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GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS.

We record some great achievements this week. Two of them are in the field of Minor ringing; two are personal records. The Lincolnshire band, of which Mr. George Feirn is conductor, have rung a peal in one hundred and four methods in seven extents. No one can say exactly what is the limit of splicing in this direction, but the peal rung at Bigby comprises the greatest number of methods that it has yet been found possible to put into seven true 720's, and is, therefore, at the moment an unbeatable record. Look at it how you will this is the finest achievement in Minor ringing of all time, and the congratulations which this band earned when recently they rang peals in 100 and 102 methods will be renewed to-day on this greater performance, got, not merely by adding two more to the methods they had already rung, but by substituting a new extent, containing thirteen other methods, for one they had previously included.

It was this Lincolnshire band that took the record out of the hands of the Chester Guild, and were it not for this great achievement, a peal by the Cheshire men last Saturday would have been all the more noteworthy. Nevertheless, the peal in fifty-seven methods of Plain and Treble Bob is an outstanding performance, and in the praise that will be bestowed upon their Lincolnshire rivals, their lesser success ought not to be overlooked. It does not equal some of their own records, but it is a performance which merits more than passing attention.

The individual records to which we refer are those of Messrs. George Williams and Frank Bennett, who, by a stroke of good fortune, were able to take part in a peal which was the fifteen hundredth for both of them. They first rang a peal together fifty years ago, and now they have reached a memorable point in ringing history together. No two names are better known in the ringing Exercise than theirs; and no two men are held in higher respect. Moreover, great as have been their peal achievements, their services to ringing are not to be judged only by those high standards; through long years they have given their best wholeheartedly to advancing the art, and everyone will hope they will long continue to enjoy the pleasures of peal ringing and carry on their important but less conspicuous work in their own towers.

There are morals to be drawn from the achievements here referred to. George Williams and Frank Bennett began their ringing when every peal was a hard earned triumph and they were few and far between. But their devotion, their zeal and their enthusiasm have brought them to a notable pinnacle, not sought in any desire for fame,

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but gained by a steady adherence to a pursuit into which they had put their whole heart purely for the love of it. And then there are those two Minor achievements. They, too, have only been possible by the steady and persistent efforts of those concerned, a devotion to an object which is an example to those many ringers who are all too easily disheartened by failures or who expect to find the way made easy for them, instead of trying to make it easy for themselves. It is only by perseverance and constant practice that the Lincolnshire and Cheshire men have reached their present pre-eminence; it is only by steady plodding and making the most of their opportunities that Messrs. Williams and Bennett have gained the distinction they have now achieved.

TEN BELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

WILLIAM FERNLEY 6	DAVID VINCENT 6
JAMES FERNLEY 2	JAMES A. MILNER 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 8
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	JAMES H. RIDING 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. G. W. Biddulph, of Lawton, Cheshire, until recently Ringing Master of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

MRS. C. H. KIPPIN 6	ERNEST J. AYLIFER 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 8
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4	REGINALD A. REED 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

A 'welcome home' peal to the Rector, Canon R. B. Jolly, after a visit to Canada and U.S.A. The 1,500th peal by both Frank Bennett and George Williams.

INVERARAY, ARGYLLSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

ERNEST G. FENN 6	JOHN H. B. HASSE 6
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 7
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 8
HENRY G. MILES 4	ALFRED B. PECK 9
HARRY HOSKINS 5	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by H. G. MILES.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

STANLEY F. WEBB 5	STANLEY CLARK 5
ALFRED PRIOR 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
LEWIS A. CORDELL 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.

A birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Butler.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, July 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

ALBERT G. RICHARDS Treble	MAURICE G. TURNER 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6
BARNABAS G. KRY 3	*HARRY GRIFFITHS 7
JAMES S. EASTWOOD 4	†ERIC E. SPEAKE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Major and first in the method. † First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Perry.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS Treble	CHARLES W. TAYLOR 5
MARTIN WALKER 2	H. JAMES CHAPMAN 6
GEORGE L. HALL 3	JOSEPH ATKINSON 7
GEORGE DOBBS 4	WALTER GODDARD Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLS.

Conducted by W. GODDARD.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. Rung in connection with the golden wedding celebrations of Dr. Charles Moor, a former Vicar of Barton, and Mrs. Moor.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

A. PARKER Treble	A. FORSHAW 5
R. FORSHAW 2	*S. CLOUGH 6
*J. HORROCKS 3	S. FORSHAW 7
J. ERRINGTON 4	W. FARRIMOND Tenor

Conducted by A. PARKER.

* First peal.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1939, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ERNEST MATTHEWS Treble	THOMAS PRICE 5
TREVOR PRITCHARD 2	THOMAS WITTS 6
BASIL LATHAM 3	LESLIE BARRY 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 4	GEORGE LATHAM Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

GEOFFREY HARRISON Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 5
JOHN H. GRUNDY 2	COLIN HARRISON 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS 7
JOHN P. FIDLER 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Quickest peal of Major yet rung on tower bells. The conductor's 100th peal on these bells.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, July 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5112 CHANGES

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 2	ERNEST THORPE 6
*JACK BROTHWELL 3	REGINALD PAYNE 7
TOM BROTHWELL 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the conductor, Mr. R. Payne and Mrs. B. Camm.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH Treble	EDWARD T. BAILEY 5
ALFRED W. HEATH 2	D. REES JAMES 6
CHARLES H. PERRY 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by A. E. BAMES.

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

Rung for the 35th anniversary of the bells, on which 102 peals have been rung.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 20, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

KENNETH HILL Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 5
THOMAS PRICE 2	THOMAS TUDOR 6
WILLIAM WEATHERBY 3	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 7
ALAN M. HICKMAN 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. J. CHESTER.

First peal on eight bells as conductor.

HURSLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*MISS NESTA SMITH Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN 2	WILFRED ANDREWS 6
LESLIE A. TREMERR 3	HAROLD P. REED 7
*RICHARD SMITH 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Major.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*G. FREEMAN Treble	J. C. DEAN 5
TOM LAW 2	G. VALENTINE 6
*G. PARKER 3	W. R. PARKER 7
W. H. AUSTIN 4	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal of Major. Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of a peal of Plain Bob Major on these bells, conducted by B. Annable, June 15th, 1739.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

This peal consisted of 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol and 576 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 116 changes of method.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
JOHN BASS 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 4	BERNARD ASHFORD Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILFRED F. MORETON Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 2	REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON 6
GEORGE T. COUSINS 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS 7
JOHN D. WORSEY 4	ERNEST H. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED F. MORETON.

First peal as conductor. Quarterly peal for the Hereford District.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gulval,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MISS BETTY CORNISH Treble	PHILIP J. HITCHENS 5
MISS EILEEN SYMONS 2	WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD 6
EDWARD SANDERS 3	CYRIL E. LANXON 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM WOOD Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells since their rehanging.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

*EDWARD MITCHELL Treble	JOSEPH BREALY 5
ERNEST RETZER 2	REGINALD TRUMAN 6
JOHN SALWAY 3	ARTHUR TRUMAN 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4	EVAN MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

GEORGE LATHAM Treble	TREVOR PRITCHARD 5
*THOMAS BALDWIN 2	ERNEST MATTHEWS 6
FRANK COLE 3	LESLIE BARRY 7
THOMAS WITTS 4	CHARLES HODGES Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* 300th peal.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*FRANK T. LONG Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
FRANK K. MEASURES 2	CECIL E. CARR 6
J. EDWARD CLOUGH 3	NIGEL W. BOLTON 7
†A. JOHN TIMSON 4	ERNEST W. TIPLER Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES A. CATCPOLE Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
HOBART E. SMITH 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

First peal of York Surprise Major for the Suffolk Guild. A wedding compliment to Miss Alma Symonds, younger daughter of Mr. G. E. Symonds, secretary of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 14, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Milton, Cambridge, Burslem, Bucknall, Castleton, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FRANK RUSHTON Treble	CHARLES BOWEN 4
JOHN WHEELDON 2	WILLIAM FRADLEY 5
REGINALD O. PRESTON 3	GEORGE H. BILLINGS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WHEELDON.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the leader of this tower (Mr. William Wheelton), who has completed 50 years as a ringer. First peal as conductor.

CULHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

MARIE R. CROSS Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 4
*MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	†JOHN NOBBS 5
JONATHAN HONEY 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal 'inside' in four methods. First peal on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. James, Benwell,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN H. CLIFTON Treble	CHRISTOPHER HETHERINGTON 4
THOMAS W. CROWE 2	ERNEST WALLACE 5
JOHN ANDERSON 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Selby Josephine Smith, granddaughter of Mr. C. L. Routledge, Ringing Master of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, and also as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

FRENESHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 16, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES W. DENYER ... Treble	* DOUGLAS W. DADSON ... 4
EDWARD J. BRAGG ... 2	† ALFRED J. CHUTER ... 5
* EDWARD J. HEATH ... 3	† ERIC A. CASE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. J. BRAGG.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in two methods. Rung to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the earliest record of the church.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores, with ten callings, (three 240's of Morris' and three 240's of Pitman's arrangements). Tenor 10 cwt.

* RAYMOND STALLERASS ... Treble	NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 4
HAROLD MARCON ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
* BERNARD G. HOSEMAN ... 3	* H. WILLIAM HUMPHREYS ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal and first attempt. Twenty-fifth peal as conductor.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 57 methods:—

1. Double Oxford, London Bob, Thelwall Bob, Lytham Bob, St. Clement's Bob, College, Childwall Bob and Wavertree College.
2. Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Bob.
3. Dover, Chepstow, Balmoral, Skipton and Fotheringay Delight.
4. Ely, Rotherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight.
5. Canterbury, Abbeyville, Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight.
6. Taxal, Humber, Marple, Braintree, Newdigate, Charlwood, Old Oxford, Neasden, College Bob IV., St. Albans, Willesden, Wragby, Elston, Clarence Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
7. Oxford, Ockley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Norbury, Kingston Treble Bob, Donottar, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Wath Delight.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

* JOCELYN B. GARDINER ... Treble	JOHN WORTH ... 4
JAMES FERNLEY ... 2	* JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	† JAMES A. MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal in 57 methods. † First peal in 57 methods away from the treble. One hundred and thirty-six changes of method.

ELSTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER ... Treble	* ARTHUR E. CHILTON ... 4
MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL ... 2	EDWARD FOSTER ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. G. HOOPER.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor and first attempt.

OCKHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... 3
* JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 2	* CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 4
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. In this peal the whole hunt was changed in every extent, each bell being used in turn as the treble.

THE SPLICED MINOR RECORD.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, July 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 104 methods:—

1. Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Peveril, Chelsea, Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight, Waterford and Berwyn Treble Bob.
2. Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rotherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise.
3. Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Finchley, Ellacombe, Buxton, Wordsley, Lam-burhurst, Harmondsworth, Bramfield Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob.
4. Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Denton, Sutton, Leake, Wrangle Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
5. Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
6. Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Lamb-rooke, Wath, Donottar and Pontefract Delight.
7. Windermere, Frodsham, Killarney, Horsmonden, Ennerdale, Cum-berland, Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Waver-tree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

FRANK LORD ... Treble	JACK BRAY ... 4
MRS. J. BRAY ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

196 changes of method. The greatest number of methods that have been incorporated into seven true and complete extents.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 13 cwt.

* EDWARD BRADLEY ... Treble	GEORGE LORD ... 4
ROLAND HILL ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... 5
* MRS. EDWARD BRADLEY ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

* First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, July 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT 273, ALBERT ROAD,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATER, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

DANIEL T. MATZIN ... 1-2	FRED PRICE ... 5-6
ALLAN SEORT ... 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

Witness—Mrs. Shepherd.

First peal of Erin Caters by all the band and by the Guild.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS ... 1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5-6
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

A birthday compliment to Mr. William Crampton.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

COLLEGE YOUTHS IN SCOTLAND.

A band of College Youths visited Scotland last week and on Saturday rang a peal of Stedman Caters at Inveraray, Argyllshire. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, at Dun A'Bhuilg, Achnamara, during the week-end. The beautiful scenery and the varied forms of enjoyment provided both on land and water were thoroughly appreciated by all, and have left an unforgettable impression.

In the old days, when the College Youths had an outing and travelled on 'shanks' pony,' they once made Northampton the object of their journey and rang at several places en route. At St. Peter's Church, Northampton, they scored a peal of Bob Major, which Annable called. This was on June 15th, 1739, and to celebrate the bi-centenary another peal of Bob Major was rung in the same tower last Saturday (July 22nd).

The regular service ringers at Bucknall, Staffs, rang a peal of Minor in seven methods on July 14th in honour of their leader, Mr. William Wheeldon, who has completed 50 years' service at this church. The treble ringer left to begin his military training the next morning.

Not for more than 25 years had a peal been rung on the bells of St. James', Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, until last Monday week, when a peal in seven Minor methods was brought round as a birthday compliment to Miss Selby Josephine Smith, granddaughter of Mr. C. L. Routledge, Ringing Master of the Cathedral Guild, and to Mr. J. H. Clifton, who rang the treble to the peal.

Mr. Thomas Baldwin, of Gloucester, rang his 300th peal last Saturday, when he took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Upton St. Leonard's, Gloucestershire. Mr. Baldwin has taken part in a number of long peals and attempts, and rang the treble at Painswick to the then record length of Cinques (13,001) in 1920.

Edward Mitchell, of Heavitree, who is only 15 years of age, rang his first peal at the first attempt on Saturday at Honiton Clist, Devon.

The peal of Little Bob Major at Handsworth, Sheffield, on July 18th, was rung to celebrate the birthdays of the conductor (who attained to 21 years on that date) and of Mr. Reginald Payne, whose anniversary fell on the previous day. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. B. Camm.

The first peal on the bells of St. James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan, since the rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was rung on July 15th as a compliment to the Rev. L. J. F. Welton, the curate, on his ordination to the priesthood.

A HUNDRED PEALS AT LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, is the first to ring a hundred peals on the bells at Loughborough Foundry. He completed the century on July 17th, with a peal of Double Norwich Major, the fastest ever rung on tower bells. It was round in two hours and eight minutes. The composition has the 2nd its extent in 2-3 alternately, and is in alternate short and long courses. It was rung for the first time.

Mr. Morris' 100 peals on the bells, of which he has conducted 38, include Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters and Royal, and among them are the quickest and longest on the bells, both of which he conducted. He also called on them the longest peal of Little Bob yet rung (8,720) and the record of Ilkerton Treble Bob (9,120). In addition his peals in the campanile include the quickest tower-bell peal ever, 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 1 hour 50 minutes, and the quickest of Major, 2 hours 8 minutes. The peals of Bob Major include calling 7,008, 9,760 (400 Singles) and the extent of tenors together, 13,440.

The peal of Erin Caters rung at Aston on July 18th is believed to be only the second peal of Caters in the method 'in hand.' It was rung after about six attempts of varying lengths, the longest being on the previous Tuesday, when, with F. F. Haynes as referee, it was lost through a change course 14 courses from home after 2 hours 20 minutes' ringing. The band much appreciate Mrs. Shepherd's kindness in placing her lounge at their disposal. She is the mother of R. I. Shepherd, of the Aston band, and is herself learning to ring.

To celebrate the 700th anniversary of the church, a peal of Doubles was rung at Frensham, Surrey, on Sunday, July 16th. The peal was called by Sergt. Bragg, of the Grenadier Guards, and four of the band were local ringers, two ringing their first peal at the first attempt and two their first peal in two methods.

The 100th peal of Bob Major by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was rung at Willenhall on July 13th. It was a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Perry and was the first peal of Major on the bells since they were recast.

Three more members of the new St. Giles' Society, Lincoln, have rung their first peal, making seven from this tower in a week. Ray Stallibrass, who rang the treble to the peal of Doubles at Dunholme, on July 17th, has only just turned 15 years. It was Mr. Jack Millhouse's 25th peal as conductor.

PEALS AT BRIDGEND.

The peal rung at Bridgend on July 19th was the 102nd peal on the bells. This is believed to be only the second tower in South Wales, if not in the whole of Wales, where more than 100 peals have been rung. The other tower is St. John's, Cardiff. The band which took part have rung quite a number of peals at Bridgend, viz.: E. Stitch 66, A. W. Heath 18, C. H. Perry 81, J. W. Jones 63, E. T. Bailey 24, D. R. James 51, A. J. Pitman 46, A. W. Wright 49. Mr. E. Stitch has 'completed the circle' in the tower, with the last peal.

