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Many associations and guilds in these days demonstrate their practical interest in bell restorations by grants from their funds. It is often the ringers who are, in the first place, responsible for restorations and augmentations, and, but for their endeavours, many a peal of bells would remain in a dilapidated condition. It is the ringers' efforts which bring about, first, the consideration by the authorities, and then the carrying out of necessary work. Indeed, it is, and should be, part of the ringers' responsibility to see that the bells are kept in good order and, where they have gone beyond the capacity of the steeple-keeper to keep them running reasonably well, to bring their condition to the notice of the Church Council. If ringers are to carry out their duties it is unfair to expect them to use bells which require undue labour to ring, and may also be doing damage to the tower itself. On the other hand, when ringers urge a restoration there is sometimes a suspicion that they have a personal motive and, however unjust this is, occasionally there are parishes which prefer to let the bells go rather than renew the equipment 'for the benefit of the ringers.' Such objection, however, disappears when the ringers themselves through their own organisations contribute to the cost.

One of the most valuable innovations which the Exercise has made is that of raising, among members, funds for the restoration of bells. It is an earnest of their good faith when they can come forward and say, 'If you will put this scheme in hand our association will give you a contribution.' It does not matter how small that financial assistance may be, the fact that the ringers are willing to support a restoration scheme carries weight with those whose duty it is to shoulder the burden. In many cases, of course, ringers have undertaken the whole of the responsibility of a restoration or an augmentation, and that is the finest proof possible that they are not only ready to give their services to the Church, but to secure that those services shall be rendered upon efficient instruments.

Collectively, associations and guilds have been most generous contributors to bell schemes. The Oxford Diocesan Guild have a practice by which they contribute to any approved scheme a donation from the bell fund equal to that voted from the district in which the bells in question are situated. In this way they have, in the course of years, given a substantial sum to restorations. Other guilds have done similarly good work, among them the Peterborough Diocesan Guild which, out of a fund built up by collections at the services held in connection with district meetings, have given away about £220, an average of some £16 a year, and, at the end of last year, had a

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balance of £71 13s. 6d. in the fund, after giving away over £40 in 1937. This shows a spirit of real generosity among the members, and it is also good propaganda for the guild and for the art of change ringing. It would be interesting to know the total amount which the associations throughout the country have raised for bell restoration work in the last twenty years. It must be a very considerable sum. Peterborough has done exceptionally well, and the practice is growing among the associations. We would like to see it extended to every organisation. The amounts that can be given can often be substantial, but, however small the grant, it is a practical way of showing the ringers' real interest in promoting and maintaining the efficiency of the bells.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.On Wednesday, May 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31 cwt.

RALPH COLES Treble	FRED HAYES... .. 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	LEONARD STILWELL 11
JAMES BENNETT 6	EDWARD R. COLES Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,**A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 7
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... 4	*CECIL W. PIPE ... 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 6	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEAL.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. (approx.).

STANLEY WHITE... .. Treble	KENNETH DERHAM 6
EDWARD V. HINTON 2	FRANK A. SPARSHOTT 7
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 3	WILLIAM G. FOWLER 8
WILLIAM M. STONE 4	GEORGE PRESTON... .. 9
GERALD J. SCRAGG 5	HARRY GILLARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

Rung to commemorate E. V. Hinton's 50 years' service as a ringer at the Priory.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW ... ..	...Treble	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL... ..	5
KEITH W. WHITTALL	2	LAURENCE POULSON	6
ROBERT J. STEED... ..	3	HARRY D. LISTER	7
ARTHUR R. WOODARD... ..	4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.
A birthday compliment to A. R. Woodard.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CECIL V. EBBERSON ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER... ..	5
*THOMAS E. SPIGHT	2	RUSSELL W. CURSON	6
F. NOLAN GOLDEN	3	WALTER R. FARROW	7
PHILIP W. J. FRYER	4	HENRY TOOKE	Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEVWOOD. Conducted by H. TOOKE.

* First peal in the method at first attempt. First 'touch' in the method as conductor.

FOBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN E. FOWLER ... ..	...Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
FRANK B. LUFKIN	3	HARRY PARKES	7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

THAME, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	JESSE HARRISON	6
HARRY W. BADGER	3	F. DONALD BOREHAM	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	HARRY WINGROVE	Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

A birthday compliment for the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... ..	...Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY... ..	5
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3	JAMES G. RUMSEY	7
FREDERICK J. SMITH	4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. BENNETT, JUN.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in C sharp.

*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	5
WILLIAM J. CLOVER	2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	6
WILLIAM G. MAYERS	3	WILLIAM STEGGALL	7
WILLIAM E. MUSK	4	WILLIAM E. BASON	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal in the method.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE LEWIS, Vice-President ... ..	...Treble		
GEORGE CLARK, General Committee	2		
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS, General Secretary... ..	3		
FRANK RAYMENT, Dis. Sec. (Western)	4		
HORACE S. MORLEY, Dis. Sec. (Eastern)	5		
JOHN J. L. GILBERT, General Committee	6		
SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Treasurer	7		
PERCY J. JOHNSON, Vice-President	Tenor		

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Fred Clark, a much esteemed colleague, and formerly secretary of the Southern Division of the association, who was interred at Arksey Cemetery on April 27th.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... ..	...Treble	HAROLD JACKSON	5
HAROLD KENT	2	WALTER ALLWOOD	6
JESSE J. MOSS	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	7
BENJAMIN A. COOPER	4	STANLEY SLANEY	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

A farewell to Canon J. E. Paget, Vicar of Bolsover for 16 years.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

J. TERRY SMITH... ..	...Treble	R. S. WILLIAM SMITH	5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	2	KENNETH A. ROE	6
*W. ERNEST RAWSON	3	GEORGE T. H. WALKER	7
HERBERT W. PERKINS	4	ERNEST F. PAYNE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH A. ROE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. A birthday compliment to Joseph S. Carter.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

ALFRED SMITH ... ..	...Treble	ERNEST WHITING	5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON	2	FREDERICK J. ROOPE	6
STANLEY W. COPLING... ..	3	RUSSELL RICHES... ..	7
CHARLES BAKER	4	CHARLES W. LOOME	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES W. LOOME.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 21½ cwt.

EDWARD MAUND ... ..	...Treble	*ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	ALLEN MORGAN	6
ERNEST WILSON	3	CHARLES CAMM	7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal on eight bells.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY GREEN Treble	GEORGE GREEN 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	ALBERT WIFFEN 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
HORACE MANSFIELD 4	DR. SPENCER-PHILIPS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 32). Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. HOWE Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
JAMES E. LILLEY 2	*HORACE M. BUTT 6
*THOMAS J. BARTLETT ... 3	*CHARLES J. TURNER 7
*JOHN H. GODFREY 4	CLIFFORD VESSEY Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE LEDSHAM Treble	HARRY PYE 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS 2	LESTER L. GREY 6
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 3	FRANK VARTY 7
*DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. RERVES.

