournville.  
When'er the Sweet Church Bell  
Peals over Hill and Dell,  
May Jesus Christ be Praised.
43. E. Ring in the Common Love of Good.  
E. M. C. and G. C., Jun., 1925.
44. D sharp. Given in Memory of George Cadbury  
By His Wife, E. M. C., and G. C., Jun., 1934.
45. D. Break Forth into Joy and Sing Together.  
E. M. C. and G. C., Jun., 1925.
46. C sharp. Given in Memory of George Cadbury.  
By His Wife, E. M. C., and Son, G. C., 1934.
47. C. In Memory of George Cadbury,  
Who Loved the Sound of the Bells.  
This Bell is Given by His Wife, Elizabeth Mary, 1925.
48. A sharp. Given in Memory of George Cadbury.  
By His Wife, E. M. C., and Son, G. C., 1934.

Nos. 4-41 recast. On the recast bells additional words, 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon,' appear. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 44, 46 and 48 are new bells.

As usual there were many things of interest to the visitors to the foundry in addition to the carillon. Many of them saw for the first time the casting of bells. They watched with something approaching wonderment the tapping of a furnace which released a golden stream of over four tons of molten bell metal, which they then saw poured into four moulds, one for a two-ton bell for Holton Church, Bridgend, Glam, which, however, unfortunately are not to be hung for ringing.

In the factory they saw a clock and chimes, which are being made for H.H. the Maharajah of Kholapur, and a clock and chimes for St. Paul's Church, Wigan; a great synchronous clock, with neon lit hands, for Messrs. W. H. Smith and Sons' new building at Lambeth; and a bronze projecting clock for Messrs. Harvey Nichols' Store, at Knightsbridge.

Among the ringing peals to be seen in process of restoration were those from Bedford, Middlesex; Bishop's Lydeard, Somerset; Colyton, Devon—the bells dating from 1611 to 1775; and Looe, Cornwall.

An important bell restoration which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are shortly to carry out is the rehanging in a new frame of the ring of ten at St. Mary's, Nottingham. They are also to provide the four new bells to increase the peal at Kidderminster to twelve.

## GREENS NORTON BELLS RESTORED.

### BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH ON THE DISCIPLINE OF RINGING.

At Greens Norton Parish Church, on Sunday afternoon, July 22nd, the Bishop of Peterborough, in the presence of a crowded congregation, dedicated two bells, the fifth and tenor, which have just been recast and, with the other bells, hung on ball bearings. The work has been done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The tenor bears its original inscription, 'When I ring or tole, my voice is spent that men may come and hear God's Word and so repent.' On the fifth bell are the names of the present Rector and churchwardens (the Rev. H. S. Vinning, Messrs. A. E. S. Guinness, and W. H. Hefford).

The service was conducted by the Rector and the Rev. Canon Haynes, of Blakesley. In his sermon, Dr. Blagden said that in bell-ringing there was a certain monotony which had a lesson for us. That monotony depended on discipline and strict observance of the rules of the art of bell-ringing. It was so easy, when young, to feel, 'Oh, if we were only free to do as we liked to avoid monotonous restraints, what a good time we could have.' Only as we grew to be older did we begin to learn this message of the bells, that to achieve anything and discover happiness in our lives, discipline, however monotonous it sometimes seemed, was indispensable.

After service, the local ringers who belong to the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, were, with the Bishop, kindly entertained to tea by the Rector.

The Bishop heartily congratulated the ringers upon being such a young band. He also spoke of the splendid tone of the fifth and tenor, which have been recast. The ringers (the band numbers eleven) themselves heartily congratulated Mr. S. R. Roper, representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, upon the way the work had been carried out, the 'go' of the bells now being excellent. Many ringers from neighbouring villages turned up for service, and the methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

## MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATIONS.

### JOINT MEETING AT NORTH MIMMS.

Very fine weather favoured the joint meeting of the Herts and Middlesex Associations on Saturday, and, but for the bus service from St. Albans being disorganised, the attendance might have been a record for North Mimms. As it was, about 38 ringers visited this pretty village church in a part of Hertfordshire not yet altogether spoiled by the builder.

Mr. A. W. Coles took charge of the ringing, and, as usual, saw that all were provided for, including the youngest member of the party, Miss Enid Richardson, who had some good 'rounds' practice in anticipation of her forthcoming visit to Australia.

At the service the Vicar (Rev. L. Buxton) welcomed the two associations, and preached a sermon on unity and the team spirit necessary for success, calling attention to the remarks on this subject made recently by the Bishop of Guildford at a meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and reported in 'The Ringing World.'

After tea, Mr. W. Nash (district secretary, Herts Association) introduced the chairman of the meeting (Mr. E. P. Debenham), who, he said, had been connected with the Herts Association since its formation—and this was the jubilee year. Mr. Nash also stated that he had had apologies for absence from Mr. W. Ayre, who was just recovering from an operation, Mr. W. Cartmell (general secretary of the Herts Association), and Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham.

Mr. Debenham gave a warm welcome to the visitors, especially to Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, of Surfleet, who, he hoped, would have a safe journey to Australia and back, and an enjoyable time. He requested Mr. Richardson to convey to their brother ringers in Australia greetings from the Hertford Association. Mr. Debenham also welcomed to the meeting members of the Middlesex Association, and said that he understood that Mr. A. W. Coles had now come to reside at North Mimms. He hoped he would be a magnet to draw the best ringers to that district.

Mr. Richardson said it gave him and his wife great pleasure to meet members of the Herts and Middlesex Association, and he promised to convey Mr. Debenham's message to Australian ringers.

Mr. C. T. Coles, speaking on behalf of Middlesex members, thanked Mr. Debenham for his warm welcome; and also asked Mr. R. Richardson to include them of Middlesex in his greetings to their southern friends. Mr. Coles spoke of the present-day opportunities of ringing, and said it was a good thing to see expert peal ringers present at meetings, such as they had that day, to assist learners to master their art. It was not the fault of the experts if the young ringers failed to take full advantage of the opportunities given to them, and the opportunities were to-day much greater than they were, say, 30 years or so ago. Mr. Coles also stated that he was pleased to see his friend, Mr. W. H. Hewett, present, as it was Mr. Hewett who first put into his mind the idea of holding these joint meetings, which had proved so successful and so enjoyable.

Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex Association) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. L. Buxton) for the use of the bells and for his address, and to Miss Nash, the organist.—This was seconded by Mr. H. E. Goodenough, and carried unanimously.—In the absence of the Vicar, who had had to leave during tea, Mr. Nash replied, and the meeting terminated.

Grandsire Caters and Double Norwich Major followed on handbells, whilst a further visit was paid to the old tower for touches of 'rounds,' Grandsire, Stedman and several other methods up to Bristol Surprise Major.