Apart from the new record in Minor Splicing set up at Bigby, another really fine performance in Minor ringing recorded this week is the 57-method peal by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Poynton, Cheshire, on Saturday, conducted by Mr. C. K. Lewis. Thirteen of the methods were plain and the rest Treble Bob and Delight.

At Debenham, on Saturday, a peal of York Surprise Major, the first in the method by all the band and by the Suffolk Guild, was rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Alma Symonds, younger daughter of Mr. G. E. Symonds, the popular secretary of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday week was Mr. C. K. Lewis' 150th peal and was rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. G. W. Biddulph, until recently Ringing Master of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Thomas Tudor rang a peal of Bob Major at Market Drayton, Shropshire, on July 20th. His last previous peal was rung no less than five years ago.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Harlow Common, Essex, on July 13th, which was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Butler, was specially arranged for Mr. R. J. Warrilow, of Stafford.

Mr. William Short, who rang in a peal of Stedman Triples at Badsey on Saturday, has now rung a peal on each of the existing rings of eight in Worcestershire.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

It was only a peal of Grandsire Doubles, but it was worth ringing—at any rate, just once. That was the opinion of the five members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, who rang 42 six-scores at Ockham, Surrey, on Saturday.

But it wasn't quite an ordinary peal of Grandsire Doubles. The treble was not always the treble. All the bells, in turn, were used as the whole hunt—as the work of the treble in a plain method was described in the earliest days of change ringing.

Only one peal had ever previously been rung on these lines, we believe, but to add further variety at Ockham two six-scores were included, in which one half was rung with one bell as the whole hunt and the other half with a different bell. The turn over was done with a special single, and six-scores are not only worth ringing on these lines, but really add to the fun. Here is an example of how this single is made, assuming the treble to be the whole hunt at the start:

	43521
	45312
	54132
Single	54123
	45213
	42531
	24513

At the single the 4th becomes the whole hunt, and the two bells are turned over again 60 changes later in a similar manner. In between, bobs at alternate leads have to be called.

Four of the band at Ockham rang their first peal on five bells, and Mr. J. A. Trollope's only previous peal on this number was rung 46 years ago. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith has now completed the series of peals on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus since January.

The peal at Gulval, Cornwall, on Saturday, was arranged to enable Mr. C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association hon. secretary) to ring a peal whilst on holiday in the county and so get one nearer his 1,000th peal, which is not very far distant. Miss Cornish, a member of the local band, received the hearty congratulations of the ringers after the peal on the excellent way she rang throughout. Her previous longest touch lasted only 20 minutes.

It is about 100 years ago that the Rev. W. W. Wingfield was inducted as Vicar of Gulval. He was Vicar of the parish until he died in 1912, and the two treble bells and the clock were given by the parishioners as a memorial to him.

Rung after meeting short for Major, a peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods was rung at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, for the birthday of Mr. Edward Bradley on Saturday.

His wife took part in the peal. She had not struck a blow before in three of the methods (London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Sandal) and had cycled 24 miles before the peal. She is to be congratulated, therefore, upon the successful way in which she rang, when called upon unexpectedly to ring three strange methods. Both she and her husband scored their first peal in seven methods.

It was at Wath on February 27th, 1816 that a peal of twenty-one 720's of Minor was rung, making 15,120 changes.

The peal of Minor at Stanton-on-Hine-Heath on July 8th was rung in 2 hours 57 minutes and not 3 hours 57 minutes as printed.

The peal at Burton-on-Stather on July 10th was a 21st birthday compliment to H. Judd, who has since begun his military training in the neighbourhood of Birkenhead.

SUNDERLAND CHURCH'S JUBILEE.

For festal evensong on Sunday, July 9th, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the dedication of St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland, and a visit from the Bishop of Newcastle, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung: G. Harvey 1, G. S. Taylor 2, T. Stephenson 3, M. F. Harrison 4, H. B. Ditchburn 5, J. W. Parker 6, F. Ainsley (conductor) 7, R. L. Patterson 8.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Cheddleton on Saturday, when a company of 25 attended from Burslem, Brown Edge, Cheddleton, Draycott, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Cheadle and Stoke-on-Trent. A short service was conducted by the Vicar of Cheddleton (the Rev. W. G. Burgis).

Tea was held in the Churnet Hall, where the Vicar said he was glad to welcome the ringers to Cheddleton, as his ringers had found a benefit in joining the organisation. Mr. J. H. Martin supported the views of the Vicar, and Mr. A. W. Hall, in thanking the Vicar and ringers, remarked that the Vicar of Cheddleton had never refused the use of the bells for a peal.

Mr. E. Steele, in seconding, invited the ringers of Cheddleton to come to the meetings more often, as they offered the opportunity to pick up more change ringing.—Mr. J. E. Wheeldon thanked the ladies for serving tea so well.

The Vicar remarked that it was Mr. J. E. Wheeldon's 71st birthday, and he was wished 'many happy returns,' with musical honours.

One new member, Mr. F. Triner, of Norton, was elected.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

An enjoyable and successful meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Littlebourne on Saturday, July 22nd, when 41 members and friends were present, representing 14 towers of the district, together with two visiting ringers.

Good use was made of the six bells. The association's service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Manley), an honorary member of the association. He gave the members a sincere welcome to Littlebourne, both in the belfry and in the church.

Mr. Pitman was at the organ and the lesson was read by Mr. J. W. Hooper (Dover).

At the kind invitation of the Vicar, the members were entertained to a splendid tea at the Vicarage, at the conclusion of which he was, on the motion of Mr. H. Whitehead, heartily thanked for his hospitality.

After tea chairs were taken on to the lawn and two sets of hand-bells were brought into use. Courses of Triples were rung, and the 'Dover Twins' entertained the company with some excellent tune ringing. In passing it might be mentioned that this tune ringing is fast becoming more than a popular part of these gatherings, and is looked for at each meeting.

A return was later made to the tower, and further ringing was enjoyed until 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at Swansea on July 15th. At the service at St. James' Church prior to the meeting the Rev. W. Cynwyd Williams gave a very instructive address to the members. Mr. Williams was a ringer at Morriston for a number of years before he was ordained and licensed to the parish of Clydach. He will be leaving the country early next year to take up duty amongst the Welsh colony at Cherbut, South America.

Tea was provided by the kind generosity of the Vicar of Swansea.

The Lord Bishop took the chair at the meeting, when the following officers were re-elected: President, the Lord Bishop; Ringing Master, Mr. A. J. Hoare; secretary, Mr. D. G. Williams; auditor, Mr. Rowlands. Mr. C. Morgan (Brecon) was elected treasurer in the place of Mr. C. Powell, who has left the district. A telegram was received during the meeting from Mr. Powell conveying his best wishes.

The president is leaving the diocese in the near future, having been recently appointed to the See of Llandaff a few weeks ago, and Mr. E. Stitch referred to the work which the Bishop had done for the Guild during his short stay in the diocese.

The members returned to the tower, and the bells were in constant use until 9 o'clock.

WEDDING BELLS AT HEANOR.

An interesting wedding took place at Heanor Parish Church, Derbyshire, on Tuesday, July 4th, when Miss Brenda J. Smith, daughter of the Rev. D. G. Smith, B.D., Vicar of Heanor, and Mrs. Smith, was married to Mr. E. W. Frost, B.Com., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frost, of Langley Mill. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Derby, assisted by Canon A. R. Lee, R.D., Vicar of Holy Trinity and Rural Dean of the City of York, and the Rev. Harry Price, Vicar of Cotmanhay. Mr. Eric Lacey officiated at the organ.

After the ceremony a representative band of ringers from Heanor, Ripley, Nottingham and East Kirkby rang the usual Queen's and fired the bells, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples followed.

In the evening a peal of Bob Major was rung, conducted by the bride's brother.

In the interval between the afternoon and evening ringing the ringers were entertained to tea at the Central Cafe as the guests of the Vicar.

The bride's father is an hon. member of the Midland Counties Association, and her brother, Mr. R. D. St. J. Smith, was until recently Master of the Oxford University Society.

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Will the captain of the Happisburgh, Norfolk, ringers please get in touch with W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts?

Many of the visitors to the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner are familiar with the ring of eight bells at St. Chad's Catholic Cathedral, Birmingham, and will no doubt be interested to know that the peal is to be recast and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.