* First peal of Kent Major.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	CHARLES MARSHALL 5
HAROLD KILBY 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 6
ARTHUR WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM A. WOOD 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	GEORGE SPENCER Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR 5
HAROLD BARSLEY 2	JOHN G. AMES 6
CYRIL R. BURRELL 3	*JOHN W. CARTER 7
*WILLIAM E. CLARKE 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the first anniversary of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WALTER LYCETT Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
†THOMAS PRICE 2	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 6
GEORGE A. PACKER 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
G. LEONARD HEWITT 4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Oxford. First peal in the method on the bells and first in the method as conductor. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN S. MASON Treble	THOMAS HEMMING 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in spliced methods. First peal of Spliced Surprise for the Guild and in the city of Birmingham. This peal contained 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate courses, with 111 changes of method.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods in the county and by the Guild, also by the ringers of 4th, 5th and 6th. The peal contained 2,880 London, 800 Bristol, 800 Cambridge and 640 Superlative, with 119 changes of method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GIGGLESWICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKELDA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*WILLIAM SILVERWOOD ... Treble	*ARTHUR JAMES 4
MISS MARY WHITE 2	KENNETH SIMPSON 5
*JAMES HODGSON 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

* First peal and local ringers. First peal on the bells.

ROYDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

A. RUMSEY Treble	*G. BLAKE 4
*L. FROST 2	B. G. BURTON 5
C. W. SAMS 3	*C. CLAYDEN Tenor

Conducted by B. G. BURTON.

* First peal and first attempt.

MINSTER, ISLE OF SHEPPEY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND SEXBURGA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and College Single, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*BERT W. MAY Treble	*GEORGE A. NAYLOR 4
WILLIAM J. WOOD 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3	WILLIAM A. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. WOOD.

* First peal in six methods. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss E. Walker, daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

WHITE WALTHAM, BERKS.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
(St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Reverse College, Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

MARTIN A. BLAMEY Treble	CYRIL A. BURGESS 4
PETER A. BLAMEY 2	*GEORGE H. LIMMER 5
GORDON W. LIMMER 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven differently called extents.	Tenor 20 cwt.
ALLEN MORGAN Treble	*ALBERT H. CHESHIRE 4
*FREDERICK FLUCK 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	REGINALD WOODYATT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal other than Doubles. Quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt.
FRED S. TUBB Treble	*REUBEN CHARGE 4
FREDERICK CHERRETT 2	PHILIP BLAKE 5
BERTRAM TUBB 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

* First peal of Minor.

LYTCHETT MINSTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... Treble	ROBERT WAKE 4
A. PATRICK CANNON 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 3	FRANCIS B. BEAUMONT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. B. BEAUMONT.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of London, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Lindoff's and one of Pitman's and Morris' arrangements of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDWARD J. HILL Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE 4
†FREDERICK J. WATKINS ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
ALBERT E. JONES 3	RICHARD J. GWATKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of Cambridge, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

RALPH BIRD Treble	REGINALD SIMMONDS ... 4
VICTOR MORLEY 2	ALEC GENERY 5
RONALD SUCKLING 3	*ERNEST W. PYE Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

* First peal of Minor.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 25 methods (with 143 changes of method): (1) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, College, Wavertree, Childwall and St. Clement's; (2) Fulbeck, Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (3) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham; (4) York and Durham; (5) London and Wells; (6) Cambridge and Primrose; (7) Lightfoot and Wearmouth. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*BRIAN MCKAY Treble	HORACE L. WAITE 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDEFOOT ... 2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 5
AUGUSTINE V. GOOD 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal in 25 methods in the county, by the association and by all the band.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, May 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.
DANIEL T. MATKIN Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
ARTHUR HINGLEY 2	HOWARD HOWELL 5
HAROLD SMITH 3	*JOHN H. D. RATCLIFFE ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Doubles as conductor.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.	Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.
JACK S. ROBERTS Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 4
CHARLES E. J. WATT 2	HAROLD E. BROWN 5
CHARLES J. HATHAWAY ... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. S. ROBERTS.

First peal of Minor on the bells and by all the band except Messrs. Gardiner and Kynaston. Rung to welcome home the Rev. J. H. Williams (curate) and Mrs. Williams on their return to the parish after their wedding.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.	Tenor 9 cwt.
*KENNETH BEARDSALL ... Treble	JOE READER 4
JOHN NORRIS 2	MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First attempt for a peal.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents in five methods: One extent each of Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*GEO. W. FOGDEN Treble | FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 4
JOHN O. WELLER 2 | ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
*FRANCIS C. SHORTER ... 3 | DEREK M. SHARP Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal in five Minor methods.

SHELFANGER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

With four variations of calling. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

*HERBERT J. WOODROW ... Treble | WALTER ELSEY ... 3
†ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 2 | FREDERICK C. ROPER ... 4
†GEOFFREY KEMP Tenor

Conducted by F. C. ROPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in one method only. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 9, 1938, in Two Hours and One Minute,
AT 33, CHESTERFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

BERNARD H. HALL 1-2 | JOHN H. FOSTER ... 3-4
CHARLES SHARPLES 5-6
Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS. 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*ALLAN SHORT 1-2 | *FRED PRICE ... 5-6
*RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 3-4 | GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.
Referee—G. T. MITCHISON.

* First peal of Caters on handbells.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT 20, ABBEEDEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2 | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4 | PETER LAFLIN ... 7-8
HARRY ASHTON 9-10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

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On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT 'TRENTWOOD'

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 19 methods:—

- (1) Hereward, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Single Court.
- (2) Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
- (3) Double Oxford and London Bob.
- (4) Thelwall and Lytham.
- (5) St. Clement's and College.
- (6) Childwall and Wavertree.
- (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4
JACK BRAY 5-6
Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

Witness—ERNEST BRITAIN.

There were 153 changes of method. The greatest number of methods yet rung 'in hand.'

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE.

Not long ago Mr. George Preston completed 50 years' service as a ringer at the Priory Church, Christchurch, Hants. Now one of his early colleagues, Mr. Edward Hinton, has completed a similar term, and the event was well celebrated on May 12th with a peal of Grand-sire Caters rung by an entirely local band. It was William Stone's fiftieth peal.

To commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the first peal on the bells at Wem, Shropshire, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung on May 7th by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild. There was a family connecting link between the two peals; Mr. R. D. Langford rang the tenor to the peal a fortnight ago; his father took part in the first peal. Mr. J. Ravenscroft, who also took part in the first performance, entertained the anniversary peal band after the successful conclusion of their efforts.

To enable Mr. T. J. Bartlett, of Exeter, and Mr. J. H. Godfrey, of Ottery St. Mary, Devon, to complete peals in the four 'standard' methods, a peal of Bob Major was rung at Honiton Clist on May 7th.

Surfleet celebrated the first anniversary of the Coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth with a peal of Double Norwich Major on May 12th.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in Birmingham and for St. Martin's Guild was rung at Edgbaston on May 14th. The ringers were Worcestershire men.

The first spliced peal in four Surprise Major methods in Hampshire and by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was also rung on Saturday at Privett. Hampshire, Sussex and Surrey supplied the band.

The composition was a new one by Mr. James Topp, and contains 2,880 of London, 800 of Bristol and 1,440 divided, as you will, between Cambridge and Superlative. Here are the figures:—

23456	M	W	H	Methods
35642	—	2		L C B L
25346	2			L B C L
43652	—	—		L C L
25634	—	—	—	L C L
65432	—	—		L C L
53246	—	2		L C B L
63542	2			L B C L
45236	—	—		L C L
56234	—		2	L C L B

Four times repeated.

Superlative can be rung in place of Cambridge.

IPSWICH SUCCESSES.