Bachelor members of the Exercise were present in good numbers, evidently to see how their late, and now lost, brother was getting on as a newly-married man. It is confidently expected that at least two more of them will shortly take the plunge. Kate had better hurry up or she will miss her chance.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The July meeting was held at Drighlington on Saturday week. Drighlington is an ideal place for a summer meeting, and ringing, which commenced soon after 3 p.m., was continued, except for the usual rests, until 9 p.m.

Tea was provided in a nearby cafe, and the business meeting was held in the tower. Mr. S. Barron (vice-president) presided, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Burley, Earlsbeaton, Felkirk, Guiseley, Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Rothwell, Shipley, and the local company.

One new member was elected, viz., Mr. W. E. Ramsden, of Drighlington.

The best thanks of the society were accorded the Vicar and churchwardens of Drighlington for the use of the bells and to the local company for the other arrangements.

The local ringers are to be congratulated upon the furnishings of the ringing room.

Mr. S. Barron replied on behalf of the local company.

The date of the next meeting is August 25th, and is due to be held at Calverley.

## THE INGREDIENTS OF AN OUTING PARTY.

A facetious correspondent sends us the following account of a very successful outing:—

On Saturday, July 21st, a party made up of eight or nine pieces of well-seasoned 'Wood' from Queenborough, half a dozen Dobbs of Steel from Sittingbourne, a few other ingredients from Borden, Milsted and Gillingham, well mixed and flavoured with 'a strong dose of Spice' from Tunstall, made a suitable company to raid the following churches and their bells, viz.: Chilham, Wye, Folkestone, Tenterden, Leeds and Hollingbourne, the ringing including Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise.



TENTERDEN'S FINE TOWER.

The journey provided lovely scenery the whole of the way round. A beautiful new set of handbells from Queenborough was made good use of at intervals, especially in the old village square at Chilham, and on the green at Wye. A basket of cherries from the Tunstall orchards did a good turn, as also did some of 'Kent's best' at Wye and Folkestone, with the home-made sandwiches.

The sport began on reaching Tenterden. There we found we were forestalled in the tower by a party of Ashfordians and Romney-marshers, so we promptly made up our minds to forestall them in the tearoom close by and brace ourselves up for some more Cambridge and Stedman, when the others had finished and invited us to make room for them in the tearoom, to criticise, etc. Any old how, we very much enjoyed meeting these old friends, and they enjoyed it, too.

Stedman Caters at Leeds and Cambridge Minor at Hollingbourne, and then a strenuous climb up Hollingbourne Hill to 'Home, sweet home' by 10 p.m.

## CORNISH PROGRESS.

At Manaccan, Cornwall, for matins on Sunday, 120 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cossentine 1, H. Ninnes 2, Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., 3, R. Tripconey 4, J. Ninnes (conductor) 5, J. Vague 6. The first 120 ever rung by a local band for service in this church. The band only commenced change ringing this year, with the assistance of Col. Jerram.

## PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I was pleased to see Item two in Belfry Gossip regarding the above. Why is it more of the Plain Major methods are not rung? My answer is, firstly, the word 'Surprise' does not follow the name of the method, and the few Surprise (mutilated Cambridge, etc.) ringers would consider it beneath their dignity to ring such common stuff, even if they were capable of ringing the most simple ones in the collection. Such a thing as beautiful music in plain methods does not enter their satiated Surprise mind.

It seems a great pity that methods could not be renamed, or, I should say, the word 'Surprise' deleted when publishing accounts of peals.

One is almost looked upon as a lunatic for suggesting a peal in a musical plain method. This is the experience of

GEORGE GILBERT.

Maidenhead.

## LEYTON 'JUNIORS' IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, July 21st, Leyton ringers held their sixth annual outing. Soon after mid-day the party, including the assistant clergyman (Rev. J. Bromley) and the two churchwardens (Messrs. H. Colbeck and J. McCambie), left by road for Cheshunt, where on arrival Mr. Pickett and Mr. Newnham had the bells in readiness. Grandsire and Stedman were rung with Mr. A. J. House and one or two visiting ringers joining in. The next 'hop' was to Ware, where Mr. Greenaway met the party at the church. After a moment's hesitation at the very steep steps leading to the belfry, the oldest member of the party was soon climbing aloft. Two or three of the stalwarts then proceeded to raise the tenor, which required quite an effort, but the bells were soon going to Grandsire, etc., all having a pull on this fine old peal. The party (numbering 25) sat down to a splendidly served tea at 1, Baldock Street. Afterwards a few remarks were made by the Rev. J. Bromley and others, and then the company set off to Broxbourne, where on this very fine peal. Grandsire and call changes for some of the younger members were rung. The remainder of the time was spent in this very picturesque village, and Mr. Frank Hull having brought his handbells, good use was made of them. Although the ringing during the day was not of a high standard, it gave the members some useful experience of much heavier bells than they have been accustomed to. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' thanks are extended to the clergy of the respective churches for the use of the bells and to those who kindly met the visitors at the towers and had the bells ready for them.

## DEATH OF HELMINGHAM RINGER.

MR. TED LANHAM PASSES ON.

We are sorry to have to record the loss by death from the Helmingham company of ringers of Mr. Ernest Edward (Ted) Lanham, who was buried in Helmingham Churchyard during the afternoon of July 28th. The Rev. J. A. Burness conducted the funeral service, and the body was borne to the grave by four brother ringers, Messrs. G. Pryke, G. Bennett, L. C. Wightman and T. W. Last.

After the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave on the handbells he always loved so well. In the evening a half-muffled peal was rung by the local company as a token of deep respect.

The deceased had been a member of the Helmingham company for 35 years, and was a good ringer in all methods. He had rung 111 peals altogether for the Norfolk and Suffolk Guilds, his last peal having been one of Bosmere Surprise Major on September 14th, 1933. He had continued ringing practice until a few weeks ago, when failing health and eyesight prevented him from continuing any longer. He died in the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital on July 25th in his 59th year. He will be missed greatly by all, and especially by his brother ringers, and his place will be hard to fill.

T. W. L.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 21st, when about 30 members attended from Eastbourne (St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), Hastings (All Saints'), Mayfield, Rotherfield, Lindfield, Seaford, Battle, and members of the local band. Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, was also present. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Rudd), who gave a most interesting address.

A splendid tea was provided at the historical Star Inn. At the short business meeting which followed, the Vicar occupied the chair, and referred to the death of Mr. A. E. Amies, who had been the secretary of St. Leonard's band for a good many years. As a mark of respect the whole company stood in silence for a few moments.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for presiding at the tea and meeting, and also to Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, for bearing the cost of the tea.—This concluded the meeting, and the ringers returned to the tower and kept the bells going till eight o'clock.

Alfriston has a ring of six bells in a central tower, the ringing being done from the floor of the church.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. J. H. Haydock, late secretary of the Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association, wishes to thank all his ringing friends for their kindness and the sum of £11 16s. 6d. which was collected on his behalf. Mr. Haydock is, unfortunately, now almost blind.

