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IF THE WORST BEFALL.

This article is written at a moment when the international crisis is such that no one can forecast what the next few hours may bring forth. The whole situation is filled with uncertainty for the future. While everyone is hoping against hope that peace may be saved, there are few who, at heart, can feel genuinely optimistic in the present outlook. Would that it could be otherwise. If war comes, with all its tragedy, everything will go into the melting pot and all private interests will have to be sunk in the common weal. One thing, however, is certain, the whole forces of a united country will be harnessed to prosecute the struggle to a successful conclusion. Sacrifices will be demanded of everyone, and they will not be asked for in vain. Our cherished ideals, our individual mode of life, to say nothing of those lesser amenities which help to make the sum of human happiness and contentment, may all be swallowed up in the vortex, but the determination to go on to the bitter end, if need be, will remain.

Not unnaturally the thoughts of many of our readers will turn to what may happen in regard to ringing should war break out. Inevitably it must suffer badly and for a variety of reasons, but chiefly by the demand upon the man power of the country and the overriding claims upon the services of all. As in the last war, those ringers who are left will find great difficulty in carrying on, but, if the worst comes to the worst, they should make a supreme effort to keep the nucleus of a band in existence in every tower and to see that the bells are rung on every possible occasion for the Sunday services. More than ever, in times of stress, do people turn to the Church for spiritual help and consolation, and the church bells ringing for service will carry a message of greater significance than usual to all who hear them. Those who are left in the towers, therefore, should not allow the depletion of strength to discourage their ringing. They should try to bring in and train, as far as opportunity allows, new material. It is here that the services of women might well be encouraged. The ladies proved their worth in the belfry in the last war and would do so again, with the further encouragement that they already have a well established place in the Exercise.

One of the other handicaps that is almost certain to be imposed—it was necessary last time and is likely to be immensely more necessary if there is another conflict—is the complete silencing of church bells during hours of darkness. Like the lighting restrictions, the silencing of bells after dark was found a necessary precaution; it may, we think, be safely anticipated again if the emer-

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gency arises. This, however, should not be a bar to training new personnel; it will make it more difficult, but practice with lashed bells can do quite a lot in the preliminary stages of training and every opportunity can be seized to make the best use of the bells at times when open ringing can be indulged in. Let everything possible be done, if the worst befall, to keep our art alive, and, although it may suffer severe shock like other of the minor pleasures of life, there will then be better prospect of revival when happier times come again.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

HORACE S. MORLEY Treble	ROLAND PARK 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	W. NORMAN PARK 7
WILLIAM J. GRICE 3	ADAM DEAS 8
CHRISTOPHER HETHERINGTON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9
DAVID VINCENT 5	RONALD H. DOVE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ST. DENYS, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 16, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

A. PATRICK CANNON Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 2	THOMAS G. MYERS 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	*A. WILLIAM MYERS 7
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells, recently augmented to eight.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

CHARLES E. FISHER Treble	GEORGE WATERMAN 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 2	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 6
LEWIS H. BYWATERS 3	FRANK L. FISHER 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING 4	PHILIP C. BICKNELL Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 24, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE SAUNDERS Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
RONALD SUELLING 2	H. WALTER SMITH 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
LEONARD E. PITSTOW 4	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Harding 1, C. Harding 2, R. Gale 3, G. Capewell 4, A. Hilliar 5, H. Bromfield 6, T. Harris (conductor) 7, C. Russell 8.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 24, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK SHARPE Treble	*R. WILLIAM BARBER 5
*GEOFFREY WM. HAIR 2	JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON 6
CYRIL V. TABERNER 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
WILLIAM SANDERS 4	OLIVER HINES Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	JAMES GEORGE 6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
JOHN E. CLARKE 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE HARVEY Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by D. VINCENT.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of this church.

WOMBOURNE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

*EDWARD W. VAUGHAN ... Treble	*ROGER HAWKSWORTH ... 5
†CYRIL V. TABERNER 2	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 6
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by B. G. KEY.
* First peal of Major and first in the method. † First peal of Major on a 'bob' bell.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*C. F. BLISSETT Treble	BERNARD LAWTON 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	JOHN LLOYD 6
CHARLES H. WOODHERRY ... 3	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD ... 7
†WILLIAM TURNER JUN. ... 4	†EDWARD AMIES Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Triples 'inside.'
‡ First peal on eight bells. Arranged as a farewell to Canon H. D. Noel Paterson, retiring Rector of Hartlebury.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF SPLICED STEDMAN AND ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S NO. 1.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... Treble	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
FRANCIS KIRK 3	JOHN E. ROOTES 7
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 4	FRANCIS A. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal of Spliced Stedman and Erin Triples. The peal consisted of 3,960 Stedman and 1,080 Erin with 300 changes of method. Rung for the coming of age of Miss Jessie K. Rootes and Miss Lily Coles.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes;

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

A. STANLEY WOODARD ... Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 5
FRANK L. FISHER 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
FREDERICK J. SMITH 3	PHILIP C. BICKNELL ... 7
CHARLES E. FISHER 4	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in the method.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS GWYNETH M. SMITH ... Treble	ARTHUR HAWKINS 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	SIDNEY BAMFORD 6
LESLIE BAINHAM 3	ROBERT SMITH 7
WILLIAM POWELL 4	*CYRIL WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

* First peal and first attempt.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
RONALD SOCKLING 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	JOHN W. WARD 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	H. WALTER SMITH Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

A birthday peal for L. W. Wiffen.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*IVAN B. GARDINER 2	JOHN WORTH 5
JOCELYN B. GARDINER 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 6
THOMAS TAYLOR 3	*CHARLES W. LAWTON 7
MISS EDNA M. P. FETHERS 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. M. P. Fethers, and rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the curate, Rev. Ollier, and Mrs. Ollier. The first peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major for the Guild.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN Treble	† HERBERT G. ANDREWS 5
*MARY I. RAWLINGS 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 7
ALAN G. HALL 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by G. HAWKINS.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal on eight bells and away from the treble. † First peal of Major. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss G. M. Kippin.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN CLARKSON Treble	HAROLD CHANT 5
† WILLIE GREEN 2	GEORGE S. LEE 6
ARTHUR GILL 3	DANIEL SMITH 7
SIDNEY BRIGGS 4	JOHN E. TORLEY Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN E. TORLEY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	KEITH W. WHITTALL 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 4	HARRY D. LISTER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

A birthday compliment to K. W. Whittall.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*J. ANTHONY BEAUMONT 1-2	JOCELYN B. GARDINER 3-4
IVAN B. GARDINER 5-6	

Conducted by J. B. GARDINER.

* First peal 'in hand' and in the method. First peal as conductor.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 23, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

At 20, West Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

LEONARD E. PITSTOW 1-2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5-6
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ST. MEWAN, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mewan,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*SYDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY Treble	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 4
MARIE R. CROSS 2	A. PATRICK CANNON 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells and first peal in seven methods for the Guild and in the Duchy of Cornwall.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH)

On Saturday, August 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD MAUND Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's, each called differently

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*LESLIE HOLLAND Treble	HAROLD BROWN 4
HAROLD PARFEMENT 2	FRED BLOOD 5
WALTER NICHOLS 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH Tenor

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the 60th birthday of the

Vicar of St. Mary's, the Rt. Rev. Neville S. Talbot, D.D., M.C.