The peal of 5,184 changes of Rochester Surprise Maximus rung at Ipswich on Saturday is the first of this length rung to Surprise Maximus. It was Mr. G. A. Fleming's 250th peal.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society has now rung six different Maximus methods to peals in less than five months, viz., Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Double Norwich, Cambridge, New Cambridge and Rochester. Their efforts have been blessed with really good fortune.

John Carter's composition of Stedman Cinques, rung at High Wycombe on May 11th, is in an unusual form, and in the 24 courses in the tittums position the sixth is 18 times in 6th's, including all the six 5-6's. The 14 courses in the handsbroke position include the six 6-5's.

Canon J. E. Paget, after being for 16 years Vicar of Bolsover, Derbyshire, has gone to Pleasley. As a farewell to him, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Bolsover on May 7th.

A peal of Stedman Triples at Syston, Leicestershire, on May 7th, was made a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph S. Carter, of Wigston Magna, by his friends.

Recently Mr. George Green completed 50 years' connection with the church at Great Baddow, Essex, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung in honour of the event. On May 7th a handsome board, recording the peal, was unveiled and a peal of Superlative Surprise rung, in which Mr. Green took part. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Green entertained the ringers.

Not often does the Ancient Society of College Youths have a six-bell peal credited to it, but one in five methods was rung at Buckland, Surrey, by a visiting band on May 7th. It was the conductor's (Mr. A. S. Richards) 75th peal.

A peal attempt at Knutsford, Cheshire, came to an untimely end after 2 hours 40 minutes with only 360 changes left to ring. The sexton, after much banging on the door, pulled the tolling rope with obvious effect. What the ringers said is unrecorded.

The peal of Doubles at the five-bell tower of Shelfanger, Norfolk, on May 7th, was rung as a welcome to the new Rector, who welcomed the ringers at the church before the peal and afterwards kindly entertained them to a bountiful tea at the Rectory. This was only the second peal ever rung on these bells, where, in the small tower, there is a clock case of such liberal proportions that the third and fourth ringers do not see each other during the ringing.

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A GREAT PERFORMANCE.

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The greatest number of methods rung in a peal on handbells was achieved at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, when Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray and Mr. George Feirn rang 19 methods spliced into seven 720's. This record is a really great performance.

Eight Williams rang a peal of Double Norwich Major at North Lopham, Norfolk, on May 7th. The first Bills to ring a peal were eleven Cumberland Youths, who scored a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on November 3rd, 1796. William Shipway was the conductor.

By calling a peal of Stedman Doubles at Rushall, Staffs, on May 5th, Mr. Daniel T. Matkin has now conducted Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. It was B. G. Key's 75th peal and H. Howell's 75th peal for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

Giggleswick, in Yorkshire, has had a ring of six bells since 1850, and they were augmented to eight in 1930, but the first peal on them was not rung until Easter Monday, and even then, owing to dearth of ringers, only Minor could be rung. It was arranged for three local men, Messrs. W. Silverwood, J. Hodgson and A. James, who scored their first peal, and they deserve congratulations, for it consisted of three methods—Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Visiting ringers to that part of Yorkshire will be welcome at Giggleswick.

There was a sort of non-stop performance at Rodbourne Cheney, Wilts, on May 6th, when a peal of Bob Minor was rung. The bells were raised in peal, 'Go, Plain Bob,' was called and, at the end, 'That's all,' 'Run 'em down'—there was no break at all from the treble's first blow in rising until the final note of the tenor when 'Stop' was called. The peal was rung as a welcome home to the curate (the Rev. J. H. Williams) and his bride after their honeymoon.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Leiston on May 7th was the first peal rung by Mr. J. G. Rumsey for two years. He has been out of action through a broken wrist, but he proved he has lost none of his masterly style. Mr. James Bennett, of London, whose nephew, James, junior, conducted the peal, has now circled Leiston tower in Surprise peals. Before this last peal he had only the treble left and he has now put that 'in the bag.'

Ralph Bird rang the treble to a peal in four Minor methods at Stisted, Essex, on May 1st, and thus 'completed the circle' in this tower.

A peal of Double Norwich at Thame, Oxfordshire, on May 7th, was also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Williams.

A peal of Minor at Lytchett Minster, Dorset, on April 30th, was the first in seven methods in the Wimborne District of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells at Fobbing, Essex, on May 7th, was a birthday compliment to Mr. E. W. Furbank.

Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Hay, Herefordshire, has rung 225 peals for the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and he has had the singular distinction of ringing each 25th peal at Clifford Church.

The peal that was rung at White Waltham, Berks, on April 30th, was the first on the bells, although they have been in the tower for 69 years. When a new tower was built in 1868 the old five bells (a very heavy lot) stood in the barn in the village. On completion of the building the bells were sent to Messrs. Warner's foundry and a new six were cast out of the old metal, all bearing the date 1869.

They are a pleasing ring of bells, but one needs to be almost an acrobat to keep the ropes on the wheels.

It was at this church in 1935 that a tablet was unveiled to the memory of Thomas Hearne (diarist), from whom we have learned something of the early days of Oxford ringing. Just outside the tower one can see the old wooden stocks and whipping post.

Mr. Reuben Charge has been a ringer for more years now than, perhaps, he cares to remember, but it was not until April 30th that he rang his first peal of Minor. This he did at Finchley, the peal being a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor, Mr. F. A. Barker.

The first peal in 25 methods in Hertfordshire was called by Mr. Walter Ayre on May 2nd at Apsley End. It was the first peal in this number of methods by all the band and by the Herts County Association, and was rung at the first attempt. It was a particularly good performance by the trebleman (Mr. B. McKay), as it was his first attempt for a peal, and the methods included both Plain and Treble Bob. He was deservedly congratulated at the end of the peal.

It was Mr. Horace Waite's 50th peal and Mr. Ayre's 125th tower-bell peal as conductor.

The quarterly peal of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association, rung at Ombersley on April 30th, included two of the Sunday band—F. Fluck and A. H. Cheshire. It was their first attempt for a peal of Minor. Their only other peals had been two each of Grandsire Doubles.

MAJOR ON THE BACK EIGHT AT BOW.

Two ladies took part in a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major on May 8th for evening service on the back eight at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, where the tenor is 54 cwt. 12 lb.: Claude Snowden 1, Mrs. James E. Davis 2, James E. Davis 3, Miss Hilda G. Snowden 4, Francis G. Gleaves 5, Frederick Dench 6, Lewis W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, John W. Ward 8. It will be noticed that most of the band were visitors to London.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A talk in the B.B.C. National programme on Tuesday, in the series 'Made in Great Britain,' dealt with bellfounding at Loughborough. To-morrow an attempt is to be made for a half-muffled peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, in memory of the late Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

Last Friday, Mr. T. E. Denyer, one of the enthusiastic band attached to Aldershot tower, met with a motor-cycle accident. He is now confined to bed with a cracked ankle bone. He followed in the footsteps of his father and eldest brother in taking up ringing, but it is going a step too far to follow their example of having a motor-cycle spill as well.

We understand that two parishioners of St. John's, Weymouth, have lodged an objection to the application of the Parochial Council for a faculty for the installation of 'synthetic' bells in the church. A Consistory Court will probably sit at Salisbury to hear the objection.

Burton District of the Midland Counties Association is the latest area to try a mid-week meeting. There is to be an experiment at Netherseale on Wednesday, June 1st.