Will any ringer who has been appointed as a delegate to the Triennial Conference of the United Patriots' National Benefit Society, to be held at Weston-super-Mare the first week in September, please communicate with Mr. W. Keeble, Adsum Cottage, Rye Lane, Feering, Kelvedon, Essex?

Among the peal records this week are two in which a number of Minor methods have been spliced into seven extents. One is a peal in 18 methods rung at Burbage, Buxton, Derbyshire, and the other in 20 methods at Felkirk.

This form of peal ringing is slowly growing in popularity. It can hardly be expected, perhaps, that it will be taken up generally, because so many ringers seem to have an objection to the mental energy necessary for the purpose. But they would find it very interesting—and not insuperably difficult if they would practise it.

The way in which it can be done is shown in 'Method Splicing', which can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' Office, for 1s. 3d. post free.

A special meeting of ringers is to be held at Southwell Minster on August 11th in connection with the celebrations of the jubilee of the diocese. All ringers in the diocese are specially invited. Details of the arrangements will be found in our notice columns.

The bells at Quex Park, Kent, a peal of twelve, were opened on August 5th, 1819. Shipway went there as instructor.

A peal of Surprise Minor was rung at Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincs, on Saturday. The previous and only known peal on these bells was rung 44 years ago—a peal of Bob Minor. We are informed that the bell hanger is sadly needed at this tower, as the bells have to be forced at every blow.

'Is there a record of Kent Treble Bob Major?' asks Mr. Robert Sperring. Yes, of course there is, and surely Mr. Sperring knows all about it, seeing that he was the conductor of it, and that only a fortnight ago there was a reminder of it in our columns in a footnote to a peal at Christleton rung to commemorate it, in which Mr. Sperring took part.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Peter's Church, Pontre Rhudda, on July 14th, was rung for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

Miss Phyllis Tillett, of Ipswich, has sprung into fame at her place of employment. Her bellringing achievements, and particularly the fact that she took part in the youngsters' record peal at Crayford, are the subject of an article in the 'Orwell Works Magazine', a particularly interesting publication of varied contents, issued for the propagation of a feeling of goodwill and friendliness amongst the employees of the Orwell Works.

The article is illustrated by the photograph of the youthful band, taken at Crayford by Mr. F. E. Dawe, and published in 'The Ringing World.' It also reminds readers that Miss Tillett is the sixth generation of her family to take up the art of ringing, and that both her father and grandfather are employed at the Orwell Works.

Last Saturday a band of Ernests rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Galleywood, Essex, and we are asked to thank those who helped to arrange the peal.

The peal at Milford-on-Sea on July 18th, and recorded in our last issue, was the first peal in the method on the bells.

We are pleased to say that Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who is suffering from shingles in the face, is making steady, if slow, progress towards recovery.

## OAK BELL FRAMES.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Having noted comments in 'The Ringing World' lately regarding the 'go' of certain peals recently rehung in wooden frames, we would like to emphasize that during the first year or two of the life of an oak frame the bells must be regularly gone over and properly tightened up, to take up the shrinkage which inevitably occurs, and which is naturally greater after a dry spell of weather such as has been experienced this summer. The same thing applies to bells rehung with wooden headstocks. The bellhanger is in no way to blame when this screwing up is neglected.

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## COLLECTION OF SURPRISE METHODS.

**PARTICULARS WANTED OF METHODS RUNG.**

Will those who have taken part in the first peal of any Surprise Major method kindly forward full particulars of the performance, including the composition, if known, and a lead of the method, to Mr. Ernest O. S. Turner, 65, Kingsley Avenue, West Ealing, W.13? The particulars are required by the Methods Committee of the Central Council for the collection of Surprise Major methods, which is now in course of preparation.



## TROWBRIDGE'S RING OF TWELVE. DEDICATION OF THE NEW PEAL.

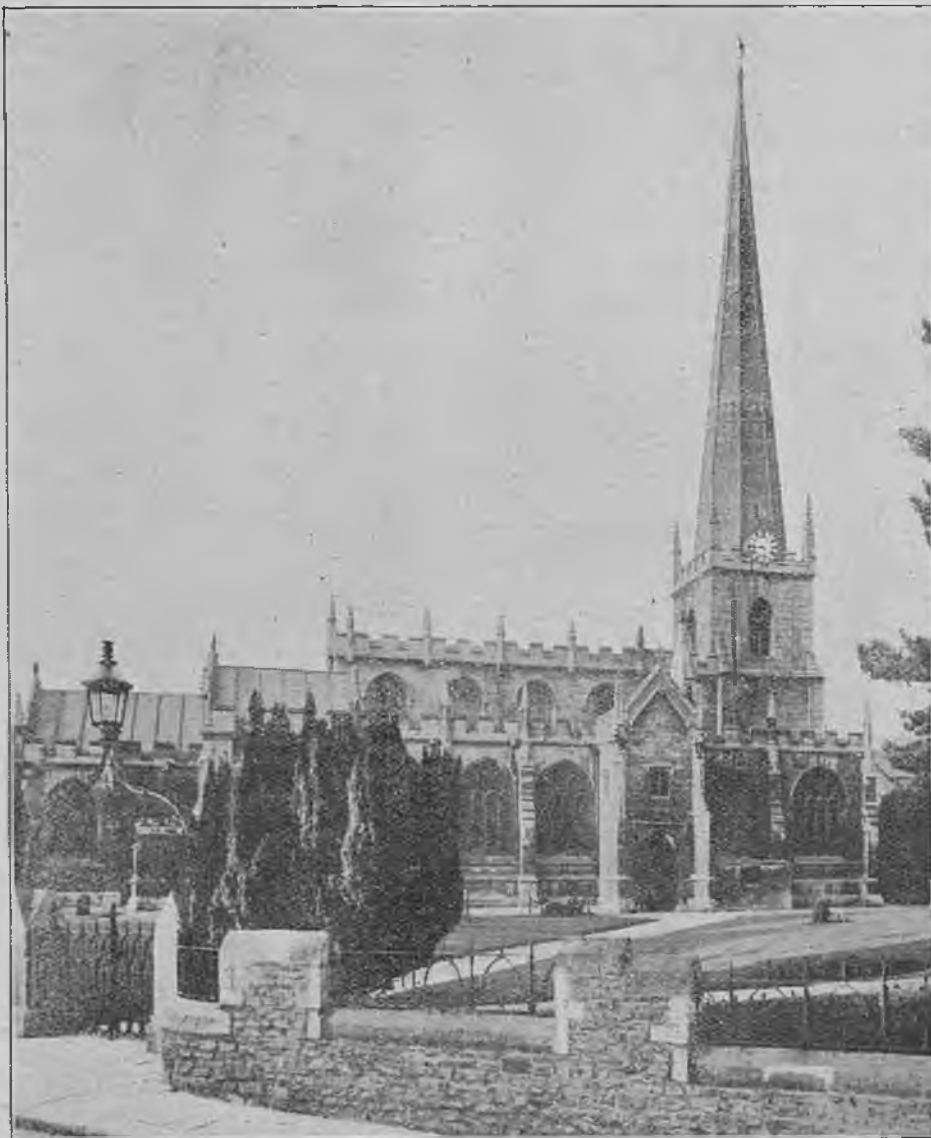
By a wonderful demonstration of civic and religious unity the bells of Trowbridge Parish Church have been recast, augmented and rehung to become the first ring of twelve in Wiltshire. In their love of the church, which represents the centre of religious life in the town, all classes and creeds have joined in this great work, and Trowbridge now boasts of a very fine ring of bells.