PATSHULL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, August 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

MRS. R. WILLIAM BARBER Treble	MAURICE G. TURNER 4
R. WILLIAM BARBER 2	*ALBERT G. RICHARDS 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 3	BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Minor.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4
*GEORGE BREENY 2	FRANK H. HICES 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal in seven methods.

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On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS WHITE Treble	EDWARD G. COWARD 4
*WILFRED P. WHITE 2	*HAROLD G. WHITE 5
*ERNEST H. WHITE 3	WALTER J. TILLY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD G. COWARD.

* First peal.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Oxford Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

KENNETH THOMASSON Treble	WALTER ALLMAN 4
ERIC CLARKE 2	FRANK BARNARD 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss D. Holding and Mr. R. Roscoe, which took place the previous day at St. John's, Crewe.

A PEAL RINGING WEEK.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	FRANK VARTY 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 19, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 5
FREDERICK WHITE 2	ROBERT RICHARDSON 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Composed by ERNEST PYE. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 19, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	FREDERICK WHITE 8
FRANK VARTY 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
GEORGE MARTIN 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT RICHARDSON Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	FRANK VARTY 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
FRANK VARTY 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 21, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 39½ cwt.

MRS. RICHARDSON Treble	*THOMAS HAMMOND 7
*GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	FREDERICK WHITE 8
*GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
*GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	*JAMES H. SHEPHERD 10
*GEORGE MARTIN 5	*FRANK VARTY 11
FRANK BENNETT 6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Bob Maximus.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 23, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK WHITE 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 2	ROBERT RICHARDSON 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, August 23, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 29 cwt.

*MRS. R. RICHARDSON Treble	*GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
*GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	*FREDERICK WHITE 8
*FRANK VARTY 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
*GEORGE MARTIN 5	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal. First peal of Double Norwich Royal by the association and in the county, and first peal of Royal on the bells.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
FREDERICK WHITE 3	*FRANK VARTY 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* 100th peal. First peal of London on the bells.

A PETERBOROUGH GUILD PEAL.

The peal of Doubles rung at Great Doddington, Northants, on August 17th, and recorded in our last issue, was rung for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK VARTY Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
FREDERICK WHITE 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

PEALS IN CORNWALL.

AN ENJOYABLE VISIT.

Ringers visiting Cornwall last week joined in a daily peal attempt on four days. The attempts were made in the evenings, thus leaving the days for bathing, sight seeing, etc. This enjoyable form of uniting peal ringing with other holiday pleasures is to be commended. Some of the party, led by the irrepressible 'gun,' also 'grabbed' a few new towers on one of the days.

Of the four peals attempted, the first two were successful—a peal in seven Minor methods at St. Mewan—the first by the Truro Diocesan Guild and the first in Cornwall—and the first peal on the bells at St. Denys, where the ring was recently augmented to eight.

A 'scientific' peal has to be really good in Cornwall to impress the local ringers, who are, generally, not very favourable to change ringing and are keen critics.

The two peals rung last week were very favourably commented on by those outside, some of whom listened from start to finish.

An attempt for a peal of Minor at St. Winnow was abandoned about half-way through owing to the poor 'go' of two of the bells. It would be hard to find a prettier situation for a church than this. It is right on the bank of the Fowey River, which is tidal at this point, and has thick woods coming down on either side. One of the band was heard to remark that he would like to end his days there. The Vicar gave the ringers a warm welcome, and told them to come again next year and ring all day.

Double Norwich Major at Probus was lost after 2½ hours through a shift course. Probus has a fine peal of bells in Cornwall's grandest tower.

Those who took part in the tour felt they had done a little spade work, as well as having spent a good holiday.

5,040 SPICED STEDMAN AND ERIN TRIPLES.

J. W. PARKER'S NO. 1.

231456	3.	4	5.	6.	7.	12.	13.	These sixes are rung
								Erin.
213465	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.3.8.11.
365142	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.11.
542613	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.11.
524631	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.3.8.11.
134526	—	—	—	S	—	—	—	8.9.14.
346215	—	—	—	S	—	—	—	3.8.11.
245163	S	—	—	S	—	—	—	2.3.8.11.
254136	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.3.8.11.
436512	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.11.
612354	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.11.
621345	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.3.8.11.
145236	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.11.

Four times repeated.

Stedman is always started with a quick six. The composition was rung at Bushey, Herts, on August 28th.

SWANSEA.—After a peal attempt, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by J. A. Hoare 1, J. T. Williams 2, D. G. Brown 3, G. W. Morris 4, E. J. Morris 5, E. Stitch 6, T. M. Roderick (first of Stedman as conductor) 7, A. E. Bacon 8. It was the first quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of 2, 3 and 8. The peal had been arranged for Mr. D. G. Brown, of Penge.

PEAL NOTES.

SPICED PEALS.

There are two spiced peals recorded this week of special interest. At Bushey, Herts, Mr. Harold Cashmore called the first peal of Spiced Stedman and Erin Triples. There were no less than 300 changes of method, and the peal contained 3,960 of Stedman and 1,080 Erin. The composition will be found elsewhere.

At Bollington, Cheshire, a peal of Spiced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob was rung. The courses were called O.O.K.K.K.K.O., and the composition consisted of 2,880 changes of Oxford and 2,304 of Kent, with 36 changes of method. It was called by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

The peals at Ufford and Woodbridge, Suffolk, last week, were arranged for Mr. Lewis H. Bywaters, of Bedfordshire, and that at Woodbridge was his first peal of Double Norwich, which he conducted.

A peal of Grandsire Triples at Netherseale, Derbyshire, on August 24th, was arranged for Messrs. Frank Sharpe and G. W. Hair, of the local Sunday service company. It was their first peal of Grandsire Triples. Mr. R. W. Barber, of Norwich, who was in the district on holiday, kindly assisted at short notice. It was his first peal of Grandsire Triples also, and completed his sequence in the method from Doubles to Cinques.

On the following day both Mr. and Mrs. Barber took part in a peal of Bob Minor at Patsbull, Staffs.

A peal of Minor was rung at Wistaston, Cheshire, on Sunday, in honour of the wedding of Miss D. Holding and Mr. R. Roscoe, which took place on the preceding day at St. John's Church, Crewe. Miss Holding is the daughter of Mr. R. T. Holding, of Crewe, one of the Cheshire Guild's foremost ringers. He took part in his daughter's wedding peal.

The first peal of Stedman Caters in the north-east of Yorkshire was rung on Saturday last at the jet town of Whitby. It happened to be also the 46th anniversary of the first peal on 10 bells rung by Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Canon H. D. Noel Paterson is retiring next month after nineteen years as Rector of Hartlebury, Worcestershire, and a farewell peal was rung at his church on Saturday. It was also made the quarterly peal of the Northern Branch of the association.

THREE SONS' FIRST PEAL.

Mr. Thomas White, of Bruton, Somerset, had the pleasure of taking part in the first peal rung by his three sons, Wilfred, Ernest and Harold, on Saturday in their home tower. It was a peal of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. E. G. Coward. It is seldom indeed that three brothers all ring their first peal together, and more rare still for their father to take part in it.