Walsall, a 'town of a thousand trades,' once had a bell foundry. There are, says the 'Times and South Staffordshire Advertiser,' records of a business carried on at 'the Pottle Shoppe' by Thomas Clibury, Richard Clibury and Thomas Hancor, who, in addition to being 'braziers and potters,' cast bells, among them the 'great bell' of St. Mary's, Lichfield, in 1634.

In 1636 Thomas Clibury recast some bells for St. Nicholas', Liverpool, to replace three which had been confiscated from Drogheda, Ireland, and purchased for the church by Liverpool Corporation.

At a recent ringers' meeting, before a belfry full of awe-inspired onlookers, a band of 'brass-hats' prepared to show how spiced Minor in umpteen methods was rung. They pulled off, the conductor said, 'Go, Double Bob,' and they rang Double Bob. At the end of a lead the conductor called a change of method, but some knew the method and some didn't; so they stopped. That, perhaps, was excusable.

They started again. 'Go, Plain Bob,' said the conductor, this time. They all knew this and they 'went' quite well. At the end of the first lead the anticipated change of method was not called—they had time to get a grip of things. But the conductor did not change the method at the end of the next lead either. In fact he did not call anything until 'This is all' at the end of a plain course. And so the Spiced Minor brass hats rang a perfect course of Plain Bob. And the onlookers asked in whispers among themselves, 'Are these really the super ringers we thought they were?'

Where did this happen? Well, we are not telling tales.

THE SCOUTS' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see the record of the performance of my brother Scouts, as mentioned in 'Peal Notes,' but I would like to point out that on Empire Day, 1930, there was rung at Over, Cheshire, by a band of Scouts and Scouters, W. Harrison's 5,008 of Bob Major, conducted by John Worth.

Although this was the first peal to be claimed as an all Scout peal, I am aware of others rung prior to this by a band comprised solely of Scouts, but who did not claim them as Scout peals.

C. KENNETH LEWIS, Rover Scout, 1st Marple Group.

WEYMOUTH'S 'SYNTHETIC' BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I recently had an opportunity of hearing the 'synthetic ringing' at St. John's Church, Weymouth, about which there has been a deal of correspondence in your columns.

As a fairly widely travelled 'free lance' ringer, of ordinary ability, who has assisted in service ringing in far more towers than I remember, I think that this question of the 'ringing by wireless' at this church has been misrepresented. In any case, I can assure you that as an indication of a call to religion, the result is much more pleasing than any single bell can be. It should be clearly appreciated that at this tower the provision of a ringing peal is out of the question as a practicable proposition—an unsuitable tower and a sandy foundation. I was very agreeably struck by the results—well-struck changes of the bells of St. Margaret's and of York Minster faithfully recorded and reproduced in quite life-like tones left little to be desired.

I admit that there are snags as far as a ringer's ideas are concerned. The worst point, to my mind, was the loss of continuity, e.g., gaps in the courses as the operator, about every two minutes, turned from one record to another.

However, after a chat with the operator—who incidentally is a keen churchworker and as a wireless and radio operator is anxious to serve the church and his religion to best advantage, but has no knowledge of ringing—and with one or two members of the Church Council, I feel satisfied that we, and the Exercise in general, should appreciate the position and do our best to ensure that the results are suitable and as far as practicable follow the tradition of ringing.

As an example, I have suggested to the operator that he should not mix, say, York Minster and St. Margaret's at two minute intervals, but should, by a double turntable, and a fading transfer, maintain a steady run of changes, say, for ten minutes or a quarter of an hour. He could use York for one service and St. Margaret's for another, and even carillon music if any is found suitable.

Bristol.

H. G. FRAMPTON.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—19.**RICHARD T. HIBBERT.**

His name always appears in the peal reports as Richard T. Hibbert, but to everyone who knows him he is 'Tom' Hibbert, and his peal ringing extends over more than 50 years. He was born at East Ilsley, Berks, on February 15th, 1869, and he was only 16 years of age when he rang his first peal at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on December 5th, 1885. The first peal which he conducted was Grandsire Triples, at Sonning, Berks, in May, 1891, and he has called peals in all the methods he has rung.

His peals now number 362 and they have been rung in 24 counties, the towers including twelve cathedrals and the peals the first at Wells and Exeter. Incidentally Mr. Hibbert was the first ringer to score a peal on the heaviest rings of 12, 10 and 8, for he has rung the tenor at St. Paul's Cathedral, the 9th at Exeter Cathedral, before the present troubles were added, and the tenor at Sherborne Abbey, performances in themselves evidence sufficient to show that Mr. Hibbert is among the finest of 'back-enders.'

Among the interesting peals in which he has taken part were the first peals of Stedman Triples at both Sherborne and Pershore Abbeys, and the first peal of Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side. He also rang in the first ten-bell peal in Devonshire (at St. Sidwell's, Exeter), and is no stranger to long lengths. He rang in the 12,160 of Bristol Surprise Major at Knebworth, Herts, in 1912, the 21,363 Stedman Caters, in 12 hours 25 minutes, at Appleton, in April, 1922, and the ill-fated 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral in May, 1923.

He has 'completed the circle' in six eight-bell towers, one ten and two twelve, his last being St. Saviour's, Southwark, when he rang the 9th to the secretaries' peal of Stedman Cinques a few weeks ago.

Mr. Hibbert was instrumental in getting the five bells in his native village of East Ilsley increased to eight, and the ten at his own tower of St. Laurence, Reading, increased from ten to twelve, and he will tell you he was a very pleased and proud ringer when he called 'This is all' at the end of a first-class first peal on each of these two rings of bells.

Tom is 'father' of St. Laurence's tower at Reading, and he is something of a martinet. Woe-betide the man or woman who does not give of his or her best when ringing. 'Good peals' rather than a lot of peals has always been his aim, and the writer once heard him remark that 'Good ringing gives me a lump in the throat; bad ringing gives me lumps all over.'

Mr. Hibbert has served the Oxford Diocesan Guild as its general secretary since 1917, and he has represented it on the Central Council. 'Tom' is also a great College Youth, and, although he lives at Reading, frequently attends the meetings. In 1923 he was elected Master for the year, and travelled to and from London regularly to discharge his official duties both in the chair and in the junior offices leading up to it.

Next week: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.

CORONATION COMMEMORATED.

To commemorate the Coronation and the rehangings of the bells at All Hallows' Church, Wellingborough, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung before Mass on May 8th: H. Plowman 1, *C. R. Forster 2, *G. Murdin 3, H. Pettit 4, J. C. Shatford 5, *G. E. Meeks 6, A. Plowman (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, *W. Hedges 8. * First quarter-peal.

'COMING OF AGE' COMPLIMENT.

At St. Margaret's Church, Hemingford Abbots, on Sunday, May 15th, before matins, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, G. L. Perkins 2, H. Saunders 3, F. Nicholls 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Marjory, daughter of Mr. G. L. Perkins, and granddaughter of Mr. J. Perkins.



MR. R. T. HIBBERT.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WHITSUN MEETING.**

HEADQUARTERS—The Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds. A special room will be reserved, which members are invited to use as a meeting place.

SATURDAY, June 4th.—Ringing at Leeds Parish Church (12 bells), 6.30 to 8 p.m.

WHIT SUNDAY, June 5th.—Holy Communion: Leeds Parish Church, 7, 8 and 9 a.m.; Holy Trinity Church, Boar Lane, 8 a.m.

Service ringing, all from 9.30-10.30 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m.: Leeds Parish Church (12 bells), St. Michael's, Headingley (8 bells), St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8 bells), St. Matthias', Burley (8 bells).