Originally there was a peal of eight bells in the tower, cast in 1800 by James Wells, of Aldbourn, Wilts. In 1912, Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, recast the two trebles and tenor and rehung the peal, and, in 1923, added two more bells to make a ring of ten.

no time was lost in placing the order. In addition, Mr. T. C. Usher, chairman of Usher's Wiltshire Brewery, Ltd., generously offered to defray the cost of a new clock and chimes.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have provided Trowbridge with a very fine peal of bells, and Messrs. Smith and Co., of Derby, have installed one of their latest clock mechanisms.

The completed work was dedicated on Wednesday of last week by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury at a memorable service attended by so large a congregation that it had to be relayed to large numbers in the churchyard who were unable to gain admission to the church. Among the congregation were the Marquis of Bath, K.G. (chairman of the Wiltshire County Council), Brigadier-General Harding-Newman, C.M.G., D.S.O. (the High Sheriff), Mr. R. V. Grimston, Mem-



ST. JAMES' CHURCH, TROWBRIDGE,  
where a new ring of 12 bells was opened last week.

These bells have now been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, with sufficient new bell metal added to make a ring of twelve bells, the tenor of which weighs 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. An entirely new framework has been erected, and provision made in the framework for the priest's bell.

The work has been made possible by generous gifts of private individuals and business firms. When the scheme of restoration of the bells, which had been silent for some time owing to trouble with the bearings, was launched at a town's meeting, great enthusiasm was aroused, the various bells were allotted for adoption and the money required for the complete scheme was so quickly within reach that

ber of Parliament for the Westbury Division of Wiltshire, Sir Walter Alcock, organist of Salisbury Cathedral and composer of the Trowbridge Chimes, Sir Reginald Blake, the Rev. R. H. Gundry, Master of the Diocesan Guild of Ringers, Mr. Denison Taylor, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, the Trowbridge magistrates, with Mr. W. N. Haden, their chairman; the Trowbridge Urban District Council, with Mr. H. H. Dyer, their chairman; Mr. T. C. Usher, who gave to the church its new clock and chimes; the Town Bells Committee; representatives of the firms who had adopted bells; those families and individuals who had adopted bells (all Friends of the Bells), and with them hundreds of other friends of the bells.

The service opened with the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell' as a processional. Among the clergy who took part were the Rev. Percy Nash, a former Rector, during whose incumbency the bells were increased to a ring of ten, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild.

#### BISHOP AND WORLD'S NEED.

The Bishop, taking as his text the 96th Psalm, verse 2, 'Be telling of His salvation from day to day,' said that was a great civic, social and religious function for Trowbridge. 'Never in our lifetime have we felt the need of deliverance and salvation more than we do in the world to-day,' he said. Much of the trouble they were suffering in the world to-day was due to themselves. Christian people believed, however, that there was a salvation for man.

'What the world wants to-day is not a scheme of disarmament, not more education and enlightenment in many of the things that have gone wrong, such as monetary and commercial troubles—all those things might be necessary—but deliverance from sin. Sin seems to be a word not fit for publication to-day, but until we face that fact we shall not appreciate there is salvation ready for us. This salvation is for all families and households, the nation and the world, if only it can be applied. The mandate which I want to impress upon your minds is to tell out His salvation from day to day, not only clergy and officials, but every single man. It is our human duty to let everyone know, to spread the news to the rising generations, and to realise that we must bear our witness.'

'This is a great occasion for Trowbridge,' continued the Bishop. 'If we look through history I think we shall find that bells always have been an important feature in the towns where they are heard.' He well remembered that almost the first deputation he received in Australia many years ago was from five Englishmen in Queensland, who asked him to see that a peal of bells in a certain town was rung. The men said they hungered for the cheery sound of the bells because they reminded them of home. 'Those bells were rung eventually,' said the Bishop.

The Bishop said there were three reasons why bells held such a great importance. One was that bells formed a bond of unity: secondly, they represented the various occasions which came in the changes and events of life—joy-bells on great occasions, wedding bells, and bells of sorrow; and they formed one of the instruments for fulfilling the mandate given in the words of his text. The Bishop reminded the congregation that that was St. James' Day, and bell-ringing, if they looked upon it rightly, was a definite piece of Church and spiritual work. To all bellringers, whether they were of that church or any other, he would say 'sanctify your office by your own regular worship and taking care that you are definitely on that side.'

#### TROWBRIDGE BELLS A BOND OF UNITY.

'I think in Trowbridge these bells, and this service,' he said, 'form a special bond of unity, because the firms and commercial houses of the town have contributed towards these bells. In this work by the whole town, irrespective of denomination but simply as citizens, the people are combining to do something towards a definite spiritual end.' Referring to the division among churches and the effect it was having upon religious life, he added, 'We are beginning to feel such pressure from outside that it is time that we who follow in Christ should stand together, when the opposing forces of secularism and violation are so strong that we cannot afford to stand alone. And so I welcome this great occasion, where there is a definite demonstration to unite, which may lead to something better—a spiritual unity. With God's grace we can come together.' That occasion provided great encouragement to the regular workers in that church, which had been standing for centuries and was now coming into its own. 'It has a long and fine tradition of love and worship and teaching and good Christian work, and it is a great encouragement to feel you have all the neighbours in the town joining together with you, and I thank God. It means that you must be all the more ready to follow St. James and to take care that this church is telling out God's salvation from day to day.'

The dedication ceremony took place while the Bishop and clergy stood beneath the tower at the west end, the formal act being performed by the Bishop in the following words:—

'In the Name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.' Amen.

'May He, Who, by His incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, gather the work of the bell founders and clock makers, and offering of His people into the consecrated building of St. James, Trowbridge, and may He, by this dedication, fill the souls of the faithful with His immortal spirit, that the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill may here abound to the glory of the Father.' Amen.

'In the faith of Christ we dedicate these Bells and Clock in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' Amen.

The twelve bells were then heard for the first time, rung out in rounds by members of the local band.

The dedication concluded with the usual special prayers and the hymn, 'We praise Thy Name with one accord.'

Then, as the congregation left the church, three courses of Stedman Cinques were rung by ringers from Reading, Swindon, Bath, Bristol, St. Albans and the local band. In addition to the places mentioned ringers were present from Devizes, Melksham, Westbury and Bradford-on-Avon.

Our report of the Bishop of Salisbury's address is by courtesy of 'The Wiltshire Times.'

