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CAMPANOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

In some recent articles we have pointed out a direction in which, we believe, something might be done to enlighten the public in regard to matters campanological, and thus secure a wider and more intelligent interest in the doings of ringers among those outside. At the same time, there is, as we have suggested, another field in which the efforts of the Central Council and the various associations might find a useful outlet, and that is among ringers themselves. The county and diocesan organisations have for many years pursued a steady and successful campaign which has resulted in the elimination of abuses from the belfry, improving the status of the ringer in his relation with the church authorities, and raising generally the standard of ringing. These things, everyone whose knowledge of belfries goes back over any lengthy period, must readily acknowledge. There has been a great transformation in the last forty years, but this does not mean that nothing further can be done.

In these days of high pressure, the man who does not go on is sure to go under, and the same principle will apply to those associations who are content to stand still. Frequent and well-attended meetings are an excellent sign of life in a society, but these ought not to be the end of an organisation's activities. Meetings create interest and enthusiasm in those who are able to attend them, but for every ringer who is able to take part in a meeting there are probably four or five who are unable, or, worse still, disinclined, to do so. Combined practices among small groups of towers, such as are very successfully carried on in some districts, are of immense benefit in reaching those who do not find opportunity to get to the larger meetings. Indeed, the probability is that associations which are now divided into larger districts would do even better if they enlarged their devolution machinery and further subdivided their areas.

But, apart from this, there is another direction in which associations might make their influence felt and extend their value to their members. Why could not instructional lectures be given, either in towers or in some convenient centre for a group of towers? These lectures could cover a wide field and, in the hands of a competent man, could be made extremely attractive. They could be made interesting as well as educational; they could touch the historical and antiquarian side of bells as well as the practical and scientific. They would, we are certain, increase interest and raise the aspirations of those already in touch with the Exercise, and, planned on the right lines,

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might do much to increase the general competency and knowledge of ringers. The scheme could well be launched by the Central Council and carried through by the local associations much in the same way as University Extension Lectures are run, and we throw out this as a further suggestion to all concerned for their serious consideration.

PEACE PEALS.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

A PEAL OF BRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JOSEPH E. SYKES Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES 6
HARRY MORGAN 2	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
FRED ATWELL 3	WILLIAM BOLTON 8
GORDON W. CNECKETTS ... 4	JAMES PIPPIN 9
JOHN W. JONES 5	GEORGE POPWELL Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HOLLIS.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Caters on the bells. Arranged and rang specially to celebrate the signing of the Treaty of Peace.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

S. HOUNSLOW Treble	V. BENNETT 6
A. HAWES 2	G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. 7
W. J. SMITH 3	T. PAYNE 8
W. FINCH 4	R. CONGREVE-PRIDGEON ... 9
W. H. B. WILKINS 5	R. PLAISTER Tenor

Conducted by R. CONGREVE-PRIDGEON.

Rung to commemorate the signing of Peace at the wish of Sir Herbert Warren, K.C.V.O., President of the College. The first peal on the bells since Aug. 23rd, 1875. The ringers all wish to thank the President and Fellows for the privilege of ringing a peal on the college bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

FRANK OAKSHOTT Treble	EDWARD T. GROVE 5
ALFRED BROWN 2	WILLIAM H. CORBETT 6
WILLIAM G. GROVE 3	CHARLES E. READ 7
THOMAS MILES 4	WILLIAM POLETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. READ.

Rung to commemorate the victorious conclusion of the Great War and signing of the terms of Peace.

FLIXTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES SHAW Treble	J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ... 5
GEORGE TURNER 2	RICHARD F. DEAL 6
J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Senr.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells and rung as a Peace celebration peal.

BERKHAMSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.	
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Treble	HORACE H. SMITH ... 5
OWEN W. BAYES ... 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 6
FREDERICK J. REEVE ... 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 7
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 4	*ERNEST W. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal. Rung as a victory peal for the above parish.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.	
HUGH WATTS ... Treble	WILLIAM HINDLEY ... 5
HARRY ALLRED ... 2	JOHN POTTER ... 6
JOHN T. ALLRED ... 3	ROBERT ALLRED ... 7
HERBERT ALLRED ... 4	JOHN HAMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a Peace peal for Tyldesley, and also as a welcome home to the ringers of the 4th, now demobilised.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.	
*MISS VIOLET CROCKER ... Treble	JAMES NISBET ... 5
MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM ... 2	†MISS EDITH M. HOLE ... 6
ERNEST J. GOLDSTONE ... 3	WILLIAM GILLINGHAM ... 7
MISS MABEL C. N. JOKES ... 4	WALTER S. WATTS ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS E. M. HOLE.

* First peal. † First peal as Conductor. This peal was rung to commemorate the termination of the Great War.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.	
REV. R. L. C. NEWHOUSE ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 5
MARK WOODHOUSE ... 2	JOHN MONK ... 6
FREDERICK WEBB ... 3	THOMAS BULL ... 7
NOBLE SPINDLOW ... 4	GEORGE BROOKS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

This peal was rung at the request of Mr. F. M. Green, Rector's Churchwarden, who has promised a peal board to record it.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.	
FRANCIS S. SHAW ... Treble	WILLIAM SHORT ... 4
THOMAS J. SALTER ... 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5
JOHN BASS ... 3	ALFRED MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung in celebration of Peace.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Benedict,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.	
TOM TEBBUTT ... Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON ... 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2	FRANK RAWLINSON ... 5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

This peal was rung as a special Peace peal at the request of the Rector (Rev. F. Almond), who, at its close, kindly entertained the band to a sumptuous tea in the Rectory. Great credit is due to the ringer of the second for the splendid way in which she struck her bell throughout. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells since the year 1854.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.	
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 6
ALFRED REAVES ... 2	GEORGE CONDLICK, SEN. ... 7
ALFRED WINCH ... 3	HENRY PRING ... 8
GEORGE CONDLICK, JUN. ... 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 9
ERNEST DAVIS ... 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. A. BURFORD.

A. Winch hails from Leatherhead, Surrey; E. Davis from Gloucester.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... Treble	ALFRED CRIPPS ... 6
ALBERT D. STONE ... 2	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 7
RICHARD STREDWICK ... 3	JOHN JAY ... 8
WILLIAM WATTS ... 4	KEITH HART ... 9
CHARLES PALMER ... 5	WILLIAM STENNING ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.	
†JAMES BUTLER ... Treble	†CPL. JOHN DEARLOVE ... 5
THOMAS EAST, SENR ... 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 6
*THOMAS EAST, JUNR. ... 3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4	*WILLIAM GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Cpl. John Dearlove belongs to the Canadian Engineers.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
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On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WESLEY WATSON... .. Treble	ALFRED PYE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*ARTHUR MASON 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JESSE J. MOSS Treble	CHARLES MASON 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	THOMAS BETTISON 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 3	THOMAS RILEY 7
EDWARD ROBBINS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE Treble	EDWARD LLOYD 5
ALFRED WYATT 2	JOSEPH MADDOCK 6
FRANK MILLARD 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Fiftieth peal by W. Farley, and first peal of Major on the bells.
Arranged for Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, one 720 of Bob Minor, two 720's
each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE GREENACRE... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. SMITH 4
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 2	ALBERT J. LINCOLN 5
SPR. F. W. NAUNTON 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal. Arranged for Spr. F. W. Naunton, who is home on
leave from the Army of Occupation.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

J. HARRINGTON Treble	E. TURNER 4
H. CATTERWELL 2	O. BROYD 5
H. CANSSELL 3	G. E. PANNELL Tenor

Conducted by O. BROYD.

First peal on the bells.