WHIT MONDAY, June 6th.—Members are invited to be the guests of the Yorkshire Association for the day to include a motor-coach trip to Fountains Abbey, Middleham and Richmond, with ringing at Ripon Cathedral (10 bells) and Richmond Parish Church (8 bells). Lunch at the Studley Royal Hotel, Ripon, and tea at Richmond.

Non-members may also join this trip at an inclusive charge of 10s.

All intending to take part in this outing must notify Mr. P. J. Johnson, 53, Shire Oak Road, Leeds, 6, not later than first post May 23rd.

Standing Committee meeting at 8 p.m. at headquarters.

WHIT TUESDAY, June 7th.—Holy Communion, Leeds Parish Church, 7 a.m.

Standing Committee meeting in the Civil Court at 9.45 a.m.

Council meeting in Civil Court at 11 a.m. prompt. (Will members kindly sign the roll and be in their places by 10.55 p.m.)

Reception by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Mrs. L. Hammond) and the Vicar of Leeds (Canon W. T. Elliott).

Members are invited to be the guests of the Yorkshire Association at tea in the Leeds and County Conservative Club, South Parade, at 5 p.m. To non-members a charge of 2s. will be made. Application for tickets must be made to Mr. P. J. Johnson as above.

Ringing at Leeds Parish Church, St. Michael's, Headingley, and St. Chad's, Far Headingley, 6-7 p.m.

Social at headquarters at 7.30 p.m.

IMPORTANT.—Please send for your tickets before May 23rd.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

DEVON GUILD.

A meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch was held at East Budleigh on Saturday, May 14th, a representative attendance of 40 members being present, with only one visitor, the general secretary of the Guild, Mr. T. Laver. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Gardiner), who also gave an address from the words, 'In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.'

Tea was held in the Institute, where Mr. Pidgeon, of 'The Bakery,' provided a sumptuous repast.

The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the Rev. E. C. Grimaldi, R.D. One new member from Lymptone was elected, and a member of the Honiton Clyst band was presented with his certificate for efficiency.

Sowton was chosen for the next meeting on September 17th, subject to the Rector's approval.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman to the Vicar for having the meeting at East Budleigh and the use of the bells, also to the organist and the caterer, and this was carried by acclamation. Ringing was kept up until late in the evening under the superintendence of the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Brealy, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman.

STAVERTON BELLS RECAST.

Staverton, Northants, the parish in which the Rev. E. S. Powell is Vicar, formerly had in the church tower five terribly discordant and tuneless bells. These have now been recast into a beautiful ring of six, with a tenor just under 11 cwt., by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. At the same time, an Ellacombe chiming apparatus has been installed for use at those services at which a band of ringers is not available.

The dedication service took place on May 1st and was attended by about 60 ringers from seven counties, as well as by a very large general congregation from the neighbourhood. The dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Northampton, who also gave a most inspiring address.

The collection at the service was for the Peterborough Guild Belfry Repair Fund and amounted to £3 14s. 3d., while subsequently in the tea room a generous contribution was made by the participants of £1 17s. 7d. for a clock for Staverton ringing chamber.

During the service, immediately after the dedication, an excellent plain course of Bob Minor was rung by T. Tebbutt, G. Hancock, Mrs. Powell, F. Hancock, L. Greenhow and G. R. Black. Ringing was kept up until 8.30 p.m., there being rung during the proceedings Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles, and Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The first 720 on the new bells was rung for evensong on Sunday, May 8th, by H. Shrivies 1, the Rev. E. S. Powell (conductor) 2, Mrs. Powell 3, the Rev. W. P. Wright 4, W. Betley 5, J. White 6.

CLERICAL RINGING WEEK.

PARSONS ON HOLIDAY.

This year's 'Clerical Ringing Week,' to which reference has already been made in our columns, was held, as usual, during the second week after Easter, this time in Hertfordshire, with St. Albans as centre. The following were present for all or a considerable part of the time: The Revs. J. H. B. Andrews (Leeds), E. G. Benson (Burghill), H. Benson (Quinton), C. Carew Cox (Lyne Regis), E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke), to whom the members are extremely grateful for his highly successful organisation of the week, F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna), R. D. St. G. Edwards (Checkendon), F. S. H. Marle (Deane), E. S. and Mrs. Powell (Staverton), B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge), A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), W. H. R. Trehwella (Truro), W. M. K. Warren (Binegar), C. Elliot Wigg (Cheersley), and R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall). Others, who could only join with the party for a short time, are mentioned below.

We met on Monday at St. Leonard's, Sandridge. This is a most interesting church, where we rang methods from Grandsire to Cambridge on a nice light six (tenor 6½ cwt.). We were delighted to meet Mr. Walter Ayre, who rang with us, and we had the pleasure of seeing him often on the following days. A proud record in pencil on the wall of the tower states, 'November 7th, 1914. Best run down we ever had'—we had quite a good 'run down,' too, and the rope of the 4th broke most conveniently just at the last round of chiming. After tea at Wheathampstead, presided over by Mrs. Ayre, we enjoyed Cambridge Minor, etc., on the very fine six at Wheathampstead Church, lately rehung by Taylor (tenor 14½ cwt.). After dinner at the White Hart, St. Albans (our headquarters), we visited St. Peter's, St. Albans, where, after a kind speech of welcome by Mr. G. W. Debenham, we spent a delightful evening ringing Grandsire and Erin Caters and Bob and Kent Royal on the grand ring of ten (tenor 23 cwt.), helped by Messrs. Debenham, Mr. H. Frost and others of the local band. There were twelve bells here from 1868 to 1881.

On Tuesday morning we visited Benington, with its memories of Squire Procter and his merry men, some of whose doings are recalled by peal boards recording early peals of Superlative (in 1855), etc. We were unfortunately too late to carry out our intention of going for a peal on the eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.), so contented ourselves with touches, in some of which the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Mills) rang with us. After ringing handbells on the village green, the Rector and Mrs. Mills kindly asked us to have our picnic lunch in their drawing room, as it was wet. Later we rang his handbells (tenor 8½ inches diameter!). We next visited Ware, and, after various touches on the eight bells (tenor 22 cwt.), rang Stedman, etc., on the eight at St. Augustine's, Broxbourne (tenor 20 cwt.), where Mr. G. Radley rang with us. After dinner we much enjoyed ringing Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Bob Maximus on the fine twelve at St. Albans Cathedral (tenor 23 cwt.), with the kind help of Mr. Goodenough and other St. Albans ringers. The evening concluded with handbells (with Walter Ayre and others) at the White Hart. The keeper of the shop next the White Hart later told me he had been interested to hear the handbells while he lay awake in bed that night, as his father had been a ringer at Boston Stump many years before.