On Monday, there is to be a 'Ringers' Day' with ringing from 10.30 a.m. There will be a service at 4.30, at which Canon Coleridge will be the preacher.

#### INSCRIPTIONS ON BELLS.

The bells are perfect in tone and 'go,' the work having been carried out with the customary Taylor precision and care. The following inscriptions are on the bells, and they tell their own story:—

Treble. Glory be to God on high.  
The Salvation Army bell.

2nd. The St. Stephen's bell.

Chief donors: Fred and Clare Marsland.

These two bells bear on the opposite side of the waist the Taylor mark and the date 1934.

3rd. The Thomas Herbert Clark bell.  
Recast 1934.

On opposite side waist:—

Least we forget.

Harold Butcher, a Parish Church ringer,  
killed in the Great War.

P. A. Nash, M.A., R.D., Rector.

W. H. Stanley, F. W. Saxty, Churchwardens.

S. J. Hector, Ringing Master.

C. M. Lansdown, F. H. White, F. P. Garlick,

H. Ledbury and J. A. Cooper, Committee.

Easter, 1923.

4th. In gratitude, 1914-1918,  
Lucy Mackay.

On opposite side waist: Cast 1923; recast 1934.

5th. Jas. Wells fecit 1800. S. Watton and R. Casswell,  
Churchwardens.

The James Wareham bell.

Recast 1934 by the

Trowbridge Co-operative Society.

On opposite side waist: Recast 1912. P. A. Nash, Rector.  
F. Hobson, H. Mundy, Churchwardens.

6th. Jas. Wells fecit 1800. S. Watton and R. Casswell,  
Churchwardens.

The Samuel Salter bell.

Recast 1934.

On opposite side waist: Recast 1912. P. A. Nash, Rector.  
F. Hobson, H. Mundy, Churchwardens.

7th. James Wells fecit 1800. St. Watton, Rd. Casswell,  
Churchwardens.

The Haden bell.

Recast 1934.

8th. James Wells fecit 1800. St. Watton, Rd. Casswell,  
Churchwardens.

The Stancomb bell.

Recast 1934.

9th. James Wells, Aldbourn, Wilts, fecit 1800. Saml. Watton and  
Richd. Casswell, Churchwardens.

The John and Edith Kemp bell.

Recast 1934.

10th. James Wells, Aldbourn, Wilts, fecit 1800. Samuel Watton  
and Richard Casswell, Churchwardens.

The John Heritage Blake bell.

Recast 1934.

11th. James Wells fecit 1800. St. Watton, Rd. Casswell,  
Churchwardens.

Recast 1934.

In memory of

George Perkins Stancomb,

Churchwarden, 1854-1858.

Tenor. James Wells, Aldbourn, Wilts, fecit 1800.

May all I summon to the grave

The blessing of a well-spent life receive

The Thomas Charles Usher bell.

Recast 1934.

Recast 1870 and 1912.

On opposite side waist:—

The peal of 10 bells was recast and two bells added  
in the year 1934.

Rector: Rev. S. J. Nisbet Wallace.

Churchwardens: M. F. V. Clark, J.P., S. L. Harding.

Committee:

C. Andrews.

H. V. Case.

A. A. Fensom.

F. P. Garlick.

H. H. Garlick.

S. J. Hector.

J. S. James.

C. M. Lansdown (Chairman).

H. Ledbury.

M. S. Ledbury (Mrs.).

A. Lester.

W. H. Long, J.P.

All the bells also bear the Taylor mark.

C. T. Lyddieth.

F. C. Pitt.

C. Raison.

I. Saxty (Miss).

W. Shaw.

P. M. Snailum (Secretary).

A. J. G. Stancomb, J.P.

(Treasurer).

P. L. Taylor (Mrs.).

W. C. Thomas.

T. C. Usher, J.P.

F. H. White.

## A WILTSHIRE RESTORATION.

### BELLS REDEDICATED AT BRATTON.

On Saturday, July 28th, the ring of six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) at the Church of St. James-the-Great, Bratton, was rededicated, after having been to the foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., to be cleaned, retuned and fitted with new bearings and iron headstocks. The bells have been rehung in the existing frame, which has been tightened and considerably strengthened with angle plates.

The ceremony was performed before a full congregation by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Dorset, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. Seymour Collett. The Archdeacon gave the address, taking for his text St. Mark xi. 22, 'Have faith in God.' He said the great difficulties of life could only be overcome by faith, that mountains of trouble could be removed if people had more faith. He thanked the Vicar for allowing him to perform the ceremony, and congratulated the parishioners on providing the money, in a little under two months, to allow the work to be completed.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild (Devizes Branch), at the invitation of the Vicar, held their monthly meeting in conjunction with the reopening, and were the guests of the Church Council at tea, which was held in the Institute. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chair-



THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT, BRATTON.

man) presided. He paid a tribute to all those who laboured and worked to such an extent that this restoration had been made possible, the whole thing having been completed in less than two months, and he offered heartiest congratulations to all concerned.

There being little business to transact, the Chairman next proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for inviting the members to Bratton, to the Archdeacon for his most inspiring address, and to the Church authorities for providing such an excellent tea.

The Vicar, in response, said it was always a pleasure to have the Guild in his parish. He then went on to speak of the work which had been done in the tower by the bell founders, stating that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had every reason to be proud of such an excellent job. He congratulated them most heartily, and thanked them for the courtesy he had received from all connected with the firm.

Mr. S. R. Roper, in reply, thanked the Vicar, and mentioned the help he had received from Mr. S. Hillier, the branch adviser, and Mr. Chapman, of the local ringers.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where ringing continued until nearly 9 p.m., all being loud in their praise and fully endorsing the Vicar's remarks both regarding the sound and 'go' of the bells.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: St. John's and St. Mary's, Devizes, Melksham, Trowbridge, Holt, Westbury, Rowde, Warminster, Kingston Magna, Wootton Bassett, Southbroom, Stourton, Croydon, Hampstead Norris and Stalbridge. The following methods were rung: London, Cambridge and York Surprise Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandshire Doubles. A band of ladies of the branch, with the 'light weight' on the tenor, rang some excellent rounds.

Before leaving the precincts of the church, the following rang a course of Grandshire Caters over the resting place of the late Mr. B. Cook, a vice-chairman of the branch for many years: G. Winter 1-2, C. D. Heginbotham 3-4, S. Roper 5-6, S. Hillier 7-8, F. Green 9-10.

Thus closed an eventful day, which will be long remembered by all who were present.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### DORCHESTER BRANCH ACTIVITIES.

There was a very happy gathering of about 50 present at the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch held at Bradford Peverell on Thursday of last week. The ringers obtained some useful practice, and special attention was given to the local men to enable them to obtain some half-pull ringing.

The service was very bright. It was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. F. Godley), the singing being led by the organist and choir. No formal address was given, but the Vicar from the chancel steps extended a very warm welcome to all, and pointed out the advantages of the Guild and the good work it was doing.