This will be the fourth major job carried out in Birmingham in recent years, the recasting of the twelve at the Parish Church of St. Martin, the new ten at St. Philip's Cathedral, and the new twelve at Aston Parish Church being the others.

'JAMES GREEN.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of a renewal of the activities of 'James Green,' and of Mr. Armstrong's hint of possible proceedings, Worcestershire ringers feel it should be generally known that a person using this name has already been through the hands of the police for this offence. In 1932 he imposed upon the good nature of ringers in the county to such an extent that proceedings were taken at Evesham Police Court and he received a sentence of twelve months' hard labour. On that occasion he was in possession of the Worcestershire Association's report containing the names and addresses of all tower representatives, and very few of them escaped his undesirable attentions. This man's correct name is Michael Mackay, but his aliases are innumerable, and in this district varied from 'Jimmy Green' to 'a relative of W. Short,' and one, at which I do not feel flattered, when he unsuccessfully introduced himself at a tower as 'the brother of Amy Johnson.'

If required, full particulars, photograph, etc., would, of course, be obtainable from Evesham Police Station.

J. D. JOHNSON, Hon. Secretary,
Worcestershire Association.

RIPON CATHEDRAL VETERANS.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AWARD.

Ripon Cathedral bellringers have been awarded the First Certificate under the Sunday service ringing scheme of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers. The certificate has been held for two years by Tadcaster, and now comes into the possession of Ripon. Ripon gained 641 points, Tadcaster 626, Middlesbrough 436, and Whitby 324.

The Dean of Ripon (Dr. C. M. Owen) entertained the ringers to supper at the Black Bull Hotel on Monday, and visited them for a short time, and offered his congratulations. The Precentor of the Cathedral (the Rev. H. R. Williams) attended, and also Mr. A. Graham (the Dean's verger), and Mr. F. Tingle (president of the local Association of Ringers).

Several touches were rung on the handbells after supper.

There are some veterans amongst the Cathedral ringers, and in a group of ten who were present at the supper it was found their combined service covered a total of 375 years, while four of them together made 202 years. Mr. J. Metcalfe has been a ringer for 52 years. He commenced to ring at the age of 14.

Others with long service records present were Mr. J. Rumbold (50), Mr. T. Ingleby (50), Mr. G. Langshaw (50), Mr. C. Howroyd (40), Mr. F. Tingle (37), Mr. W. Dixon (35), Mr. R. Duffield (25), Mr. Pearson (14) and Mr. E. Hudson (14).

A HALESWORTH CELEBRATION.

'BRED AND DRYNKE' FOR THE RINGERS

Last week the Halesworth (Suffolk) Society celebrated its 400th anniversary. The first reference to ringers in the parish is to be found in the bequest, on July 19th, 1539, of a certain sum of money, by one William Walpole, to the priest, clerk and ringers 'to provide for their bred and drynke.'

On the eve of the 400th anniversary members of the society and visitors rang various touches under the direction of Mr. Fred Lambert (verger and steeplekeeper), the eight members at the ropes totalling 449 years in age (an average of 56), four of them being septuagenarians.

The company, numbering 20 members (performing and honorary), are the proud possessors of the first written changes known, these being contained in a manuscript book dated 1621, which is now in the custody of the Rector and churchwardens.

Some of the bells in the Halesworth tower are the original ones cast and hung about 1440, and others are dated 1611, 1624, 1627, 1759 and 1770.

After the ringing in the four standard methods by ringers from Blythburgh, Bungay, Chediston, Darsham, Huntingfield, Redenhall, Nottingham, Southwold and the local company, the party proceeded to the British Legion Club and partook of the 'bred and drynke' above mentioned.

A GREAT DOUBLE EVENT.

GEORGE WILLIAMS AND FRANK BENNETT REACH 1,500 PEALS TOGETHER.

A unique double event marked the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, rung at St. Mary's Church, Southampton, on Wednesday of last week. It was the 1,500th peal by both Mr. George Williams, the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton. It was not specially arranged for the purpose, but it coincided, because on the preceding Saturday, after both had reached 1,499, Mr. Bennett lost a peal elsewhere.

Only two men, the late Mr. William Pye, and Mr. G. R. Pye, had ever previously reached this great total, and it was a remarkable coincidence that two such old friends as Mr. Williams and Mr. Bennett should have been able to achieve this total in the same peal. It is all the more interesting from the fact that Mr. Williams himself called Mr. Bennett's first peal 50 years ago in Guildford. Later, they were both associated with St. Peter's Society, Brighton, and rang a great number of peals together. Then came a parting of the ways, with only occasional meetings, and sometimes a tour together. Now after half a century they have made a new historical landmark. In the course of this 50 years they have rung 338 peals together, among them having been the first peal of London Surprise in the City of London and the first peals of Oxford, Norfolk, Westminster and Bristol Surprise ever rung.

Mr. Bennett, who was born in 1869, learned to ring at Basingstoke. His first peal was rung on March 2nd, 1889, at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, while his first as conductor was a peal of Grandsire Triples at Weybridge, Surrey, in the same year.

In 1895 Mr. Bennett went to live in Brighton, where St. Peter's Society was, at that time, one of the leading companies in the country. During the twelve years that followed he rang over 400 peals, and then, in 1907, he removed to New Cross. In London he helped to build up a very excellent band, which put some notable

performances to their credit. While in London Mr. Bennett was hon. secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths for seven years. Then he returned to Brighton, where he has continued his activities.

At 82 years of age Mr. George Williams is one of the marvels of the Exercise. He not only rings and conducts peals, but drives a motor-car, cycles, climbs the stairs at North Stoneham to keep the bells and ropes in order, and generally does things which many men, twenty years his junior, cannot do as efficiently.

Mr. Williams has been ringing for nearly sixty years, and rang his first peal at the little village of Soberton, which was the first peal in Hampshire for the former Winchester Diocesan Guild. The paucity of change ringers at that time may be judged from the fact that this was only the second peal for the Guild, which had been formed four years before, and ringers had to be collected from Surrey as well as Hampshire to make up a Grandsire band. It was not until a year later that Mr. Williams rang another peal, and this he called.

Following his trade as a miller, he moved to various places, always teaching and helping ringers wherever he went, and then he settled in Brighton. It was to his genius and leadership that St. Peter's Society largely owed its success, and when, after a number of years, Mr. Williams returned to his native Hampshire, it was a sad blow for Sussex ringing in particular.

While at Brighton Mr. Williams was, for many years, hon. secretary of the Central Division of the Sussex Association, and after returning to Hampshire he became hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, of which he is now a vice-president, as well as Master. He and Canon Coleridge are the only two ringers who have been members of the Central Council since its formation. A list of the peals rung by Messrs. Bennett and Williams will be found on page 485.



MR. FRANK BENNETT.



MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT SOLIHULL.

The July meeting was marred by heavy rainstorms, but those who braved the elements to visit Solihull were rewarded by ringing on this beautiful peal of bells, while the spacious and well-appointed ringing chamber evoked much admiration. Although the ringing was not up to the usual standard, useful practice was obtained by many who seldom have an opportunity to ring Caters or Royal, whilst several youngsters had their first pull on ten bells. A welcome visitor was Mr. Joseph W. Cotton (hon. secretary, Burton District, Midland Counties Association), of Overseal.

After tea at a local cafe, the business meeting was held in the tower. In the unavoidable absence of the Master (Mr. J. H. White), Mr. G. F. Swann was voted to the chair. Apologies were received from Messrs. White, Perrins and Webb.

Arising out of the minutes a letter was read from the Rev. M. C. C. Melville (formerly hon. secretary of the Guild), thanking the members for their good wishes, expressed at a previous meeting, on his ordination into the ministry.

The meeting places voted for the next three months were Monks Kirby (August) and Berkswell (September), and for the next quarterly Rugby (October).

Harold Williams, of Stoke, Coventry, was elected a ringing member, and the election of four life members ratified, Arthur Riddington (Blaby), Ronald Swann (Birstall), William Bottrill (Leicester) and Charles Marshall (Blaby).

A vote of thanks was proposed by E. Stone to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the local ringers for their arrangements.