The Leicester Thursday P.G.'s were happy to include that fine old 'stalwart' from Birmingham, Mr. James George, in the band that rang a peal of Bob Major at Enderby on August 24th. As will be recalled, the Thursdays rang a thanksgiving peal upon his recovery from illness, and as a birthday compliment when he attained the age of 86. Indeed, on Thursday he rang his bell beautifully throughout the peal, fully deserving the congratulations showered upon him at the conclusion. The remainder of the band are indebted to Mr. John E. Clarke and Mr. Len Whitehead for standing in the attempt at the last moment, and tender their sincere thanks to them.

Thanks to a local ringer who stepped into a breach and rang the tenor, the peal of Grandsire Triples at Llangibby was made possible on Saturday. Owing to the crisis, Mr. W. Heath, of Cardiff, was unable to make the journey, having been recalled from annual leave by the Chief of Police. The peal was arranged specially to honour the Rev. John P. Stephens, on his appointment to his first Rectorship. A previous attempt failed on the day of his induction to Llangibby parish on April 11th. The tenor man scored his first peal at the first attempt.

Mr. A. F. Lewry rang his 75th peal on Saturday when he took part in seven Minor methods at Burwash on Saturday.

A peal of Stedman Triples at Sunderland on August 24th was rung to celebrate the golden jubilee of the dedication of the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr. There were two 'visitors' in the peal, Mr. David Vincent, of Hale, Cheshire, who was on holiday at Whitley, and took the opportunity of visiting his old friends at Sunderland, and Mr. T. H. Reeves, of St. Martin's, Birmingham.

Sunday service ringers at St. Mary's, Nottingham, rang a peal of Bob Minor on the front six at their own church on August 21st in honour of the 60th birthday of their Vicar, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Neville S. Talbot.

DEATH OF A BELL DONOR.

On Monday, August 21st, there was laid to rest in St. James' Churchyard, Devizes, Mr. Walter Rose, who worshipped at this church when his health permitted. He, with his brother, the late Mr. William Rose, were donors of the treble bell in St. James' tower in April, 1909, in memory of their father, Mr. John Glyde Rose.

In the evening, after the funeral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung half-muffled: R. W. Bridges 1, G. Winter 2, S. Hillier 3, A. T. Weeks 4, J. S. Weeks (conductor) 5, T. Weeks 6.

The inscription on the bell given by Mr. W. and Mr. J. G. Rose is, 'Drum Timite, Regem Honorate, in Mem. John Glyde Rose, O.B., A.D. III. ID. Dec., A.D. 1900. D.D. Fil. William Rose et Walter Rose, A.D. 1909 E.W. VII. Rege. J. Taylor, Loughborough.'

THE TOUR IN LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

RESULTS OF NINE DAYS' PEAL RINGING.

The nine days' peal-ringing tour in Lancashire and Cheshire, which ended last Saturday, produced eleven successes in sixteen attempts. An excellent start was made with five peals off the reel, then came the first of the failures, when on Tuesday morning a peal of Bristol Surprise Major had to be given up at Tarncliffe, owing to the bad 'go' of the tenor, after fifty minutes. It proved a bad day. In the afternoon a peal of London Surprise was lost at Woolton.

Thursday, too, ended in a 'blank.' In the morning, at Prescott, a band rang right through a peal of Yorkshire Major, but had a bad trip in the last lead and a half and decided not to record it. In the afternoon at St. Helens they were just settling down to Yorkshire Royal, when the Chief Constable and the postmaster came up in the tower and asked that the bells should be stopped. The Post Office is just under the tower, and the bells interfered with hearing on the telephones.

After a third consecutive loss, on Friday morning, when London Surprise at Ormskirk 'went west' after two and a quarter hours' beautiful ringing, the rest of the programme was carried out 'according to plan.'

The result of the tour was not quite so good, in point of the number of peals rung by the party, as in some of their previous years' excursions, but on this occasion they were rather handicapped by lack of numbers.

Messrs. George Martin and Frank Varty took part in all the successes, Mr. Frank Bennett, who organised the tour, and Mr. Fred White in all but one. Five peals were conducted by Mr. Bennett, three by Mr. J. C. E. Simpson, two by Mr. G. R. Newton, and one by Mr. G. Williams. It is not uninteresting to observe that the composer was different in every peal.

Among the notable points in the tour were the first peal of Surprise Royal at Chester Cathedral, the first peal of Double Norwich Royal in Lancashire, and by the Lancashire Association, rung at Wigan, and five other 'first in the method on the bells.' Seven of the band got a 'star' for their first peal of Bob Maximus, rung at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, and six for their first peal of Double Norwich Royal. Mr. Frank Varty rang his one hundredth peal at the end of the week, and he and Mr. R. G. Edwards both 'completed the circle' at Liscard.

FOUR-PART PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

THE FAMILY LIKENESS.

Peals of 5,056 of Bob Major in four parts are numerous, and between some of them there is great similarity. Some are composed with only the necessary two Belfores in each part, some have the addition of a Middle.

The reference last week to Mr. Cornelius Charge's peal, composed in New Zealand in 1936 and rung for the first time at Old Windsor on August 15th last, has brought a letter from Mr. H. J. Tucker, reminding ringers of his well-known four-part peal, with two Belfores and a Middle in each part, which he composed in 1889, and which was first rung at Bishop's Stortford in 1902, conducted by the late Mr. W. Watts. In Mr. Tucker's peal the Belfores are in different courses, in Mr. Charge's they come together. Here are some of the peals with similar characteristics. First Pritchard's popular peal, without Middles, and then some others which contain Middles:—

J. R. PRITCHARD, 1887.

W. B. M. H. 23456

—	1	3	23564
—	1	3	23645
—		2	26435
—		3	32465

C. H. MARTIN, 1890.

W. B. M. H. 23456

—		3	52436
—		3	35426
—	2	—	3 36245
—		2	32465

C. CHARGE, 1901.

W. B. M. H. 23456

—	—	1	64235
—		2	62345
—			48325
—		3	24365
—	2	1	24536
—		3	32546

H. J. TUCKER, 1889.

W. B. M. H. 23456

—	1	3	23564
—	1	3	23645
—	—	2	25634
—		3	32854

J. E. BURTON, 1894.

W. B. M. H. 23456

—	2	—	1 23645
—			3 42835
—			3 34625
—			2 36245
—			2 32465

C. CHARGE, 1936.

W. B. M. H. 23456

—	—	—	45236
—			25634
—		2	26354
—		3	52364
—	2		24536
—		3	32546

All these have, of course, to be three times repeated, with a single in each half to reverse 2-3.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths will be held this year (D.V.) at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Nov. 4th.

The peal-ringing tour in Bedfordshire and Northants, which was to have begun to-morrow, has been abandoned, most of those who were to have taken part having had their holiday leave cancelled.

We regret to say that last Saturday Mr. Tom Groombridge, sen., of Chislehurst, met with an accident. He was knocked down by a pedal cyclist and rather badly hurt. He was taken to Farnborough (Kent) Hospital and detained. He had just left home for a peal attempt at Lewisham when the accident happened. His injuries were to the face and left eye, and the latest information is that his condition is satisfactory. Subject to the results ascertained by an X-ray examination, it is possible he may be returned home before the end of this week, as the hospital is being cleared as rapidly as possible owing to the crisis. If any of his friends wish to write to him, therefore, they should address their letters to 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst. If, by chance, he is still in hospital, the letters will be forwarded.

Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, the hon. secretary of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, has shortly to undergo his six months' military training as a member of the militia. During his absence, Mr. S. F. Palmer, of Sheffield, will discharge the secretarial duties.

By a typist's error, the time of the peal of Stedman Caters, at Yeovil on August 10th, was sent in for publication as 3 hours 32 minutes—precisely the same as that of the Sherborne peal of Stedman Triples. The actual time at Yeovil was 3 hours 18 minutes, which was not bad going for a ring of ten with a tenor of 40½ cwt.

Yesterday was the anniversary of three interesting events. On August 31st, 1912, the longest peal on handbells was rung. A band started at Guildford for 22,222 of Stedman Caters, but when the hour got towards midnight, and they had been ringing nearly nine hours, the conductor decided to cut a bit off the end, and the bells were brought round at 19,738. They had been ringing 9 hours 32 minutes. The ringers were Arthur Shepherd 1-2, Alfred Pulling (conductor) 3-4, William Shepherd 5-6, James Hunt 7-8, Frank Blondell 9-10.

The first ten-bell peal in Scotland was rung on August 31st, 1886, conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe—that was 53 years ago, and he is still with us. It was a peal of Grandsire Caters at Edinburgh Cathedral.

The other August 31st event of note was in 1923, when members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, on their way to the West of England for an outing, rang the first peal in a railway train.

A DISTINGUISHED COLLEGE YOUTH.

250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF SIR HENRY TULSE.

Yesterday was the 250th anniversary of the death of Sir Henry Tulse, the only member of the Ancient Society of College Youths who was Lord Mayor of London and Master of the society in the same year, viz., 1684.

One of the ways in which the College Youths celebrated their tercentenary was by restoring the tombstone of this distinguished Master, where it now rests in a little courtyard opening off Lime Street, a narrow thoroughfare between Fenchurch and Leadenhall Streets in the heart of the city.

Sir Henry Tulse was a benefactor of the parish of St. Dionis, Backchurch. When the church was rebuilt after the fire of 1668, he gave a marble font and marble steps leading to it, and when he died in 1689, he was buried inside the church in his own vault. When the building was pulled down, the font was removed to St. Dionis', Parsons Green, and the stone slab which had covered the grave was transferred to the courtyard which marks the site of the old churchyard.

The inscription on the tomb, which was re-cut in 1936, is:—

In a Vault under-neath
this Stone Lyes Buryed the Body
of SIR HENRY TULSE, who Departed
this Life the 31st day of
August, 1689.

The College Youths, at their tercentenary, added a bronze plate bearing the following:—

'Sir Henry Tulse was a Benefactor of the Church of St. Dionis, Backchurch, formerly adjoining. He was also Grocer, Alderman and Lord Mayor of this City.

'In his memory this tombstone was restored November, 1937, by the Ancient Society of College Youths (during the 300th year of the Society's foundation). He was Master of the Society during his Mayoralty in 1684.'

ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

There are two corrections to the list we published last week. The secretary of Cambridge University Guild is Mr. R. H. Richens, Selwyn College, Cambridge.

There was a 'transposition' in the address of Mr. Leslie Morris, secretary of the Yorkshire Association. He lives at 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

THE NORWICH SCHOLARS.

AN ANCIENT SOCIETY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 546.)

As I have said, we have no account of any ringing society in Norwich during the seventeenth century and we do not know when the Society of Norwich Scholars was founded. Its origins probably go back to the sixteenth century, but it does not seem to have been a formally organised society with master and stewards and a code of rules, as were the Society of Cheapside Schollers, the Society of College Youths and the Society of Esquire Youths. There must, of course, have been some organisation, and there was bound to have been something like a social club. The name Norwich Scholars was probably never formally adopted, but was applied to the ringers by people in the same way that ringers in all parts of the country were usually called 'scholars' or 'youths.'



THE FINE OLD CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

It was not until the year 1716 that the Norwich ringers organised themselves into a formal society, and then it was as a 'purse club' or benefit society. Although the title Norwich Scholars was already in use, it was not applied to the new society.

On December 22nd, 1716, articles were 'made and agreed unto by the Society of Ringers in the City of Norwich for the ordering of a stock or purse for the relief of such persons as shall be therein concerned and shall stand in need of the same.'

Every candidate for admission had to be capable of ringing five courses of Grandsire Triples. He paid an entrance fee of two shillings and thenceforth two shillings a quarter until he had paid ten shillings in all, and then he was entitled to be a full purser. After that his subscription was one shilling a quarter. No one over 30 years of age was admitted as a member.

The number of full pursers was not to exceed five and forty, but an unlimited number of members could be admitted who were entitled to partial benefits.

The officers were a Headman, a Purser (also called the Treasurer), two Supervisors and two Feast Makers. The Headman had power to fix the time and place of the quarterly meetings, and the Feast Makers, with the consent of the Headman, to make arrangements for the annual dinner, which was to be held on every Whitsun Monday, and for which everyone had to pay one shilling and sixpence. 'And if any person belonging to this Society doth privately and fraudulently dispose of any beer which doth properly belong to the whole Company

in any of their public meetings, he shall for his first offence pay sixpence, and for the second be struck out of the book.'

If any person belonging to the purse fell ill and desired relief he had to send by a member of the society to the officers to acquaint them with his condition, and seven days after notice they were to pay him nine shillings, then seven shillings a week for two months and after that four shillings a week. On the death of any member forty shillings were granted for his burial.

The stock of money was not to be reduced below ten pounds, and so long as six members remained in the society the purse was not to be broken.

The usual fines and penalties were provided for the usual offences—refusal to take office, quarrelling, disobeying orders, cheating and the like.

The whole company was under an obligation to attend the funeral of a deceased member, timely notice having been given. Those who were absent were fined sixpence and those who were present had each to spend threepence for his own drinking.

CONTROL OF STEEPLES.

The society tried to control the whole of the ringing at all the city churches. There were at the time many ringers in Norwich, and they appear to have been organised into different 'steeple companies.' A rule was passed that 'when there be a vacancy in any Steeple Company of Ringers in this City, either by death or otherwise, the said Steeple Company shall be obliged to choose a person to supply any such vacancy who is at that time a member of the Ringers' Purse in this City and the person chosen out of one company into another doth thereby discharge himself of his former Company by accepting the same, for no man shall hold two Steeple Companies.' And another rule said that 'if any member or members of this Society shall practice with, aid, or assist any person or persons to take away any Steeple or Steeples from this purse to the detriment of the same he or they shall be expelled the purse for so doing.'

We must not, however, suppose that the society was like one of our modern territorial associations, a federation of bands belonging to and practising at separate churches. The explanation of the system will probably be found in a tradition which lasted down to my time between forty and fifty years ago. The paid ringing and the benefits accruing at the various churches (mostly from Christmas boxes) were supposed to be shared according to a recognised scheme. The twelve senior members rang at St. Peter's, Mancroft, the five junior members at St. Peter's, Permountergate, and other bands had other churches. The same band might ring at more than one church.

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THE NORWICH SCHOLARS.

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Except at Mancroft the 'benefit' band did not hold any practice at a tower or ring there except during the month before Christmas. There were many more ringers and many more belfries available in 1720 than there were in 1893, and probably there was a certain amount of sectional practice ringing, but there never was a band specially belonging to St. Giles' or St. Miles', unless it were an opposition band.