After the service all adjourned to The Cottage—the home of Miss L. R. Clapcott, a staunch supporter of the Guild, where tea was served on the lawn.

A short business meeting followed. In the absence of the chairman (Rev. E. S. Tarrant), Miss Clapcott was voted to the chair. The towers represented were Bradford Peverell, Charminster, Dorchester, Frampton, Sydling, Stratton, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis, and welcome visitors were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, of Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire.

Mrs. Bacon, Miss Lock, and Miss E. Hussey were elected hon. members. Messrs. H. R. Butcher and W. J. Hack, of Crowbrough, Sussex, were elected life members.

The Secretary reported that the date of the next meeting, to be held in September at Wool, had not yet been fixed, but it would be announced in due course.

The Chairman gave a very hearty welcome to the visitors, and hoped they would enjoy their holiday in Dorset.

The Rev. A. S. Bryant (Upwey) proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and choir, also the blower, and to Miss Clapcott and Mrs. Middleton, and friends for their hospitality in providing such a bountiful tea in such ideal surroundings.—This was seconded by the Rev. G. Wynne (Frampton) and carried by acclamation.

The Rev. A. S. Bryant also spoke on the great success that attended the Guild's fellowship gathering at Milton Abbey. The Chairman said she wished to associate herself with the remarks of the Rev. A. S. Bryant. It was a happy gathering they would all remember.

The Secretary, in proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman, said it was the first time they had a lady to take the chair, and she had conducted the meeting in an excellent manner.

The members again visited the tower and gave the local ringers further instruction. By special request, a party went on to Stratton to ring the bells there, and afterwards to Dorchester to spend the rest of the evening in ringing some nice touches on the eight bells of St. Peter's Church.

On Saturday, July 21st, a combined practice with the Wimborne Branch was held at Wyke Regis. The bells were raised in peal just after three, and touches were practised up to evensong, when the members adjourned for tea. Returning again to the tower, they continued the good work. The bells were lowered in peal after all had had a good practice and a very happy afternoon.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

### GOOD WISHES TO AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Titchfield on Saturday, July 21st, when members attended from Alverstoke, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Soberton, Swanmore, Titchfield and Wickham. The Guild's service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (Rev. G. S. Morley) officiated and addressed those present. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, after which the business meeting was held, the Vicar being voted to the chair.

The Vicar was elected an honorary member of the Guild, and the following were elected ringing members: G. Barton, E. Irish (Havant), L. Pearson (Portsea), and E. Linter (Soberton).

Cardridge was selected for the next quarterly meeting to be held on Saturday, October 20th.

Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary) referred to the forthcoming tour in Australia, and on behalf of the Portsmouth District wished the two members representing the Guild (Rev. E. B. James and Mr. W. Linter) an enjoyable trip and a speedy and safe return.

Mr. W. Linter gave a brief outline of the proposed tour, and thanked the members for their good wishes.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Parish Hall, and for officiating at the service and business meeting.—The Vicar suitably responded, and invited the Guild to Titchfield at any time they liked to come.

The meeting then closed, and members returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, July 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss K. M. Bradford (Twickenham) 1, C. R. Millway 2, H. J. Saunders 3, R. T. Clark 4, E. J. Walker 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. T. Ellender 8.

## FIFTY PEALS IN 46 TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is no uncommon thing in these days to read of a ringer 'completing the circle' or ringing most of his peals in the same few towers. On Saturday, July 21st, I completed my first 50 peals which, with the exception of three rung at Claybrook, Leics, two at Monks Kirby, Warwicks, and two at Harrington, Northants, have all been rung in different towers—46 in all. I imagine this to be something of a 'record,' and would like to enquire, through your columns, if there is any other ringer who has rung his first 50 peals in a greater number of towers.

Wellingborough.

P. AMOS.

## A VISIT TO THE COTSWOLDS.

The Wicken and Stony Stratford ringers and friends this year visited the Cotswolds for their outing. Arriving at Fairford about 10 a.m., Mr. L. Smith joined the party and conducted the tour, having previously made the arrangements at the various towers. Fairford Church was visited, but the party were unable to ring here owing to the town having gone 'all carnival.' The first ringing was done at Watermoor, Cirencester, and after lunch at the Crown Hotel the party went on to Stroud, where they rung Stedman and Grandsire Caters. The famous peal of twelve at Painswick was the next objective, and here several of the visitors had their first ring on twelve bells. A course of Grandsire Cinques was rung, and a course of Stedman Cinques nearly came round. Afterwards some Caters, and the ringing finished with a good course of Cambridge Surprise Major. The journey was continued through Northleach, through very pleasant scenery. After tea a move was made to the tower, where on the good peal of eight Stedman, Double Norwich and London Surprise Major were rung. Returning to Fairford, a call was made en route to see a few old friends. The thanks of the ringers are due to the local people who met them at the various places visited.

## WEDDING BELLS

At the Church of St. Giles, Willenhall, Staffordshire, on Sunday, July 29th, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Evans 1, E. Hortin 2, I. Evans 3, R. Sidebotham (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, W. T. Edge 5, L. G. Trubshaw 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, A. E. Reed 8. Arranged to celebrate the wedding of Miss Nellie Davies, the eldest daughter of Mr. John T. Davies, a member of the local band, to Mr. Frederick Fellows, of Willenhall. Also as a birthday compliment to Master Robert Giles Harrison, son of the Vicar, Rev. E. Harrison, M.C., M.A.

## OXHEY SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY H. G. CASHMORE.

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27643851  
72468315  
27486135  
72841653  
78246135  
87421653  
78412635  
87146253  
87416523  
78145632  
71854623  
71586432  
71856342  
17583624

5,088 CHANGES.

23456 M. W. B. H.

52436 —  
34625 — —  
26543 — —  
45362 — —  
63542 — — —  
56342 — —  
23645 — —  
64235 — —  
26435 — —  
42635 — —

The last four courses three times repeated.

The first peal in this method was rung at Oxhey on July 21st, 1934, conducted by the author.

17856342  
4th's place Bob.

WATFORD.—On Sunday, July 15th, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise: C. Leman 1, W. Paul 2, S. Hoare 3, A. Brunton 4, H. Long 5, A. Dix 6, R. Bell 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8. A farewell to A. Brunton and welcome to the baby daughter to R. Bell.

## SPliced GRANDSIRE AND STEDMAN DOUBLES.

The following will probably be a change for those with only five bells. It consists of 120 Spliced Grandsire and Stedman. Start with Grandsire.

23456 Grandsire  
S 5423

Then a course of Stedman with a S at the end, making:—

S 4523  
4352  
— 5243  
5324  
— 2453  
2345

The single should be made thus:—

45132  
41523  
14532  
14523  
41532  
45123

There are seven different 120's with the treble plain hunt in Grandsire, as you can turn to Stedman the first, second, third, fourth, fifth or sixth lead, or have Stedman first.