Further ringing terminated quite a good meeting, despite the weather.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The summer festival of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at St. Neots on Saturday. Members and friends were present from Bromham, Burton Latimer, Cambridge, Chatteris, Eynesbury, Godmanchester, Great Staughton, Hartford, Henlow, Hitchin, Melbourn, Meppershall, Peterborough, Ramsey, Raunds, St. Neots, Southill, Swavesey, Tempsford, Terrington St. John, Hitchmarsh, Trumpington, Turvey and Wilburton.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Knights), who afterwards presided at the business meeting.

It was decided to visit Ely for the 1940 summer festival.

The sum of £2 2s. was voted towards the sixth bell at Rampton.

Mr. Goakes, of Peterborough, was elected a non-resident life member, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Knights, to the organist, also to the Rev. Canon A. R. South Phillips, Rector of Eynesbury, for allowing ringing at his church.

MR. CORNELIUS CHARGE'S RETURN.

Mr. Cornelius Charge, who was formerly a member of the Metropolitan Police and a well-known ringer in London, has recently returned to this country from New Zealand after an absence of 20 years. At Portsmouth on Sunday, July 23rd, for evensong, at St. Mary's, Portsea, he took part in a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, his first quarter-peal since he left England: J. D. Harris 1, C. Charge 2, F. W. Rogers 3, J. Topp 4, F. S. Bayley 5, T. R. Taylor 6, C. Guy (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, L. P. Cook 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MR. CHALK'S REPLY.

Dear Sir,—I feel that I must through 'The Ringing World' object to Mr. L. J. Clark's unfriendly observations on my efforts to inaugurate a Benevolent Fund for Essex ringers and to some of his statements.

It is not always possible to gauge the reception of one's verbal efforts when advocating something new, but prior to the Whit Monday meeting the projected benevolent scheme had been well received at places as wide apart as Walthamstow, Stanford-le-Hope, Harlow, North Weald and Great Tey. I spoke to many at these meetings on the Benevolent Fund for the first time. Some, like Mr. Clark, might have been present at more than one of these meetings and so suffered 'boredom,' but to make a statement that the majority of my listeners were bored is not a fair criticism.

At the Whit Monday meeting I may have tried the patience of some present, but surely the mover of a proposition, the only one down on the agenda that day, should be expected to put his cards on the table and before the taking of the vote have the right to reply. It was, indeed, an effort to put anything over in such a bad-sounding hall, but *whatever I had said on that day, prepared or unprepared, and I can claim to have given much thought on the matter beforehand, the result of the voting would have been 'Against.'* In some parts of the county the opposition was adamant, and I doubt if anyone's effort, *clear out to the last degree*, would have broken it down. I had the consolation, when it was all over, that I had spent time and money to try and benefit 'hard-hit' humanity, in this case my unfortunate fellow-ringers.

Mr. Clark's last paragraph is most uncalled for and offensive. The ringers in question from the South-West District do think and practise benevolence, and they do desire to dwell together in unity. Need I mention that two outstanding presentations to old servants have been made in the last two years—collective efforts that reflect a benevolent spirit!

The reference to the Rector of Rayleigh, who presided at the district meeting, as 'being astounded' at the criticism is not true. He himself commented at the close of the meeting on the value of constructive criticism. I can assure Mr. Clark that had he been absent from the district meeting the same matters would have been discussed, not because of the 'two defeats' mentioned in his letter, but because there are matters bearing closely on the welfare of the Essex Association which must receive urgent attention. Mr. G. L. Joyce's request for a committee meeting was very sound, for it would go far to clear up the cloudy atmosphere which prevails at present. My sincere wish is that Mr. Clark will not make observations and statements in the Press which one is forced to challenge.

J. CHALK.

South Woodford.

NO ATTACK ON COMMITTEE.

Dear Sir,—I am the unfortunate victim of the circumstance that a very brief précis of what I said at Rayleigh should appear, side by side, with Mr. L. J. Clark's letter of protest. It would appear, from these, that I am the villain of the piece. Facts are these: Following Mr. Lufkin's attack on the report, I actually supported the committee (of which, incidentally, I am a member) by moving an amendment to Mr. Lufkin's resolution, stating that the committee already had under consideration matters which covered the question of the report.

I did not attack the committee or any officer, but I did (and do) strongly criticise the loose handling of the annual general meeting. I thoroughly agree with Mr. Clark in that I was never so bored in my life, but I cannot allow any suggestion of the Master's absence to bear any weight whatsoever. Nor can I pass that which suggests that no protest was made at a general meeting. To stifle criticism at a meeting of my own district until the Master was present would, to quote his own words at Chelmsford, stifle it perhaps for a long, long time—perhaps for ever. And if Mr. Clark cannot remember my gentle reminder, at Chelmsford, that I 'had a home to go to,' and that I objected to the counsel-cross-examination of Mr. Chalk, where all matter should pass through the chair, there is no doubt that it did not pass Dr. Spencer Phillips by. His gentle rebuke, after the meeting to me, that all must be allowed their say, and my reply that 'you were too kind,' leave no doubt in my mind that the Master is man-of-the-world enough to realise that most criticism when severe is impersonal.

I say again, as I said at Rayleigh, that I hold no feeling against any, but that there are many things which require urgent attention. And it is the job of the committee to do it. I knew nothing of the undercurrents mentioned by Mr. Clark, until after the Rayleigh meeting, but I do know how dangerous it is for any district to meet with opposition which appears to be organised, and in this respect I shall have to have my say in its proper place.

But I can say here, for all Essex to read, that the first thing in the report which requires attention is the rules. I find, therein, that I am committed to belfry reform; that a member must ring a five-bell peal; that I cannot elect a member prior to a peal of Minor, while I may for a peal of Triples; that a probationer must pay and not vote; that one vice-president (of two) appears to have been elected by mistake; and other things. All of which were 'revised in 1935.'

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LINCOLNSHIRE RINGERS REACH THE TOP.

PEAL IN 104 MINOR METHODS.

It has not taken the North Lincolnshire ringers long, since their last success, to reach the summit of achievement in Minor ringing. On Wednesday in last week at Bigby they rang a peal in 104 methods, the greatest number that the skill of composers has yet been able to put into seven true extents.

This peal had not quite the same extents as the 100 and 102 method peals. The additional methods could not just be introduced into one of other of the 720's previously used. To ring the 102 methods they had to discard one of the extents used in the peal of 100 methods and learn 13 new methods. To go on to 104 methods they had to drop yet another of the earlier 720's and introduce one with 13 further methods. It makes the early beating of their own record all the more remarkable. The new extent introduced on this occasion included eleven Delight and two Treble Bob methods.

Altogether there were in the peal three Little, 19 Plain, 28 Alliance, 13 treble Bob, 39 Delight and two Surprise methods, and of the extents as they were rung, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5 were composed by Mr. A. G. Driver, and Nos. 4, 6 and 7 arranged by Mr. C. K. Lewis from Mr. Driver's tables.

It was fitting that this peal should have been rung at Bigby, for not only is it the parish where Archdeacon Parry, president of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Guild, is Rector, but it was in this tower that the band's first step in their achievements was taken. Here it was that in February, 1935, that a peal in 14 methods was rung in which four of the present band took part, it being their first spliced peal.

The road to the record which this band has traversed since the beginning of last year is as follows:—

Date	Place	No. of Methods	Changes of Method
Feb. 12th, 1938	Dunholm, Lincs.	34	130
Aug. 17th, 1938	Elsham, Lincs.	43	128
Nov. 26th, 1938	Elsham, Lincs.	49	132
Dec. 17th, 1938	Bassingham, Lincs.	53	138
April 28th, 1939	Bigby, Lincs.	60	166
May 26th, 1939	Dunholm, Lincs.	70	181
June 16th, 1939	Bassingham, Lincs.	100	189
June 24th, 1939	Leadenham, Lincs.	102	190
July 19th, 1939	Bigby, Lincs.	104	196

Honours in the ringing of most methods in seven extents had previously gone to the Chester Guild and the South Lincolnshire band. On September 5th, 1936, at Disley, Cheshire, 68 methods; December 5th, 1938, Alkirk, Lincs, 70 methods; June 12th, 1937, Buxton, Derbyshire, 73 methods; December 4th, 1937, Alkirk, Lincs, 80 methods; June 16th, 1938, Disley, Cheshire, 84 methods.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(Continued from previous column.)

I hope that members of the association, to whom Mr. Clark is appealing, will realise one fact. We are an association as a whole, and not a collection of districts one against another. And, yes, just one other thing. That it is better to have the 'guts' openly to criticise than to whisper it in the belfry.