PEAL ATTEMPTS.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Northchurch (tenor 15 cwt.) on Wednesday morning went west after three-quarters of an hour, and, after some Bob Major, we visited Great Gaddesden, where we rang Cambridge Minor, etc., on a nice six (tenor 10 cwt.). Among other tunes written on the wall here was 'Old Laungs Syne.' After picnic lunch we called at Hemel Hempstead, a nice Norman church with a fine central tower and spire, where the Rev. and Mrs. Powell, and the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, of Beaconsfield, met us, and joined us in Stedman, Double Norwich, etc., on the eight bells (tenor 19½ cwt.). Then to St. Mary's, Redbourne, where the Rev. J. E. F. Tredennick (Romford) and Walter Ayre rang with us, the fine six (tenor 14 cwt.) going well to London, Cambridge, etc. This church has suffered from what an absent-minded cleric called 'death beech wattle'! (a little transposing clears up the mystery!). After tea we rang at St. Nicholas', Harpenden, and later had the great pleasure of singing evensong in this church. Several thought it would be well to make such a service a regular part of the week's programme in the future in addition to our usual practice of making our Communion together on one day in the week. The local ringers had very kindly raised the bells, and Bob Major and Cambridge were rung on a nice eight (tenor 15 cwt.). Later in the evening we enjoyed a visit to St. Michael's, St. Albans, a most interesting church on the site of the ancient Roman city of Verulamium, of whose bricks and stones much of the Cathedral and churches of St. Albans are built. Cambridge, London, Kent and Oxford went well on the fine six (tenor 13 cwt.) here.

On Thursday a peal attempt at North Mymms (eight bells, tenor 13½ cwt.) was lost after 1½ hours, owing to a shift, and at the same time a peal attempt at Essendon (six bells, tenor 10½ cwt.) also went west. The disappointed band at each tower went to the other tower to see how their colleagues fared; unfortunately, each went by a different route to the other, so each found the other's tower deserted. After a little confusion, all met at Essendon and did some more ringing. Picnic lunch followed by the River Lea, accompanied by rain and ices, then on to Hertford, where we had an interesting time at

St. Andrew's. The eight here (tenor 16 cwt.) was the first ring cast by the famous John Briant, of Hertford. A fine old peal board records three peals, the first, rung by the Hertford College Youths, being 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob, in 3 hours 24 minutes, on May 20th, 1882. This was the first peal on the bells, and John Briant himself rang the tenor. Of course, we had to ring a touch of Oxford—and, in fairness to certain members of the party, a course of Cambridge. Our president, Canon Coleridge, rang peals here in 1884 and 1885. Mr. George Gray had kindly met us at the tower, and now accompanied us to All Saints', where we much enjoyed ringing Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Double Norwich Major on the grand ring of ten (tenor 25 cwt.). Miss Constance Ditton, who rang her first peal, at St. Andrew's, at the age of 13, rang with us. John Briant's tombstone (he died February 27th, 1829) is in this churchyard, and a fine memorial tablet is in the church. After tea we returned to St. Albans for the annual business meeting of the Guild of Clerical Ringers, the doings of which have already been recorded in 'The Ringing World.' We were delighted to have our president, Canon Coleridge, in the chair. After dinner we rang in the interesting wooden tower at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, again with most welcome local help.

GREAT WYMONDLEY MIGHT HAVE CHANGED CHURCH HISTORY.

On Friday the Guild made history by ringing its first peal, Bob Major at Knebworth. This is a nice ring (tenor 12½ cwt.) in a delightful church, with many memorials to members of the Lytton family, which has owned Knebworth Manor since the days of Henry VII. Here we made friends with a film star—the donkey which, we were told, is used when required at the Denham film studios. Some members of the party rang at Flamstead (six bells, tenor 13 cwt.) while the peal was in progress. After lunch we visited Baldock, where Mr. R. T. Newman kindly had the eight bells (tenor 28 cwt.) up for us. After Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major, we lowered the bells in peal, and went on to Hitchin, where, in spite of someone whose efforts on the organ were more remarkable for volume than for quality, we had a most enjoyable time ringing Stedman, Double Norwich, etc., on a fine eight (tenor 25 cwt.), again with help from several of the local band. We were delighted to see the Rev. R. Copeman, of Cambridge University Guild, who was unfortunately only able to be with us for a short time. Then on to St. Ippolyt's, where the Rev. G. H. and Mrs. Hewitt very kindly gave us tea at the Vicarage. A former Vicar here was the great scholar, Dr. Hort, and much of the Revised Version of the Bible was done on the old Vicarage lawn. Hippolyt's was torn to death by having four horses fastened, one to each of his limbs, and then driven away in different directions. A relic of the saint became famous for its power to heal horses, which were brought into this church for the purpose. Doubles and Minor were rung during our visit, and the bells were lowered in Queen's.

Then to our last tower, Great Wymondley (six bells, tenor 12½ cwt.), where we had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. W. J. Croft, member of a once fine local band. The Lord of the Manor of this village has the right to be the first to offer wine to the King after his Coronation. Great Wymondley once had a chance, which it missed, to alter the whole history of the Church of England, for Henry VIII, while hunting fell into the River Pur here, and someone went and pulled him out!

So the week ended, and we went home full of gratitude to all the local ringers who had so nobly helped us in various ways, the vicars and their wives who gave us hospitality, and especially the Rev. E. V. Cox, who had once more organised a delightful week's ringing.

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GLASGOW RINGERS AT EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

On Saturday, May 7th, members of St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Glasgow, paid a visit to the Empire Exhibition and rang handbells on the terrace of the Episcopal Church of All Hallows for evensong at 3.30 p.m. This proved a great attraction for visitors, but, although the ringing was favourably commented upon, no one came forward and offered to 'take a pair.'

The ringing consisted of two plain courses of Grandsire Caters and one of Triples, those taking part being H. Sargent, S. Lewis, T. Winderam, E. Baumphey, R. Preston, A. F. Sargent (from Kelham) and E. A. Stratford. An interested spectator was Mr. R. Mervyn Noad, architect of the church, who is to be congratulated upon the result of his labours.

After evensong some of the band proceeded to the Peace Pavilion and were kindly received by Mr. McLeod Davis. Chiming on the carillon followed. The rendering of 'Annie Laurie' and 'The Bluebells of Scotland' by Thomas Winderam deserves special merit, especially when it is remembered there are only eight bells.

The Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Darbyshire) paid a visit to the Cathedral belfry on Sunday morning and thanked the ringers for their efforts.

A hearty invitation is extended to any ringers, who may be in Glasgow during the run of 'Empirex,' to visit St. Mary's belfry. There is service ringing at the Cathedral on Sundays, 10.30 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 6.30 p.m., and practice night is Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

On Sunday, April 10th, before evensong, the captain (Mr. W. H. Pickett) presented a pipe to Provost K. C. H. Warner, Archdeacon-elect of Lincoln, as a mark of appreciation of his interest shown in the society both in the belfry and in their social activities.

DEATH OF A GREAT YARMOUTH RINGER. A FOUNDATION MEMBER OF NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The death occurred at his home, Campana House, St. Nicholas' Road, Great Yarmouth, on May 1st, of Mr. Dennison Cross Hayward, at the age of 81 years. He was elected a member of St. Nicholas' company in 1875, and was one of the two survivors who were present at the formation of the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1877. Mr. R. Brundle, of Ipswich, is now the only one left.

From about 1887 Mr. Hayward was secretary of the tower and Mr. Matthew Long the conductor. On the death of the latter, Mr. Hayward became tower master, and held that office until his death, although he has not rung for the last five years.

Mr. Hayward's name was put on the tenor bell when it was recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1911 by request of the Rev. Willink, Vicar at that time.

On July 19th, 1919, the St. Nicholas' company and a few friends presented Mr. Hayward with a gold hunter watch suitably inscribed in recognition of his forty odd years of services to the belfry and ringing. His one ambition and pleasure was in promoting the interests of St. Nicholas' Church, belfry and ringers. He was of a most unselfish character and thought of other people before himself. His friends were legion.