There was the same exclusive spirit in Norwich that we find in London and elsewhere and the same quarrels and schisms. One of the rules reads: 'If any person or persons belonging to this society shall at any time or place aid or assist any particular company of ringers, or shall agree to make a separate company among themselves in the City of Norwich to the detriment or disadvantage of the said society or purse of ringers, he or they shall be expelled out of the said society for so doing.'

This purse club supplied the organisation of the Norwich Scholars for many years, though, as I have said, it did not use that name. In the days when there was no general insurance and no great benefit societies like the Oddfellows and the Foresters it was an excellent thing and supplied a real want. It prospered during the eighteenth century and about 1750 a rule was made that the purse should not be reduced below £100, any deficiency being made up by a levy of 1s. 6d. per quarter on the members for so long as it was necessary.

But like most similar institutions, it had its evil days as well as its good, and it would be difficult to prove a continuous unbroken existence. More than once in the nineteenth century, when the membership got small, the members succumbed to the temptation to break the purse and share out the funds.

About the year 1870 members were admitted who were not ringers and the purse club was run as a separate organisation from the St. Peter's company. Finally in the early days of the present century the connection between the Mancroft belfry and the old company of ringers was completely severed and not many years later the purse club came to a quiet and inglorious end.

PROPERTY DISPERSED.

During the course of the years a certain amount of property was acquired by the club. It consisted of a parchment roll with the rules set out in full, a number of pewter flagons and mugs, a quantity of token money, several framed records of peals, a set of handbells in a leather trunk made by William Porter, the composer of Double Norwich Court Bob and the tenor ringer to the first peal of Stedman Triples, and copies of the *Clavis* and *Shipway's* and *L'Estrange's* books. There was also at one time a peal book, but that was lost in the early part of the nineteenth century.

The parchment roll was alienated at about the same time, but was bought by Walter Rye, the Norfolk antiquary, as far from the city as Exeter. He afterwards gave it to the church and it is now in the sacristy there.

When the purse club was finally broken up the property was divided among the members and is now irretrievably dispersed and lost.

Another piece of property which may not have belonged to the purse club, but to the St. Peter's, Mancroft, belfry, was the ringers' jug. It holds 17 quarts and was the gift of John Dersley in 1749. Dersley was a potter and Sheriff of Norwich in 1759 and Mayor in 1764. The jug was always filled on Old Year's Night with 'hot-pot,' a concoction of old beer, and rum, and spices, which was consumed by the ringers and leading parishioners in the belfry. The custom lasted until 1880.

This jug, too, was at one time lost, but was recovered in 1846 at a sale by Robert Fitch, a well-known chemist in the city, and given back by him to the ringers. For long it was kept inside the tenor box and now is in the church sacristy.

The reputation of Norwich bells and ringers stood very high at the beginning of the eighteenth century. In 1723 a writer declared that the tower of St. Peter Mancroft contained 'eight bells as perhaps have not their fellows considering their musical notes and the persons by whom they are rung who may challenge (without vanity) any eight men in England, for ringing is practised no where else for number of changes and truth of ringing.'

The great interest taken by the citizens in the art, even when they were not themselves ringers, is shown by the frequent references to it in the pages of the *'Norwich Gazette.'* Norwich men liked to know what was being done by ringers in other parts of England as well as at home.

A CURIOUS EPISODE.

I have no space to tell now the story of the early Norwich peals, which are among the most interesting in the annals of change ringing. You will find some of the tale in my book on 'Stedman.'

In 1736 the ring at St. Peter's was increased to ten and shortly afterwards a record peal of 12,600 changes of Grand sire Caters was rung on them, but twelve years before that a rather curious episode occurred.

The Norwich ringers being so good and so famous, it was natural that many people, including no doubt the ringers themselves, would wish to have the old octave augmented to ten so that the performances in London by the College Youths and the London Scholars could be equalled and surpassed. So in 1724 a scheme was set on foot to add two trebles, and on July 25th in that year the bells were actually hung in the tower. But the order was given by someone without sufficient authority and before the money to pay for them had been

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BIRMINGHAM RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

AN EVENING AMONG THE BIRDS AND FISHES.

A party of Birmingham ringers, their wives and friends, representative of St. Martin's, the Cathedral, King's Norton and Selly Oak, with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pervin, of Coventry, spent a very pleasant evening on Saturday, August 19th, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Yates, of The Clock House, Hopwood, situated on the Redditch road, approximately ten miles from the city. The Clock House, as its name implies, is a veritable storehouse inside and outside of ancient and modern clocks, whose bells and gongs remind those staying in the house of 'the witching hour of midnight'—and other hours as well.

Mr. Yates, a member of St. Martin's Guild and a service ringer at the Cathedral, conducted the party round the beautiful gardens, with their endless variety of flowers, with water fountains and cascades charmingly set, spacious lawn, and vegetable garden, with fowl-houses, and a large aviary containing canaries, budgerigars, parrots, and, last but not least, some beautiful white tumbler pigeons who did their 'stuff' for the benefit of the thirty guests, who roamed at will, until it was time to attack a sumptuous repast kindly provided in the gardens. The host and hostess were heartily thanked by Mr. Albert Walker for their generous hospitality and their unfailing interest in bells and bellringers. The 'toast' was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Yates replied in his own inimitable and charming way.

Apologies for absence were received and read by Mr. Yates from Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, F. E. Haynes, E. T. Allaway and T. H. Reeves. The last-named sent telegraphic greetings from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The host then conducted the party to a large sheet of water a mile away from Clock House. Here, in the Club Room, were many fine specimens of fish caught in these waters, among them being a large pike approximately 32lb. in weight, caught by Mr. Yates himself, who evidently is no mean fisherman. On returning to Clock House, more refreshments were provided, and handbells were enjoyed on the lawn in tunes and changes. At ten o'clock the party broke up with many expressions of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Yates for a very delightful evening.

VISIT TO WORCESTER.

On Sunday afternoon, another excursion was made by road, in which Mr. Yates joined, to Worcester Cathedral, pausing on the way to take tea at Windyridge, near Worcester, the charming residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Percy Thomas. Here, again, the beautiful gardens and orchards were admired. Baskets were provided, and all were allowed to pick as much fruit as they wished. Needless to say, everyone took advantage of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas' kind offer.

Tea on the lawn and a 'chin wag,' in which the parrot took a conspicuous part, brought time for ringing.

Mr. Thomas, whose keen interest in bells and bellringers is so well known, accompanied the party to the Cathedral, where they were met by Messrs. S. T. Holt, G. E. Large, G. Hinton and G. Lewis, and the grand twelve were kept going until the service began at 6.30 p.m.

On the return journey to Birmingham, the party were again invited to Windyridge for further refreshment and another 'chin wag' (in which the parrot again joined).

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were heartily thanked for their kindness and hospitality, and home was reached at 10.30 p.m.

A. W.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT MORETON CORBET.

The Shropshire Association enjoyed a visit to Moreton Corbet on Saturday last. This has been a favourite venue for many years, and the reception accorded by the new incumbent suggested that the very pleasant relations will be continued. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. —. Still), and tea was prepared by his household staff.

Members were late in arriving, but twenty-four were present for tea, and further arrivals swelled the total afterwards. Some excellent ringing was heard, methods up to Surprise Minor being rung.

During the evening a party went to Stanton and enjoyed ringing on the bells there.