Hornchurch, Essex.

GEORGE L. JOYCE.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. L. J. Clark's letter, I should like to make a correction. He writes that a speaker, which was I, said that the Essex Association's Annual Report was a disgrace, although subsequently admitting that it ranked fourth in order of merit out of ten different annual reports held by me.

I think Mr. Clark must have misunderstood what was said at the meeting at Rayleigh. What I said was that I held 14 different annual reports, that nine were far better, and that the other four were no worse than our Essex Association report. This criticism of mine was going to be made whoever was present at the meeting, as I was unable to be present at the annual general meeting. Other criticism from various members seemed to me to be fair, and from what I gathered very necessary, and not working off steam on personalities as suggested by Mr. Clark.

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Prittlewell.

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RINGER'S OUTINGS.

A ROUND OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE 'TWELVES.'

On Saturday, July 15th, Leicester Cathedral ringers had their annual 'busman's holiday.' The party consisted of 32 ringers, 'spares and encumbrances.' A start was made at 8.30 a.m., the object in view being the twelve-bell towers of Gloucestershire. At the Cotswold village of Painswick, the party was met by a local ringer and Mr. J. Austin, of Gloucester, who for the next hour or two was to be guide, philosopher and friend. Incidentally, in the two latter categories Jack is all right, but his services as guide are certainly not to be recommended! The beautiful church in a glorious setting was much admired and the fine old ring of bells were soon heard over the countryside. The stay at Painswick was all too short, and a move was made to Cheltenham, where lunch was waiting. The restaurant was successfully located, in spite of Jack Austin's endeavours to lose the party. After lunch a visit was paid to the Parish Church, where the visitors were met by Mr. William Dyer and numerous other ringers. Touches of Cinques were brought home, but a course of Cambridge Maximus came 'unstuck' in the last lead. After tea the party moved on to the beautiful Abbey at Tewkesbury, where Mr. H. Devereux was waiting. The massive tower was ascended with many evidences of 'bellows to mend,' and the bells were set going to Stedman Cinques, followed by Cambridge Maximus. The more energetic members of the party went to the top of the tower and found that the views to be obtained were something to marvel at. Afterwards a pleasant hour was spent at a local hostelry, where all too soon came the words, 'Time, gentlemen, please.' Final farewells were said and a start made for home. Leicester was reached at the somewhat disgraceful hour of 1.30 a.m. The outing was voted the most successful and enjoyable that the society has ever held, and the best thanks of all are due to the kind friends who made such admirable arrangements at the various places of call.

BEDFORDSHIRE EXCURSION.

Ickleton ringers had a very enjoyable tour into Bedfordshire on June 17th. At Eaton Socon they were met by the captain of the local band, who made them welcome. After ringing they went on to Bromham and again the local captain gave them a welcome. Another visiting team were busy on the church bells, and the Ickleton men enjoyed hearing some good ringing. After having a pull themselves a move was made to Bedford for lunch before going on to Husbourn Crawley. When they arrived there a wedding was taking place, so they were just in time to give the bridal couple a wedding peal. The Vicar (the Rev. A. Rust) came into the belfry and gave the visitors a hearty welcome. Going on to Woburn they were met by Mr. Herbert, who had arranged tea for them at the Magpie Hotel. Afterwards some of the local ringers made the visitors welcome at the church and all had a ring on the grand peal of bells. The ride through the park on the Duke of Bedford's estate on the way to Biggleswade was enjoyed. The party were accompanied by their Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Penney) and a few friends, who wish to thank all the clergy for granting permission to ring and to all friends for their hearty welcome.

A HALF-DAY IN THE COTSWOLDS.

A party of South Staffs ringers had a ringing outing in the Cotswolds on June 24th, but it was an unfortunate choice, as it rained intermittently almost the whole of the afternoon and evening. However, a start was made from Wolverhampton at 1.35 p.m., arriving at Chipping Campden, situated in a hollow of the Cotswolds, at 3.15. Here they rang Grand sire, Stedman and Plain Bob on the mellow ring of eight (tenor 24½ cwt.). From Campden they went to Loughborough, where the church and village are tucked away in the hills, and after ringing, a run of 2½ miles brought them to the fine market place of Stow-on-the-Wold, where there is a magnificent peal of eight (tenor 30 cwt.). The heavy bells bothered most of the visitors, and the best ringing there was a really good fall in peal.

After tea a short journey to Lower Slaughter, a pretty village situated on the banks of a stream which flows into the River Windrush. The six bells are in two tiers so that the trebles can scarcely be heard, the ringing chamber, moreover, is illuminated by means of a rather inadequate oil lamp. In spite of this an excellent 240 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was brought round, as well as Kent Treble Bob and Grand sire Doubles. The final objective was Bourton-on-the-Water, where the Windrush flows through the centre of the village. At St. Lawrence's Church the ringing included Grand sire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Major.

The principal items of interest during the day were the magnificent Perpendicular style tower of Campden Church, the peculiar notes of the bells at Loughborough, which sound like a peal cast in minor key, the peal board in Lower Slaughter Church recording the peal of 5,040 Grand sire Doubles, 15 callings, in 1923, the fine peal of bells at Stow, and, lastly, the almost incredible amount of pork pie and tomatoes consumed by certain members of the party at the Fish Inn on the way home, which was reached at about 12 midnight to 12.30 a.m.

Thanks are due to the various incumbents for permission to ring, to the ringers who so kindly met them at some of the towers (in one case causing some inconvenience), to Mr. Fred Bennett, who made all arrangements for the tour, and to his two friends and himself for placing their cars at their disposal.

A LONG RUN.

All Saints', Maldon, Essex, ringers had a trip into Suffolk and Norfolk for their annual outing on June 24th. They were accompanied by their wives and friends, including Mr. Shephard-Walwyn, the blind ringer. At Debenham they were met by Mr. W. Rumsey and soon had the bells going in Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent and Stedman, and all enjoyed the ring on that beautiful peal. At Diss, in Norfolk, they were received by one of the local band, and, after ringing, had lunch at the King's Head. In the afternoon they visited Mildenhall, where the annual Suffolk Choir Festival was being held. After a rehearsal the Vicar kindly gave the ringers permission to ring before the evening festival service. The last tower was Haverhill, and the journey home was made via Yeldham, Bocking and Witham. Home was reached at 11 o'clock after a journey of about 160 miles. The ringers thank the incumbents for granting the use of the bells and also the towerkeepers for meeting them and helping to make the outing an enjoyable one.

IPSWICH RINGERS IN LONDON.

London was the rendezvous of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, on the occasion of their annual outing on June 24th, the party of 23 leaving Ipswich at 6 a.m. and arriving back at 1 a.m. on Sunday. The ringing began at 10 a.m. at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, where Mr. H. E. Thompson met the party. Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters were rung. Next at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, some Superlative and Cambridge Maximus, also two courses of Forward Maximus were brought round. At St. Michael's, Cornhill, Mr. Tom Longdon had everything ready for more Cambridge Maximus. St. James', Clerkenwell, provided Double Norwich and Superlative Major. Dinner at Talbot's, London Wall, was followed by visits to St. Lawrence Jewry for London, Superlative, Cambridge and Plain Bob Major, and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, for Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques. As an extra turn St. Magnus', London Bridge, was visited, and a good course of York Surprise and Double Norwich Royal, believed to be the first course of York Surprise to be rung in London, were brought round. An hour's handbell ringing at the Coffee Pot with Ancient Society of College Youths friends and social intercourse followed. Through the kindness of Mr. A. A. Hughes, the party were shown the bells already cast for the new peal to be put into Liverpool Cathedral. Thanks are due to incumbents, steepiekeepers and others for their help in making the outing a huge success.

A SCOTTISH OUTING.

The annual outing of the St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Glasgow, took place on Saturday, June 24th, in the form of a motor-coach tour of the Scott country. Travelling by coach via Biggar and Peebles, they reached Melrose in time for lunch, and afterwards visits were paid to Melrose Abbey and Dryburgh Abbey. As this was festival day in Melrose and Peebles, both towns were gaily bedecked, and the carnival processions, etc., added interest to the tour.