Mr. Hayward was known by the older ringers all over the Norwich Diocese, also in London and in Surrey, where he had spent several periods. His father was a ringer before him, and a peal tablet records a peal with him in 1845 at St. Nicholas' Church. For the Norwich Diocesan Association he had rung 60 peals and one peal on handbells. The total of his peals was about 85.

The funeral took place on May 7th in the St. Nicholas' Churchyard, and was attended by his four sons, daughter, daughters-in-law and grandchildren. Representing the association were Messrs. A. L. Coleman (vice-president), F. Nolan Golden (general secretary), W. J. Lee (chairman, East Norfolk Branch, and member of St. Nicholas' tower), J. G. W. Harwood (secretary, East Norfolk Branch, and St. Nicholas' company), H. Tooke (secretary of North Norfolk Branch), and other ringers from Norwich, Dereham and Beccles. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. N. Golden, G. Mayers, E. Goate and F. Sayer. The tower bells were rung half-muffled, and an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters, which was started after the funeral, came to grief after 2 hours 25 minutes' ringing.

Muffled touches were also rung at St. Andrew's, Gorleston-on-Sea, at the time of the funeral.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. A CEREMONY AT LEEK.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Leek on May 7th, when a company of 40 attended from Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Draycott, Derby, Hanley, Kingsley, Lawton, Longton, Leek, Newcastle, Repton, Stoke-on-Trent, Tunstall and Uttoxeter.

During the afternoon the Rev. K. W. Milward (Vicar of Leek) unveiled a peal board to commemorate the first peal of Bob Royal by the association, which was rung there on January 28th of this year.

After the unveiling the Vicar said how glad he was to be present on such an occasion, as, before this peal, he asked the ringers when they were going to ring another peal, and the answer was, 'We have no board to put it on.' He, therefore, promised them the board when they rang the next peal. He remarked upon the happy unity which existed between the ringers and the church, and said he hoped to be present on future occasions.

After tea had been partaken of, the association was welcomed by the Vicar, to whom a vote of thanks was passed, as well as to the ringers for the hearty welcome they had given the visitors. This was proposed by Mr. Thomas Hurd and seconded by Mr. Edward Steele, the latter remarking that Leek was the cream of the meetings in North Staffordshire.

The ladies who had so kindly served tea were thanked by Mr. Henry Carnwell.

A letter of apology was received by the secretary from Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, who was unable to attend the meeting owing to the illness of his wife.—Hope was expressed for her speedy recovery.

The secretary (Mr. Andrew Thompson) has been a member of the association for five years, and he had the pleasure of saying that he had not missed a meeting. It would be a great thing if other young ringers would try to attend every meeting.

Three members were elected, viz., the Rev. K. W. Milward and Mr. Charles Herd, churchwarden of Leek, as honorary members, and Mr. D. F. Ferguson, of Repton, as a life member.

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changes in the rules had materially altered the constitution of the association

Strong disapproval was expressed that such views should have been offered, in view of the fact that the rules had been freely adopted by the majority of the association's members.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Chislehurst for the use of the bells, for the service and address; to the organist and choir, and to the chairman.

This concluded the business, and the company returned to the tower for further ringing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. VISIT TO HISTORIC VILLAGE.

The popularity of the Tonbridge district meetings was again evidenced when the second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Haver on May 7th. Over 80 ringers and friends were present and 26 towers were represented. Ringers came from as far away as Chelmsford in Essex, Hastings in Sussex, Eythorne in Kent, and Croydon in Surrey.

Through the courtesy of Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, Haver Castle grounds were open to the ringers, and, of course, proved a great attraction. The gardens are for the most part laid out in the Italian style. Some 1,500 men were employed by Lord Astor on the vast operations for five years. The course of the Eden was diverted and a large lake of 40 acres was dug out.

The Castle itself was erected in 1453 by Sir Geoffrey Bullen, Lord Mayor of London.

Over the hall, with its fine panelling, and minstrels' gallery, is a gallery (100ft. by 14ft.) with a deeply recessed window, connected with Henry VIII's love-making.

Among the treasures in the Castle are the Papal Bull, refusing the divorce between Katharine of Aragon and Henry VIII.

The six bells in the thirteenth century church tower were kept going in the standard methods under the leadership of the Master, Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Tea was partaken of in the Henry VIII. Hotel.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. E. H. Lewis. One new member was elected, Miss Dorothy Bevan, of Shipbourne.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Lace) for kindly conducting the service and allowing the use of the bells, to Miss Rucroft for playing the organ, to Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, to Mr. E. H. Lewis for presiding at the meeting, and to Mr. G. Edwards for making all the arrangements.

FOURTEEN NEW MEMBERS FROM NORTHFLEET.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Rochester District was held at Northfleet on Saturday, May 7th. The day was fine and a good number of members attended. Ringing was well under way shortly after 3 o'clock. Service was conducted by the Rev. F. A. Page, with the choir leading the singing. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of the Northfleet band and their friends, tea was provided in the School-room and this was very much enjoyed and appreciated.

Prior to the business meeting, touches of Stedman Triples were rung on handbells, after which Mr. Butcher's troop of young people entertained the ringers with a selection of familiar tunes from music specially written by him for handbells. His interest and enthusiasm on behalf of the young ringers will inevitably result in establishing a strong band for Northfleet in the very near future.

The business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, was of a routine character, but one item of an unusual nature was the election of 14 members from one tower, Northfleet, twelve of these (boys and girls) being under 16 years of age.

Cliffe-at-Hoo was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting in July.

Following the meeting the tower bells were again set in motion, and were kept going in methods to suit the tastes of the varying grades of ringers until well after 9 p.m.

WHY THE VENUE OF A DISTRICT MEETING WAS CHANGED.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, April 30th. Some 40 members, representative of almost every tower in the district, attended and took part in ringing all the standard methods during the afternoon and evening.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Greaves), who gave an interesting address, refreshingly novel in subject matter and delivery.

Tea was served in St. Mary's Hall, after which the business meeting was held. Pressure of duties prevented the Vicar from presiding, and Mr. W. R. Rawlings was elected to the chair.

The elections of two members in the tower previous to peals at Crayford were ratified.

Mr. F. J. Cullum read a report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Margate on Easter Monday. This report was adopted, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Cullum for preparing it, regret being expressed that indisposition prevented Mr. W. Smith (on whose behalf the chairman tendered apologies) from being present at either Margate or Chislehurst.

Bexley was suggested as the place of the summer meeting, to be held on Saturday, July 23rd.

Mr. Cullum reminded the members that any business for the attention of the November committee meeting must be tabled in time for consideration at the July meeting, which would also be the last opportunity to apply the new procedure sanctioned by the rules to elect district officers by tower representation or plebiscite, if so desired.