A feature was a touch of London Minor rung at Moreton Corbet by a mixed band, the striking being of competition standard.

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collected. Subscriptions did not come in as was hoped, the parish authorities repudiated any liability, and on September 14th the bells were taken down again. Norwich had to wait twelve years longer before it had a ring of ten bells.

It seems a rather curious tale, but it is not so incredible as it appears. Something very similar happened a century later at St. Andrew's, as I have already mentioned. In the eighteenth century parish vestries undertook to keep the bells in repair and to replace cracked or broken ones, but the provision of new bells was generally left to men who were interested in the art of change ringing and wanted them for that purpose. The vestry sanctioned the scheme, but accepted no responsibility for it, and as a rule took a bond to cover any damage that might be done or any charges that might fall on the parish.

RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.

SOME HINTS ON HOW TO DO IT.

Several requests have reached us recently for some hints on raising and falling bells in peal. The advantage of this manner of starting and finishing ringing, particularly if it is done well, is, of course, fairly obvious. For one thing, the public appreciate it better than an indiscriminate jangling of bells by ones and twos, while it is also excellent practice in striking. Indeed, in the West of England, where there are many bands who do no 'scientific,' as they term change ringing, the accurate striking of the bells in raising and falling is looked upon as of as great importance as the round ringing, and it forms part of their competitions.

This practice of raising and falling in peal goes back to the days before change ringing was known. At that time stays or sliders had not been invented to hold the bells when they were up and not being rung. The consequence was that each time before ringing could take place the bells had to be raised, and had to be lowered again before the ringers could leave the ropes.

With the introduction of stays and sliders, the need for raising the bells in peal became less necessary, and the practice is an unknown art in many places now. Sometimes, after some excellent ringing, bells are let down in a jangle, thus spoiling the effect of the previous efforts. Often Sunday service ringing is spoilt by the same method of lowering the bells. Raising and falling in peal is by no means a general thing, and yet if well done it can be really effective; indeed, the accurate lowering of bells in peal makes a beautiful finish to any ringing, and ringers should not neglect to acquire proficiency in it.

But raising and falling in peal needs practice; just as any other form of ringing requires practice. The secret of lowering bells accurately in peal is keeping control over the bells all the way down. This does not mean, of course, that a bell half-way down can be 'held' as can a bell which is being rung full up; but it is possible to handle the bell in such a way that it can be 'felt' all the way down, so that a very slight check on the rope will serve to put it a little closer, or a slight pull will keep it a shade wider. There is no place for 'sloppy' ringing when the bells are running down, any more than in change ringing.

The bells, of course, begin at the usual 'rounds' pace, and then gradually close in to a quicker compass as they fall. The trebleman must keep his bell at the 'opposite stroke' to the tenor as long as his bell is 'sallying'—that is, as long as a handstroke can be distinguished from a backstroke.

The heavier the bells the slower the fall must inevitably be, but one of the most important things to remember is that the bells should keep 'coming down,' not get partly down and stay there, or start getting up again. The fall of the treble should be steady and continuous, and accommodated to the speed at which the tenor comes down. A good deal, therefore, depends upon the speed set by the tenor ringer, and every man must use his ears so that the striking is smooth and the ever-lessening intervals between the bells are as regular as, although faster than, good round ringing with the bells going full circle.

EARS ARE IMPORTANT.

The need for using one's ears is all important. A bell too fast or too slow for the others will soon turn a fall into a jangle. If a ringer finds he is breaking the compass by being too wide he must check his bell, but at the next stroke he will probably find he must give it a little 'pull,' otherwise in the following stroke he will be too low, and possibly hitting the bell in front. If he is too close he must, of course, pull his bell a trifle until he gets back to the right interval; but pulling or checking should not be done to excess. The ideal is, naturally, to keep the bell in its right place all the time.

In raising in peal, the process required is a steady pull at every stroke. In the old days a rise was not considered perfect, unless all the bells spoke at the second stroke. One seldom hears that now. The treble and then the other bells are swung so as to strike at a short interval after each other, the heavier bells gradually joining in. The treble is then swung higher and higher, while the others strike at such intervals that the whole of them sound before the next blow of the treble. The intervals are gradually widened out, until eventually the bells are up and under full command.

It is equally as important to keep the bells going higher and higher with each pull, in raising, as it is to keep them running down when falling; indeed, the ringers will find their task involves additional hard work if they do not keep the bells going up. If two bells are clashing, more weight must be put on the heavier one, if it is his fault, to 'lift' it away from the other, but it may then be necessary to check a little, otherwise at the next blow the gap may be too wide. On the other hand, if the clashing is due to a wide blow, then the bell beneath must be brought a little closer.

The trebleman must pay careful attention to his work. A great deal depends upon him, and he must endeavour to keep the 'rise' going at a regular rate of progression, otherwise he may throw the whole of the bells into a heap. Raising the treble needs practice, and the best way to get it is to lash the clappers of the treble and tenor bells; then let the tenorman gradually pull his bell up, while the trebleman keeps his bell exactly at the opposite stroke.

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CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

OLD RING IN MASSIVE CAMPANILE.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Chichester on Saturday, August 19th, when twenty members and visitors attended from Arundel, Brighton, Billingshurst, Chichester, Coleman's Hatch, Heene, Hartfield, Portsea, Petersfield and Shoreham.

At the business meeting, which was held in the belfry, a vote of thanks was proposed to the Dean of Chichester for the use of the bells of the Cathedral. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Stedman, Bob Major, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Superlative and London.

Chichester Cathedral has a massive campanile, with a huge ringing chamber, one of the largest in the country. Its bells are a mixed lot of poor tonal quality, but some of them have an antiquarian interest. For instance, the fifth and sixth are believed to have been cast by William Purdue, who cast a number of bells in Sussex in 1665 and 1666, and may have had a temporary foundry at Chichester. The fifth is inscribed 'Deus Dei Deo annis anno domini 1665,' and the sixth, 'Dominus providebit anno domini 1665. W.P.'

The two oldest bells, however, are the 3rd, 'Give thanks to God. 1583. I.W.' and the 7th, 'Be mecke and loly to hear the word of God. I.W. 1587.' I.W. was, presumably, John Wallis, a bell founder of Salisbury at that period.

The fourth was cast at the Chertsey Foundry of William Eldridge, 'Grilhelms Eldridge me fecit 1674.' Richard Phelps, of London, cast the tenor, inscribed 'Soli Deo Gloria,' in 1706, and from the same foundry came the two trebles which, in 1729, completed the octave.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

PRESENTATION TO MR. W. WHEELDON.

On Friday, August 25th, a very interesting function took place in the schoolroom at Bucknall, Staffs, in the shape of a presentation of a wallet to Mr. William Wheeldon in recognition of his 50 years' service as a ringer at St. Mary's Church. Amongst those present at the gathering were four ringers, all of whom had over 50 years' service to their credit. This was considered to be unique in the ringing history of North Staffordshire. Their names are Mr. S. Churton (Stoke), Mr. J. E. Wheeldon (Norton), Mr. H. Carnwell (Kingsley) and Mr. W. Wheeldon (Bucknall).

The proceedings were opened by the singing of a hymn, after which the Rector (the Rev. J. C. Gardiner) spoke of the sterling worth of Mr. Wheeldon as leader of the ringers of Bucknall, and of his hearty co-operation in other spheres of activity in the Church. He said it gave him very great pleasure to make the presentation, as the wallet represented the appreciation not only of the Church officials but also of the parishioners in general, who had subscribed to the gift.