On the return journey a visit was paid to Edinburgh Castle, in which is situated the Shrine—the Scottish national war memorial. At St. Mary's Cathedral half an hour's ringing, consisting of Stedman and Grand sire Caters, was enjoyed after tea, and Glasgow was reached at 10 p.m. after an enjoyable day. Thanks are due to Mr. Charles Raine, who arranged the visit and had the bells ready to 'pull off,' and to the Right Rev. Bishop Logie-Danson, Provost of the Cathedral, for the use of the bells. Also to Mr. Thomas Winderam, who brought his accordion and kept the party in lively mood on the way, assisted by other members of the band, with a variety of tuneful (?) instruments.

DEATH OF MR. S. O. FERRY.

ORIGINATOR OF 'FERRY'S LIST.'

There has passed away recently one who, a generation ago, was a tower of strength to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in the person of Mr. Samuel Octavius Ferry. He retired from his position as manager of the Steel Works at Elswick (Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to live in the New Forest, at Atholl Lodge, near Ringwood, shortly after the war and practically gave up his connection with ringing.

While at Elswick it was through his influence that Mr. W. H. Barber came to the works and has remained there ever since, and his coming was a great incentive to ringing in the North.

Mr. Ferry rang in over 20 peals for the association, ranging from Triples to Royal in the standard methods, with a sprinkling of Surprise peals, and was very useful at the heavy end.

He was perhaps better known as the originator of 'Ferry's List,' details of which appear in every annual report of the association. Under this scheme the value of Sunday ringing is tabulated for each tower, and at the end of the twelve months a first and second certificate is awarded to the towers having premier points in two divisions, one for five and six-bell towers, and the other for eight, ten and twelve bells. This has promoted much healthy and friendly rivalry amongst the competing towers and has encouraged regular Sunday ringing to a wonderful extent. The scheme, or a modified form of it, has been adopted by other associations.

Mr. Ferry was nearly 80 years of age and was an elder brother of Mr. E. E. Ferry, a past secretary and president of the association, and who also did yeoman work in the North.

Mr. Ferry leaves a widow and one daughter to mourn their loss. He was interred at Ringwood Parish Churchyard.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**WYKE REGIS' SILENT BELLS.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Upwey on St. Swithin's Day. The drenching rain in the morning gave over to brilliant sunshine in the afternoon, and the bells of the Parish Church were pealing early in the afternoon prior to the service. In every way it was a happy gathering.

The Rector (the Rev. A. S. Bryant) officiated at the service, and the address was given by the Rev. T. R. Teague, Vicar of Preston (Weymouth), who spoke from the prophecy of Isaiah vi.: 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? Then said I, here am I, send me.' Mr. Teague said he came with a message of goodwill from Preston and Sutton Poyntz, where they had four bells, two of which were dated 1629. He revisualised his first experience in South Africa as a missionary and the impression created by the beauty of rhythm of the Zulus' language and the click of a thousand tongues in worship which was so different from worship as they experienced it in this country. He went on to say how rich was this country in bells, in history and in tradition, which in themselves were an acknowledgment of the sovereignty of God on Sunday, of duty, of adoration and of worship.

Following the service the members were invited to tea by the Upwey band in the Reading Room, and the hospitality accorded was in the best tradition of the Guild. About 50 members and friends were present.

Subsequently the usual quarterly meeting was held, and in the absence on holiday of the chairman, Canon Smeck (Rector of Maiden Newton) deputised at the unanimous request of the members present. He was supported by the Rector of Upwey, the Rev. A. F. Godley (Rector of Bradford Peverell) and the secretary (Mr. C. E. Jennings).

Reports were made of recent meetings at Calne, Maiden Newton and Milton Abbey.

The secretary stated that the next meeting would be held at Bere Regis—if suitable to the Vicar—early in September, and a ringing practice at Abbotsbury and Maiden Newton.

Canon Smeck proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and the preacher for his inspiring address and welcomed all visiting ringers. He also thanked the organist and blower.

A special vote of thanks was accorded to the Upwey band for their invitation and hospitality, and, on their behalf, the Rector said how glad they were to welcome their friends.

An urgent plea was made by the secretary for the restoration of the silent peal of eight at Wyke Regis, and suggestions were made for the further support of the funds in hand for this purpose.

The meeting terminated after a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to the chairman.

The following towers were represented: Bere Regis, Dorchester, Maiden Newton, Preston, Stratton, Upwey, Bovington and Wyke Regis, and there were visitors from North Cadbury. Many members visited the famous Wishing Well quite near the church.

An excellent practice was continued for the learners until late in the evening.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.**

The Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild journeyed almost to the limit of their area on Saturday week, when a ringing meeting was held at Congleton, the first to be held at this place for a great many years. There was a minimum attendance, due no doubt to the poor weather conditions prevailing. However, shortly after 3 p.m. ringing commenced on the melodious peal of the eight bells of St. Peter's Church, and later the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Johnson).

The Vicar, who extended a very warm welcome to the ringers, gave a very interesting address and spoke of the duties of the ringers to the Church and the very necessary office the ringer holds in the life of the Church.

At a short business meeting, which followed tea, the Vicar was elected an honorary member of the Guild.

Further discussion on the proposed trip of the branch to Loughborough Bell Foundry took place, and the arrangements now appear to be taking shape.

A resolution was moved that the secretary should send, on behalf of the branch, a letter of congratulation to the Lincolnshire ringers who recently rang the peal of Minor in 102 methods: a truly great performance. The previous best, in 84 methods, had been rung by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild. It was felt, however, that the Cheshire men would not let a mere 19 methods stand between them and the record, and no doubt an attempt will be made in the near future to emulate the Lincolnshire band's excellent performance.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for allowing the use of the bells, to the Vicar for so very kindly conducting the service and acting as chairman at the meeting, also to Mr. Slater, of the local company, for having everything in readiness for the meeting, was proposed by Mr. J. Bradbury, seconded by Mr. J. W. L. Slack, and received with acclamation.

The Vicar suitably responded and afterwards further use was made of the bells. The methods rung during the afternoon consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Plain Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the tower bells, whilst courses of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung on handbells.

UNOFFICIAL RINGING MASTERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—So it appears you have failed to convince at least one large society on this question of branch ringing masters—which goes to prove that Mr. Amos is not alone in his contention on this matter. Despite what you say about 'it can only be done by an association branch master,' I notice in 'The Ringing World' of June 30th that the Yorkshire Association has taken the opposite view, and has very wisely and rightly decided that a branch may have such a person, but on the distinct understanding that no official status attached to such an appointment as far as the association is concerned, and I am told by two of its principals that this recommendation was placed before its members and endorsed nem. con.

Though my views on this matter may be stronger than some people's, I consider the Yorkshire Association has given a lead which others will do well to follow. It is a pity they did not go even further and include the general ringing master in the definition as well, for commonsense policy is, I should think, sufficient to tell anyone that we should not think it right to ever dream of calling a person 'the official warden' or 'the official vergers' who was not definitely attached to the church in question—neither can it be right to recognise ringing masters as such. After all, if the associations have no legal veto in the control of any tower or bells (which even you, Mr. Editor, do not dispute they have), they must be unofficial and therefore an outside body!

In this diocese there has recently been formed a Vergers' Guild, which periodically holds gatherings like ringers. Imagine this body appointing one of its members to act at all its services as 'the official vergers'! Or picture a person being asked to accept a Vicar's wardenship on the understanding that he would be warden sometimes, and when anything special was to be held he would be expected to renounce his authority in favour of someone from another church, and when all was over he could have his wardenship back again. What person would take a position on that 'hop'—this is what, in fact, you seem to expect captains of bellries to do! The whole idea of such a principle is too ridiculous for words.

You seem to place considerable importance on the position of a captain if the incumbent agrees to this policy. Nine out of ten don't know that the associations expect such a thing, or they might take a very different attitude.

The Yorkshire Association, I am told, have always agreed to the local captain officiating, and it seems that this body is anxious not to disturb a practice which, I understand, they have proved, after many years of experience, has worked exceedingly well. They surely deserve the respect of all, despite the cheap gibe they received from the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

P.S.—At the foot of one of my former letters, Mr. Editor, you stated, 'We are always willing (and give the assurance to Mr. Amos) to print views with which we do not agree.' Mr. Amos now awaits the publication of this letter for proof of good faith of that statement.

MR. AMOS 'IN THE SOUP.'