Questioned as to why this meeting was held at Chislehurst instead of at the place originally selected, the district secretary read correspondence he had received from the incumbent declining to grant the use of his bells for such a purpose, following the advice tendered by the captain of his ringers, who was of the opinion that recent

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Tadcaster, on Saturday, May 21st, when, by kind permission of the Rev. R. J. Hall, A.K.C., the fine ring of eight bells (tenor 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. General Committee meet at 3.30 p.m. prompt. A brief service, conducted by the Vicar, will take place at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) in the schools at 5 p.m. General meeting immediately afterwards. As this is the first occasion that the association have met at Tadcaster, it is hoped that a record number will be present.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild festival will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, May 21st. Guild service in the Parish Church at 12.30 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. C. C. Cox. Collection for memorial funds. Luncheon in the Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., 1s. 6d. each member. Annual business meeting to follow. Towers available: Eight bells, Lyme Regis, Bradpole, Bridport, Whitchurch Canonichorum; six bells, Burton Bradstock, Evershot, Symondsbury, Litton Cheney, Lodres (2-5 p.m.), Netherbury, Hawkchurch; five bells, Chideock.—F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Stretford, on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be at Fillongley, near Coventry, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea provided.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting, which will be a joint one with the Southern District of the London County Association, will be held at Chiswick, on Saturday, May 21st. Church of St. Nicholas (8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.). Ringing from 3.30 till 5 p.m., and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. It is particularly requested that outstanding subscriptions should be paid as soon as possible.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, Ealing, W.13.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Wisbech Branch) AND NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (West Norfolk Branch).—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21st, at Terrington St. Clement. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please notify numbers for tea to either secretary, or to Mr. J. Wright, Leicester House, Terrington St. Clement, King's Lynn. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins and W. J. Eldred, Hon. Dis. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Longstanton on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

BATTERSEA, ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH.—The ring of eight bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be available to visiting ringers from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to-morrow, Saturday, May 21st.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Wigston Magna (8 bells) on May 21st. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held to-morrow (May 21st) at All Saints', Poplar. Bells 3.30 to 5.30. Tea can be obtained locally. Another tower will probably be available in the evening.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Ibstock on May 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Please look up Minor methods.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea in the school at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Hollesley, near Woodbridge, on Saturday, May 21st. The new peal of eight bells will be available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at the Fox Inn.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ranworth (6 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrington on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 5.30 p.m. No tea or service. Business meeting in the tower.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on May 21st. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service conducted by the Vicar. Tea at the Green Dragon. All ringing friends heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Drayton, Berks, on Saturday, May 21st. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton district at Broughton to-morrow, Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A bi-monthly meeting will be held at Leigh (6 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. No business meeting. Will all members please make a special effort to attend?—All ringers heartily welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gamlingay on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—We meet at Youlgreaves, near Bakewell, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All welcome.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, May 22nd, commencing at 5.30 p.m. Will members please note that no practice will be held at Shoreditch this month?—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for May at 7.30 p.m.: 24th, *St. Paul's Cathedral; 26th, St. Magnus'. *Business meeting.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN.—'The Big Five' will be available at St. Paul's, Walden, on Wednesday, 25th inst., at 7.30 p.m. These practices are arranged at your request—for you. I've done my bit, so please do yours.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Hertford County Association (Northern District).

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Dunsfold on Saturday, May 28th (postponed from May 21st). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at Vicarage. Please notify me numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 25th.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., Kingsway, Old Palace Road, Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Clavering on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than May 25th.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Time of meeting to be arranged. Members and non-members cordially invited. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

TETSWORTH, OXFORD.—The 2nd anniversary will be held on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 1.30. Please notify for tea.—J. W. Gibbard, Tetsworth, Oxon.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged for near the church. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Please send your names for tea to Mr. A. Webb, The Croft, Lyminge, near Folkestone, not later than Friday, May 27th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 o'clock.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grimsby St. James' on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 2.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. (except during service, tea and meeting). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., free to members, 1s. 6d. non-members. Business meeting to follow. Please inform Mr. H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, by Wednesday previous how many for tea.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec., Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD (late Hastings and District Guild).—The next meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, May 28th. St. Clement's (8), 3 to 5 p.m.; All Saints' (8), after tea. A warm welcome to all.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held in Darlington on Saturday, May 28th, when the bells of St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity will be available. Committee meeting in Holy Trinity Vestry at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea at Mason's Cafe in the Market Place at 5.30 p.m. It is essential that requirements for tea reach me by Wednesday, 25th inst., otherwise accommodation cannot be guaranteed.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Carshalton on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 6.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. L. Reece, 6, Camden Road, Carshalton, by Thursday, May 26th. All ringers heartily welcomed.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify before Thursday, May 26th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on May 28th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea given by the Rector, Rev. W. E. Mills. Business after.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Lacy on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided at 5 o'clock for those only sending the number by May 26th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clipston (5 bells) on Saturday, May 28th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Wilden on Saturday, May 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 6 p.m. A meeting will be held in the tower during the evening.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, May 28th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than May 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Staunton on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Village Hall. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, May 25th, so that arrangements can be made for them.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—WEDNESDAY meeting of Burton District.—An experimental mid-week meeting will be held at Netherseale on June 1st. Bells (8) available at 5 p.m. Victoria buses leave Burton 4.10 and 6.10. Hearty invitation to all ringers.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Whit Monday, June 6th. Central committee meeting at 10.45 a.m. at the Church Hall. Service in All Hallows' Church at 12 noon, when the address will be given by the Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. C. M. Blagden. Lunch at 1 p.m. at the Gloucester Hall, Church Street, followed by the business meeting. 1s. 6d. will be allowed towards cost of lunch to all those resident and subscribing honorary and ringing members who make application for ticket, with remittance of 1s., to the general secretary by Thursday, May 26th. Non-members and non-resident members 2s. 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by May 30th. Bells available: Wellingborough (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day; Earls Barton (8) and Irchester (8) after the meeting; Irthlingborough (8) and Finedone (8) from 5 p.m. to 7; Wallaston (6), Mears Ashby (6), Great Doddington (5), and Wilby (5), after the meeting, but visitors to these towers are advised to make up a band before going to them.—R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 59th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th.—A. J. Clark, General Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Cullompton, Devon, on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Half Moon Hotel at 12.45 p.m., followed by the business meeting, non-members 2s. 6d. each. Bells available: St. Mary's (10) throughout the day. All tickets to be applied for by May 30th.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday (June 6th) at Hereford. 3 p.m. service in Cathedral, with address by Rev. Preb. Winnington-Ingram. 4.15 p.m. tea at Booth Hall, followed by annual general meeting. Following bells available: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6) from 12 noon, Cathedral (10) from 1 p.m., Holmer (6) 12 to 2.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 1s. 6d. to members if application for tickets (without sending money) be made before June 1st to Rev. E. G. Benson, Hon. Sec., Burghill Vicarage, Hereford.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Rhyl, on Whit-Monday, June 6th. Will those requiring tea (1s.) please notify me as soon as possible. Full details in next issue.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open 2.30. Service 5.30. Tea 6. Half-rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members. A meat tea will be served at the King's Head, Carfax, price 2s. 6d. (1s. to members), followed by the business meeting. Notices of motions affecting the rules must reach me by June 4th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

DEATH.

GOLDSMITH.—On May 18th, at Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Emma Louise, beloved wife of John S. Goldsmith, aged 58 years. Funeral at Pyrford Church to-morrow (Saturday) at 3.30 p.m.

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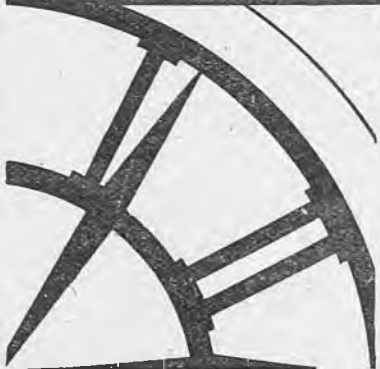
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