Mr. Wheeldon feelingly thanked the Rector, those present and all who had subscribed to the presentation. He assured them that he was very proud to feel that his services to the Church were appreciated. He thanked his own ringers for their loyalty both to the Church and himself. Mr. Wheeldon also paid a warm tribute to his wife, who had so wholeheartedly supported and encouraged him in the art he loved so well.

21st BIRTHDAY QUARTER-PEAL.

On Thursday, August 24th, at St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) was specially arranged and rung in honour of Miss Gwendoline Kippin's 21st birthday, which occurred on that day. Miss Kippin and her sister (Mrs. F. W. Housden) both took part: E. D. Smith 1, A. Prior 2, Miss G. Kippin 3, Mrs. F. W. Housden 4, F. W. Housden 5, J. Bennett 6, G. Dawson 7, P. A. Corby (conductor) 8.

TEN-YEAR-OLD'S ACHIEVEMENT.

Not yet eleven years old, Cyril Tuffley, of Muckleton, Glos, has rung the treble to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by his father. His performance was a great achievement, for he struck his bell well throughout. The quarter-peal was rung on Sunday, August 13th, for the dedication festival at St. Lawrence's Church: G. Tuffley (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Bubb (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, L. Kinchin 3, F. Tuffley (conductor) 4, F. Kinchin 5, W. Brown 6.

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It would be far better for the public if more ringers would raise and lower their bells in peal. It would also give a far more effective beginning and end to the change ringing. If details could be gathered, we believe it would be found that raising and falling in peal is done by a greater percentage of call change ringers than by those who practise scientific change ringing. Yet it ought not to be so. Raising and falling in peal takes very little, if any, longer than pulling the bells up or letting them down singly, while the effect is infinitely better. But it requires practice, and such practice should also improve the standard of striking in the change ringing of the band which adopts it.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

AMONG GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOWERS.

The eighth annual outing of the ringers of St. Mary's, Rodbourne Cheney, who were accompanied by a few ringing friends, took place in delightful weather on Saturday, August 19th, when a programme of visits to Gloucestershire towers was duly carried out. The excursion, however, was preceded by sending one of their colleagues on his matrimonial journey by the usual rounds, Queens, and fring, finishing with a touch of Grandsire. This over, a delayed start was made, owing to the non-arrival of one of the party. South Cerney was the first objective, and a very nice toned peal of bells was met with. Rounds, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were indulged in, after which Maisey Hampton was visited, and again some good striking was in evidence in touches of Stedman and Bob Minor. Bibury became the next point of interest, but, alas, for all the trouble the secretary had taken, no arrangements had been made locally for their visit. The key of the belfry could not be found. A search party was sent out to locate the Vicarage, only to find the Vicar out. Further search to find the sexton resulted in the discovery that he, too, was absent. The desired information as to where the elusive key could be found was, however, given by Mrs. 'Sexton.' This obviously shortened the allotted ringing time allowed, as provision for tea had been made at this beauty spot. The spread, prepared by Hostess Osborne, was served on the lawn sloping to the river Coln. Afterwards some had a look round this charming village, others indulged in feeding the trout, while the remainder rang several touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor on handbells to an assembly of mystified visitors who had gathered round.

Going on to Coln St. Aldwyn, a light peal of eight was met with, and here the advanced section fraternity were able to give of their best, with touches of Cambridge, Bob Major and Stedman. Here, also, a voluntary organist was discovered, and an impromptu choir was formed which made time pass all too quickly for both ringers and singers. A local ringer preceded the party to Hathcrops as a guide. This proved very fortunate, as difficulty would certainly have been experienced in locating the church, which was discovered immediately behind the castle. The light ring of six was soon going to various methods of Doubles by the smaller fry. The church itself is very interesting, and much more time than was allowed was necessary to view, with admiration, the many beautiful subjects displayed therein. The sinking sun was a reminder that another move had to be made to the last objective—Fairford. This church is too far famed to need any description. Foreman Hope was in attendance to meet the visitors, and had everything in readiness. There was some excellent ringing on this lovely peal of eight, a well-struck touch of Stedman being especially noted, together with touches of Double Norwich and Bob Major. Standing among the choir stalls to ring did not embarrass or deter the members from giving of their best. Possibly it may have been the 'beauties' of this fair place that attracted the younger element, for it was discovered, after the bells had been raised, that only the 'old 'uns,' together with a few of the local band, were left to man the ropes.

Home was reached shortly before 11 p.m., after a very enjoyable day. The party take the opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the various towers for the use of the bells and the towerkeepers and others for making arrangements which added to the success of the day.

ALFRESCO MEALS.

The ringers of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, visited Devon for their annual outing. They started at 7 a.m. and breakfasted on the roadside and then proceeded in stages to Chudleigh, Bovey Tracey, Kingsteignton and Highweek, at each of which places they rang. Lunch was also an alfresco affair, and those who enjoyed the excursion can testify to the efficiency of the commissariat department. The successful arrangements were made by Mr. Clifford Parkman, who was sincerely thanked for his efforts.

HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

After a lapse of over ten years, a revival of the Hatfield bellringers' outing took place on Saturday, July 29th, when a dozen members embarked upon a tour, which proved a great success and full of pleasure. The clerk of the weather seemed to be favourably disposed and changed the dismal atmosphere to a bright sunny afternoon for the party's departure to Baldock, where the first stop was made for a 'pull' on a heavier peal than that of Hatfield's tower, and noisier too, but touches of Stedman and Grandsire were successfully accomplished, while the probationers had their opportunity as well. The ride to Royston was most cheerful, for the sun was doing its best to make up for its absence in the last few weeks. Royston has a very light peal, the tenor being about 12 cwt., and after Baldock's 28 cwt. was a little strange, but some very good ringing was enjoyed. The party then went on to Barkway, the home town of one of the band, and the pretty scenery on this stage looked its best in the sunshine. At tea the ringers had the pleasure of the company of the Rector (the Rev. M. P. G. Leonard) and the Revs. Thomas and Smith, who had motored from Hatfield to join the party, and their presence was greatly appreciated. The Guild secretary expressed the hope that the outing would again become an annual function and that everyone would endeavour to assist in the accomplishment of the peal the

Rector wanted in 1940, to commemorate the foundation of the Parish Church.

Barkway has a very fine peal of bells and some good ringing on them was easily the best of the day, Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob all being rung with real enjoyment. Hertford was the next and last call, but the party did not arrive till the shades of evening and some rain had fallen, but the bells of St. Andrew's had to get into their swing again, a peal having been attempted by another band in the afternoon. The ringing was not too good at this ten-bell tower, but with the help of some local ringers the pull was enjoyable. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed and all expressed appreciation that the day had been so successfully arranged and carried out.