Poor Mr. Amos has gone lamentably 'into the soup' again. If he had read and understood the report of the Yorkshire Association's meeting he would have known that what the meeting discussed was the appointment of 'Deputy Ringing Masters in the Districts,' and he would have realised that the use of the word 'unofficial' was intended to mean that the appointment, if made, would not carry official status in the constitution of the association, because there is no provision for it in the rules.

But that is a minor catastrophe for Mr. Amos. He apparently does not know or else he has wilfully ignored the fact that the Yorkshire Association has an officially appointed Ringing Master in each District. The regulations for the management of districts provide for the election of Ringing Masters, give the Ringing Master a seat (ex-officio) on the District Committee and puts him into office, on election, for three years. The four present District Ringing Masters are in office until 1940. Thus the Yorkshire Association do not take an opposite view to the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' but endorse it by their rules. Of course, there are none so blind as those who won't see and none so perverse as those who deliberately distort facts.

Mr. Amos challenges us in his postscript to publish his letter on the strength of an assurance given in a previous footnote. But he deliberately omits the essential proviso that was laid down at the same time, and that was that views must be reasonably expressed. Unfortunately, Mr. Amos, in his anxiety to score over those who do not agree with him, often allows his pen to run away with his discretion.

We have allowed Mr. Amos to have his say and we must now ask him to carry on his further efforts at reform in this direction by other means than the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World.'

PEAK SOCIETY.

The Ashover meeting of the Peak Society, held on Saturday, July 15th, was well attended, more than 20 members and friends being present from the following towers: Ashover, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Darley Dale, Dore, Matlock, Ripley, Treeton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staveley and Duffield. Some good practice was put in in the standard methods, whilst a course each of Cambridge and London Surprise were brought round, a course of Superlative only failing in the last lead.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS' PEALS.

	Rung	Conducted
On six bells (Plain Bob to 7 Surprise)	33	26
Bob Triples	6	4
Bob Major	94	68
Bob Royal	8	5
Grandsire Triples	129	94
Grandsire Triples on handbells	4	4
Grandsire Major	1	1
Grandsire Caters	16	11
Grandsire Cinques	1	1
Union Triples	1	1
Stedman Triples	312	226
Stedman Caters	57	34
Stedman Cinques	15	2
Oxford Treble Bob Major	3	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	110	92
Kent Treble Bob Royal	31	18
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	202	161
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal	1	1
College Exercise Major	1	1
Champion Major	1	1
Norfolk Surprise Major	3	1
Westminster Surprise Major	3	1
Gloucester Surprise Major	3	2
Oxford Surprise Major	3	2
New Cumberland Surprise Major	6	6
Bristol Surprise Major	15	3
London Surprise Major	87	64
Cambridge Surprise Major	131	81
Superlative Surprise Major	199	123
Yorkshire Surprise Major	3	3
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	1
Spliced Surprise Major (4 methods)	1	1
Cambridge Surprise Royal	14	3
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	2	2
Total	1,500	1,035

MR. FRANK BENNETT'S LIST

The following is the detailed list of Mr. F. Bennett's peals, which have been rung in 547 towers, in every county of England and in seven counties in Wales and six in Ireland.

	On Tower Bells Rung Conducted	On Handbells Rung Conducted
In 7 Minor methods	4	4
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	1
Union Triples	1	1
Oxford Bob Triples	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	1
Grandsire Triples	65	43
Grandsire Caters	34	25
Grandsire Cinques	1	1
Bob Triples	6	3
Bob Major	80	56
Bob Royal	10	7
Bob Maximus	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	84	57
Kent Treble Bob Royal	30	13
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	6	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	1
Stedman Triples	269	179
Stedman Caters	106	66
Stedman Cinques	19	5
Double Oxford Bob Major	2	1
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major	1	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	204	126
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal	3	2
Forward Royal	3	3
Duffield Royal	1	1
Westminster Surprise Major	3	3
Oxford Surprise Major	3	3
Gloucester Surprise Major	3	3
Brighton Surprise Major	1	1
New Cumberland Surprise Major	11	6
Lincolnshire Surprise Major	1	1
Norfolk Surprise Major	17	13
Yorkshire Surprise Major	17	12
Superlative Surprise Major	200	104
New Cambridge Surprise Major	9	6
Cambridge Surprise Major	161	95
Cambridge Surprise Royal	27	9
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	1
Bristol Surprise Major	27	12
London Surprise Major	55	5
London Surprise Royal	1	1
Total	1,473	856
Total rung 1,500.	Total conducted 870.	27 14

NOTICES.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting is at Tutbury on Saturday, July 29th, and the district extends a hearty invitation to North Staffs friends. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.20. Tea at 4.45. All ringers welcome. —J. W. Cotton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton St. Nicholas' on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., Dodmarsh, Withington, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—I. Kay, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton Parish Church (6 bells) on Saturday, July 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Bus leaves Talbot Mews at 2.20. All visiting ringers welcome.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch will hold a meeting at Somerleyton on Saturday, July 29th. Bells recently rehung (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) **AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (North-West District).—The joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea at the old Post Office. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham, as early as possible.—A. H. Smith and F. G. Woodiss, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea in the Memorial Hall (which will be provided by the Rector and churchwardens) and meeting.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Old Bladwell (bells 6), on Saturday, July 29th, when it is hoped for a good attendance. All visitors will be welcome. Bells from 5 p.m.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All are welcome. — Jack Roach, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Nuns Moor Road, Newcastle.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Babcary on Saturday, July 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Barton St. David also available. Please advise for tea. — W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Brockdish on Saturday, July 29th (not 22nd as arranged). Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 'neath' the fir tree (if fine), Rectory Hut if wet. Meeting follows. Special methods, 'Westminster Surprise' and 'Bala Bob.' I have diagrams. Suffolk ringers specially invited; we are on the border.—A. G. Harrison, Brent Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Sidcup, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares (up to 2s.) will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON BRANCH OF HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at Church Stretton on July 29th. Eight nice bells in beautiful surroundings. Good attendance is requested. Names for tea to either W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, or W. J. Beniams, Ben All, Henley Road, Ludlow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Nominations of officers.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Gransden on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 29th, at Snaith, near Goole. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained at the Crown and Bell Hotel. There are several hundreds of six-bell methods. Just look a few up and come along and practice them.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Dinder on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dove Cots, Street, Somerset.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Whilton (6), Saturday, July 29th.—W. C. Moore, 5, William's Terrace, Daventry, Northants.

HENLOW, BEDS.—A fete in aid of Church Funds is being held to-morrow (Saturday), July 29th. Ringing in the evening at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A joint meeting will be held at Whittlesey, with the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, on Saturday, July 29th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Mapledurham on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available from 3-9 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Mapledurham Lock 5.45 p.m. (1s. each). Bicycles can use the Warren Road. Motorcycles and cars must take the Woodcote Road.—E. G. Foster, 401, London Road, Reading.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—The ring of eight bells, restored by John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated on Sunday, July 30th, at the 11 o'clock service. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Bedford. Ringing during the afternoon 3 to 4.30.

LLANBEDR, near CRICKHOWELL, South Wales.—The ring of 5 bells restored by John Taylor & Co. will be rededicated by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon at the afternoon service on Sunday, 30th inst.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice during August: St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1st; St. Magnus the Martyr, 3rd, 17th and 21st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 10th; St. Paul's Cathedral, 15th; Southwark Cathedral, 22nd; St. Clement Danes, 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, 29th. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Urchfont bells also available for ringing during evening. Advise me early how many will attend the tea.—W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Budworth on Sat., Aug. 5th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m.—H. Parker, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Terrington St. Clement on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please try to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

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RETFORD.—Bank Holiday Monday, Aug. 7th. Joint meeting of the North Notts Association and Sheffield and District Society. Towers open for ringing: East Retford, 10 bells; West Retford, 6 bells; Ordsall, 6 bells; at 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. O. Streets, Cobwell Road, Retford, by Wednesday, Aug. 2nd.—R. Towler and M. E. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, NEWQUAY, CORNWALL.—The ring of 6 bells rehung and augmented to eight by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Cornwall on Saturday, Aug. 12th, at 3 p.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting of this branch will be held as arranged on Saturday, Aug. 12th, at Bidford-on-Avon. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hinton Cross, Evesham.

ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE.—Ringing suspended until Monday, Sept. 11th.—James E. Davis, 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12.

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