The first 120 was rung at Middleton Stoney recently, at a service for the Jersey Lodge of Freemasons by: V. Bennett 1, Miss M. Reynolds 2, W. Brigham 3, E. Hims 4, W. Judge 5, P. Walker 6.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

On Saturday, July 14th, at Great Linford, North Bucks, the bells were rung half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Major C. W. Mead, who was churchwarden and a keen supporter of all organisations in the district. The ringing included 720 Grandsire Doubles: B. Abrahams 1, C. Sapwell (first 720) 2, H. Sear (conductor) 3, E. Whitlock 4, R. Howson 5, J. Mapley 6, and 720 Stedman Doubles: B. Abrahams 1, H. Lear 2, E. Whitlock (conductor) 3, E. Lathall 4, R. Howson 5, J. Mapley 6. First 720 of Stedman by ringers of treble, 4th, 5th and tenor.

## THROUGH HERTFORDSHIRE LANES.

When the Heston, Middlesex, ringers, accompanied by their wives, families, and the Vicar, had their annual outing, illness and accident sadly depleted their ranks, but two members of the Ladies' Guild gallantly came to the rescue and made ringing possible. A start was made at 9 a.m. by motor coach, and after picking up a Royal Cumberland, his spouse and handbells, a course was set for Aldenham. The bells here were soon in action, while the children disported themselves on a playground nearby until turned off by an irate gentleman, as it was 'for parishioners only.' After an hour, a move was made to Bengeo, passing Lord Salisbury's beautiful estate at Hatfield en route. Half an hour's ringing sufficed at Bengeo, after which a hasty lunch was partaken of at what the Vicar described as a 'delightful place' about a mile further on. The inner man having been satisfied, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells on the very small green outside, followed by a few tunes.

The chauffeur then headed the coach for Baldock, and here the ringers found 'the goods.' Two striplings raised the 28 cwt. tenor, and among other methods a splendid touch of Bob Major on this deep and sonorous ring was successful. Time passed all too quickly. Bennington had to be found and ringing done there before tea, so with the help of much map and signpost reading the home of the Bob Major record came upon the travellers suddenly. Fortunately, no vehicle was met in a reputed 2½ miles of very narrow and tortuous lanes. The good-going eight were soon raised and in changes for about an hour, and after some members of the party had visited Squire Leonard Proctor's grave all made tracks for the old-world Bell inn, where tea was awaiting them.

This over, a refresher was taken in the garden, the handbells were brought out once again, and Grandsire Caters with more tunes were the order. Mine host, sensing good business, raided his hen roosts and secured a pail full of eggs, the greater part of which were soon sold. The photographer then got busy, and his tripod in the centre of the road outside the inn was a new kind of traffic signal to 'Stop.' With handbells and children in the front rank of the group, a charming picture should result.

Yet another tower remained on our programme, Knebworth, which is situated in Lord Lytton's park, and which is but a short ride from Bennington. The stately mansion and beautiful views were much admired, and while the ringers were handling the ropes the remainder of the visitors explored the church with its exquisite statuary to the Lytton family. About 8.30 a non-ringer (naturally) suggested there was a place called home. All then reluctantly left this ideal spot for a long (and almost dry) ride home.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major and (let it be whispered) Double Norwich. Heston ringers wish to thank most heartily all those who contributed to a successful outing.



**HAPPY GATHERING AT RANMORE COMMON.**

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Ranmore Common (one of Surrey's beauty spots) on Saturday, when the Leatherhead District of Guildford Diocesan Guild and the North-Western District of the Surrey Association held their annual combined meeting in ideal surroundings. A very good company gathered during the afternoon representative of both districts, with a number of visitors, and enjoyed the ringing on this lovely peal of bells. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and continued in various methods until five o'clock, when a party of 33 sat down to a welcome cup of tea. There being no business to transact, a move was again made to the tower, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 8.30, ranging from call changes to Bristol Surprise Major. Thanks are due for a very happy afternoon and evening to the Rector for the use of the bells; Mr. Dobbison, the local representative, for having everything in readiness; and to Mr. A. H. Smith, the Leatherhead district secretary of the Guildford Guild, for making all the arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

**WEDDING BELLS AT UTTOXETER, STAFFORD.**

There was a quiet wedding at the Parish Church, St. Mary's, Uttoxeter, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Charlton) recently, the bride being the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Geo. Burrows, and the bridegroom the youngest son of the late Mr. W. Harvey and Mrs. Harvey. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. F. Harvey, brother of the bridegroom, being best man. The bride was unattended. A peal was rung in the afternoon, which was also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis A. Burrows, sister of the bride, who is a member of St. Mary's band. The ringers very much appreciated the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Burrows after the peal.

**MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT'S 200 PEALS.**

A peal at Bushey on July 4th was Mr. M. F. R. Hibbert's 200th. The following is his list:—

Method.	Rung.	Conducted.
Plain Bob Minor	1	1
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	1
London Surprise Minor	1	1
Seven Surprise Minor methods	1	—
Grandsire Triples	5	4
Erin Triples	1	1
Original Triples	1	1
Stedman Triples	56	12
Plain Bob Major	3	1
Original Major	1	1
Duffield Major	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	12	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	—
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	9	2
Superlative Surprise Major	27	4
Cambridge Surprise Major	15	1
New Cambridge Surprise Major	3	—
Bristol Surprise Major	14	1
London Surprise Major	8	1
Norfolk Surprise Major	1	1
Yorkshire Surprise Major	1	—
Lincolnshire Surprise Major	1	—
Rutland Surprise Major	1	—
Aldenham Surprise Major	1	—
Bushey Surprise Major	1	—
St. Albans Surprise Major	1	—
Ashted Surprise Major	1	—
Pudsey Surprise Major	1	—
Spliced Surprise Major (two methods)	1	—
Spliced Surprise Major (four methods)	2	—
Spliced Surprise Major (five methods)	1	—
Grandsire Caters	1	—
Erin Caters	1	1
Stedman Caters	6	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	—
Yorkshire Surprise Royal	1	—
Stedman Cinques	7	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	4	—
Total	200	36

Rung in 54 towers, with 288 ringers.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows' Church, on July 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. G. Hibble 1, Mrs. E. H. King 2, W. W. Dickinson 3, W. J. Ellis 4, J. G. Nash (conductor) 5, M. Fensom 6, H. Ellis 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Rosalind Pakeman, one of the pupils.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On Sunday, July 29th, for the evening service, at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. W. Stemp (first quarter-peal) 1, J. H. Cassidy 2, F. A. Burnett 3, P. Giles 4, L. P. Cook 5, C. H. Shepherd 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, E. R. Warner 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, July 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 45 mins.: V. Evans 1, \*A. R. Blaby 2, \*A. Newton 3, J. W. Wilkins 4, A. G. Jones 5, P. Newton 6, F. G. Biggs 7, R. Biggs (conductor) 8. \* First quarter of Plain Bob.

**OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Sunday, July 22nd, at St. Matthew's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Bosworth 1, W. Curson 2, G. Clayfield 3, P. Brice 4, W. Clayfield 5, J. W. Cotton 6, W. A. Stote, Coventry (conductor) 7, J. Carlton 8.

**CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service, by the local band, 1,260 of Oxford Bob Triples: E. Wilson 1, G. Checketts 2, G. E. Large (conductor) 3, D. Sayers 4, R. Sayers 5, R. Woodyard 6, R. Elt 7, F. G. Yates 8. Longest length in the method, by ringers of 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

**CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, July 15th, for evensong, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 720 London Surprise Minor: David Targett 1, David Makay 2, Ronald G. Beck 3, Leonard Durnford 4, Frederick A. Targett (conductor) 5, E. John Targett 6. First 720 of London by all the band and on the bells.

**TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.**—On Sunday afternoon, July 15th, for children's service, 720 Bob Minor: R. L. Lathbury 1, F. W. Corney (Woodford, Essex), 2, F. Haynes 4, J. W. Ward 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and the Vicar. Kindly arranged for the conductor, who has now rung in 401 towers, 101 being situated in Kent.

**HASTINGS.**—At All Saints' Church, for morning service, on Sunday, July 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Bradfield 1, S. Driver 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, R. Wise 4, J. D. White 5, C. A. Levett 6, G. Piper 7, W. Levett 8. Arranged for the conductor by W. F. Ellingham, of Heston, Middlesex.

**BANSTEAD.**—At the Church of All Saints', for evensong, on Sunday, July 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. J. Adams 1, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 2, W. Hobden 3, N. Hobden 4, F. G. Woodliss 5, T. Norman 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, E. T. Wooloff 8. Rung on the 13th birthday of the treble ringer.

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

**PENTRE RHONDDA.**—At St. Peter's Church, on July 26th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): G. Page (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, F. Rowsell 2, W. Cross (first quarter-peal in the method 'inside') 3, F. Lasbury 4, J. Lovett 5, H. Davies 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, W. Page 8.

**BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.**—On Sunday, July 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Oakshett 1, S. Humphrey 2, E. Barrett 3, A. Purdom 4, H. Blackett 5, R. Vigor 6, J. Lyddiard (conductor) 7, E. Ryder 8. First quarter-peal by treble and tenor ringers.

**NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.**—On Thursday, July 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: D. Gomm 1, H. L. Waite 2, A. R. Ashby 3, W. J. Randall 4, Francis Tompkins (conductor) 5, C. E. H. Cole 6. This was the first quarter-peal by all the band. The conductor hails from Apsley End, and the rest are of the local band.

**BIRSTWICH, YORKS.**—At St. James' Church, on May 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Addison 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Hick 3, E. Lindley 4, N. Barton 5, G. W. Slack 6, L. Drake (conductor) 7, R. Lancaster 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of 6 and 7. First quarter-peal on the bells. Ring in honour of our Queen's birthday.—On May 18th, the first 720 Bob Minor on the bells, rung on middle six, with tenor covering: J. Ewbank 1, G. Gill 2, H. Burrells 3, A. C. Ewbank 4, H. Ewbank 5, C. Lofthouse (conductor) 6, F. Whitwam 8. First 720 by all except treble ringer.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting will be held on Saturday, August 4th, at Blackburn Cathedral. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Business: election of officers. —F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A district meeting will be held at Cratfield tower on Aug. 4th.—G. Filby, Wingfield, Diss.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kingston on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas', Newhey, on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Preston (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) and meeting 5.30. Those requiring tea please inform S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS. — RINGERS' DAY,** August Bank Holiday. Ringing from 10.30. Short service at 4.30. Address by Canon G. F. Coleridge. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—August meetings in St. Clement Danes, Strand: Aug. 5th, Service Ringing at 10 a.m.; Monday, Aug. 20th, practice at 7.30 a.m.; also on Aug. 28th, at 8 p.m., combined practice at St. Mary, Lambeth. All ringers welcome.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on Monday, Aug. 6th (Bank Holiday). Service will be held in St. Mary's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Dujon Café at 5 p.m. The bells of St. Mary's and St. John's will be available for ringing. All ringers welcome. — W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Worksop (8 bells) on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 6th. Tea can be had at the cafés nearby. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham, near Lincoln, on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Aug. 8th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding, Lincs.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, August 7th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Penmark (nearest railway station Rhoose) on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Altery View, Newport, Mon.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — Meeting will be held at Shelley on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea please notify Mr. F. R. Brook, Lilac Nook, Shelley, near Huddersfield, by Wednesday, 8th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN JUBILEE.**—Combined meeting of the Ringing Societies of the Southwell Diocese in celebration of the jubilee will be held at the Minster, Saturday, Aug. 11th. Ringing 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea (1s. 6d.) 4.30. Tickets for tea must be obtained before Aug. 8th from Mr. England, E.D. and Notts.; Mr. Stockdale, North Notts.; Mr. E. C. Gobey, M.C.A.; Mr. A. Coppock, Sherwood Youths; Mr. H. Clulow, Southwell. Will every member make an effort to attend? Visitors and friends welcome.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, Aug. 11th, commencing at 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation. Will all attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) followed by meeting, 5 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Fabb's Restaurant.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich (8) on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Co-op. Café, Bury New Road, 5 o'clock. Meeting in the Church Institute. Election of officers. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each to all who notify Mr. R. H. Bent, 3, Glebelands Road, Prestwich, not later than Thursday, 16th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Morecambe on Aug. 18th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., in the Memorial Hall, followed by the meeting at 5.30 p.m. Members, please note subscriptions are now due. Anyone requiring tea to notify me by Wednesday, Aug. 15th.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan and Liverpool Branches. —A joint meeting of the above two branches will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. (Meeting at Christ Church, Aughton.) Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. These bells like anything from Grandsire to London Surprise. Please attend.—C. I. Davies and W. O. Farrimond, Branch Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The bells at Stone-in-Oxney, which have been rehung, etc., as a memorial to the late Charles W. Player, will be re-opened, and a tablet to his memory unveiled on Saturday, Aug. 18th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea, which will be provided free, must notify Mr. K. Pattenden, 5, Oxney Cottages, Stone, Tenterden, Kent, by Wednesday, Aug. 15th.—P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, and F. Conley, 11, Park Road, Ashford, Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District. —Next meeting at Barnet, Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.40. Please advise me without fail by Aug. 15th. Hadley bells from 7-9 p.m. Hadley Woods nearby. All members and friends, especially Herts friends, welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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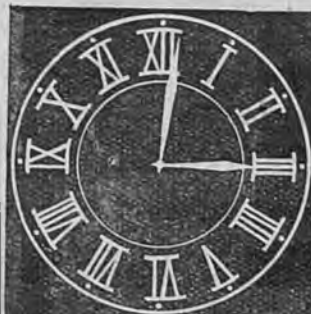
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