LONDON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, August 19th, through the kindness of the Rev. P. D. Ellis, acting Rector of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, the service ringers of that church had their annual. They made a coach trip with ideal weather prevailing. Great Bardfield, Essex, was reached at 10 a.m., and touches of Grandsire, Cambridge and Spliced Surprise were rung on the bells at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. At Clare, Suffolk, Stedman and Double Norwich were brought round, after which they went on to Lavenham, reaching the Swan Hotel in time for a most enjoyable lunch. Afterwards, on the famous bells, Stedman, Double Norwich and Spliced Surprise were successful, the latter, the visitors were informed, being the first spliced touch on them. Then eastwards to Hadleigh, where Stedman and Superlative were rung on the grand peal at St. Mary's Church. A hasty departure had, however, to be made, in order to reach Halstead, Essex, by 5 o'clock. In St. Andrew's Hall, the very nice tea was much appreciated. In the tower, Bob Major, Yorkshire and London were rung, but the attempted spliced would not come round—the only failure of the day.

The ringers take this opportunity of tendering the Rev. P. D. Ellis their grateful and sincere thanks for providing for such a day, also the various incumbents for permission to ring, Messrs. Stedman, Symonds and Claude Snowden for their co-operation, and, last but not least, the 'engineers,' Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davis, for arranging an exceptionally splendid day out.

ANOTHER DEVON TOUR.

On August Bank Holiday, eighteen members of the Devon Guild spent a very enjoyable day in visiting Plymtree, Kentisbeare, Uffculme, Culmstock, Milverton and Ashbrittle, and at these churches rang touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. They were accompanied by a visitor from Sheffield (Mr. Dickens) and were pleased to meet Mr. G. H. Myers and his son from Plymouth at Milverton, where an excellent touch of Stedman Triples was tapped off. It is 27 years since Mr. C. R. Lilley, who organised the outing, conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples there. The party spent a lovely day amid fine scenery and much enjoyed the ringing. They express their best thanks to Mr. C. Tarr for arrangements at Milverton and to the incumbents of the other churches.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL JOINT MEETING AT SIX-BELL TOWER.

It was a real 'joint' meeting at Cobham on Saturday, August 19th, when two districts of the Guildford Diocesan Guild met. The bells (a handy peal of six) were going early in the afternoon, the local band ringing them for a wedding, but visitors began to arrive soon after 3 o'clock, although later it became a bit of a job to get them to forsake their grassy seats under the shade of the yews, just outside the belfry door.

The Guild's service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. G. N. Nicklin, with choir and organist, the Rector, the Rev. J. du V. Brunton, giving a short original address.

Tea was rather late, owing to the caterers having been busy with the wedding reception, and it was therefore all the more welcome to over 40 ringers and friends who sat down, presided over by the Rector, but they failed to clear the board.

There was no business to be transacted, so, after a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped make the meeting a success, a return was made to the tower, where ringers from West Grinstead, Sussex, on their outing, joined in the ringing and added Norwich Surprise to the list of methods rung, which ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London, by very mixed bands composed of ringers from Addlestone, Banstead, Chertsey, Cobham, South Croydon, Epsom (Christ Church), Ewell, Haslemere, Hersham, Kingston, Leatherhead, Merton, Newdigate, Putney, Stepney, Uxbridge, and Wraybury. Mr. E. M. Atkins and Mr. Stafford Green also paid a passing visit.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. Bells ready 4. Meeting in tower at 6.30. Everybody welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea following at 1s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Whitminster on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Usual procedure. Bus from Commercial Road at 2.45 p.m.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West and South-West Divisions.—A joint meeting will be held at Epping Town on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—W. Wheeler and J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Secs.

PASTON CHURCH, NORFOLK.—New treble bell, to complete ring of six, and new electric clock, by Gillett and Johnston, to be dedicated September 2nd, 4 p.m., by Rev. J. F. Williams, Rector of South Walsham. Ringers are invited. Vicar kindly providing tea, and asks prior notification of the numbers attending.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary, Hendon, on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Methods for special attention, Double Court, Bob Minor and London Surprise Minor. Other methods will be rung as required.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Aughton, on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m.; after tea, at Christ Church, Aughton.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please send in good time those requiring tea. Make it a good meeting.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belper, on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All ringers assured of a hearty welcome. Methods to suit all.—W. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bishops Cannings on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, for which advise.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Watford (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Usual arrangements.—H. H. Shrives, Hon. Branch Sec., The Mill, Long Buckby, Rugby.

THE NEXT BEST THING, a meeting at Aldenham, Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells open 3.30. Tea at Social Club 5.30. Nearest stations: Bushey and Radlett. Buses stop at church, good service. Herts at her best.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Service ringing at St. Clement Danes, Strand, Sept. 3rd, at 10 a.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes, Sept. 11th and 25th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary, Lambeth, Sept. 26th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Houghton-le-Spring on Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—Margaret A. P. Bertie, 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by Rev. Canon Whytehead. Tea at Waller's Restaurant at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to me not later than Sept. 5th. Gentlemen very cordially invited.—Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec., 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Names for tea must be sent by Thursday, Sept. 7th, to me. Now for the Minor methods? All are welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—A ringing meeting has been arranged at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea to please advise me by Wednesday, Sept. 6th.—Jack Tipper, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Arlington Drive, Macclesfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, with tea (1s.) in the Church House. Please make a point of coming and of sending a notification for tea to Mr. P. T. Cooper, 62, Upper High Street, Epsom.—A. H. Smith.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Winwick on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. — H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Coker on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Marston on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

LADIES GUILD.—Western District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at School 4.30. Bus 88 from Centre 2 p.m. and every 30 minutes. Will all requiring tea kindly send me a card?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Hawkshead, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Wirral Branch and Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight (bells 8), on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Please let me know if you intend to be present. — Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., Wirral Branch, 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A special memorial service will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Sept. 9th, in memory of the late President (Mr. C. D. Potter). Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by a social evening and ringing. Those requiring teas please notify me by Sept. 7th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Lovely Ashdown Forest and a nice modern eight (tenor 15½). Come and enjoy both at Fairwarp, Sept. 9th. Ringers, friends and p.c.'s for tea very welcome. Note, next Wednesday meeting, East Grinstead, Sept. 20th.—C. A. Bassett, Sec., 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at the Church of St. Leonard, Middleton, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. All welcome.—J. Kay, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at South Marston on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Six bells. Usual arrangements. On 'Bristol' bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon Road, Swindon, Wilts.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please send numbers requiring tea to me by Wednesday, Sept. 6th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting is at Blyth (bells 6), on Saturday, Sept. 9th. I hope there will be a good attendance, including 'learners.' P.c. for tea essential before Thursday, Sept. 7th. — R. Towler, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Tower bell practices are suspended until further notice, but meetings will be held at headquarters on Tuesdays, Sept. 12th and 26th, at 8.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting of this division will be held at Great Yeldham on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Waggon and Horses. Business meeting to follow. Sible Hedingham bells (8) and Castle Hedingham (6) will be available after tea. Names for tea should be sent to me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 13th.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting and Six Bell Contest at Thornhill on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Entrance fee 7s. 6d. and numbers for tea (1s. 6d. each) to reach me Sept. 9th. — Fred Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Littleham, Exmouth, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Sept. 11th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting at Frensham on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 at the Marindin Institute. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 16th, when the bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 2 p.m. A brief service will take place at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) will be served at the Black Bull Hotel at 5 p.m., and members requiring same MUST notify Mr. F. Tingle, 16, North Street, Ripon, not later than the first post on Thursday, Sept. 14th. The general meeting will be held on the same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX. — The ring of 6 bells augmented to eight by J. Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — A. C. Chaplin, Steeple Keeper.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

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