WORCESTER CITY.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 2,520 changes each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES G. BOWKETT Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES 4
GORDON W. CHECKETTS 2	HERBERT DRANSFIELD 5
WILLIAM PAGE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung in honour of the Signing of the Treaty of Peace. This was
the first peal on the bells which were cast in 1654, and the first peal of
Minor rung in Worcester on the eastern side of the Severn. Mr.
Bowkett's first peal on six bells.

WORCESTER CITY.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob Minor and two 720's each of Oxford and
Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor.

WILLIAM PAGE Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	GORDON W. CHECKETTS 5
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This peal was rung in honour of the Signing of the Treaty of Peace,
and is the first peal ever rung on these bells, the oldest of which dates
from 1715.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 31, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. HAYNES... .. Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	ARTHUR MACKEARS 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	WALTER WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Dalby, of Harby, and Miss
Mitton, of Hough-on-the Hill, a ringer at the above tower.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's differently called. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH Treble	ALFRED WATSON 4
*VICTOR E. KERRIDGE 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 3	JAMES WARDLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal and first attempt.

BREMNHILL, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CRANBIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST STEVENS Treble	JOSEPH SLADE 4
THOMAS MERRITT 2	*JAMES WALKER 5
*GEORGE MORTIMER 3	GEORGE FREEGARD Tenor

Conducted by J. SLADE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

*CYRIL WILSON Treble	JAMES N. NICKERSON ... 4
FRANCIS BATT 2	JOHN LEWIN 5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 3	†LESLIE GROOM Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor, recently demobilised. A welcome home to the ringer of the 5th.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1919, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,

IN THE TOWER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's differently called.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 1-2	MADRICE SYMONDS 4
*FREDERICK LEES 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal.

LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

WILLIAM BARTON 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5-6
*JAMES R. KEMP 3-4	†JOHN AMBLER 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Attested by GEORGE A. JOWETT.

* First peal on an inside pair. † First peal on handbells.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

AN OUTING TO CROYDON.

On Saturday, August 9th, having received an invitation from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston to visit their foundry and works, the members of the Romney Marsh Guild, to the number of 40, spent an enjoyable day. Two motor charabancs were chartered, one starting from Ashford and the other from Tenterden, to meet at Maidstone at 8.30. After passing through some of the finest scenery in Kent and Surrey, the party arrived at the foundry at 11.30, where they were received by Mr. Johnston and Mr. Dean. St. Peter's tower was visited, and some ringing done on this fine peal of ten in Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Dean and Miss E. H. Parker lending a helping hand. Lunch was partaken of at the foundry, and at 2.15 the visitors motored off to St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and spent a very enjoyable time in ringing and listening to this most up-to-date and musical peal. Returning to the foundry, the visitors found a substantial tea awaiting them in the spacious canteen connected with the works.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Johnston for his kind invitation, for his generous hospitality, and for the arrangements to ring on two such fine peals of bells, and making (from a ringers' point of view) a perfect day.—Mr. Johnston, in reply, said he was pleased to make his first acquaintance with the members of the Guild, and was glad if he had been the means of their spending an enjoyable day. He then conducted the party over the foundry and works, explaining the various processes of bell founding in detail, and struck some tunes on three or four different peals which had been cast in the foundry, and were awaiting their despatch. This was a splendid object lesson. At 6.30 the party moved out of Croydon, through Warrington and Limsfield to Westerham, where we had made previous arrangements for ringing, and where they were met at the church by the secretary (Mr. G. B. Selby) and other local ringers. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round, with a few rounds for the recruits, and after an hour's ringing the bells were lowered in peal. Home was eventually reached safely about 12.15 after being very sternly reminded of the parable of the foolish virgins by a man in blue who, however, let the company off with a caution. In the opinion of all who took part in it this was the best outing the Guild had ever had or ever could have.

FARNHAM ROYAL AND ITS BELLS.

REVIVING A DECAYING ANNIVERSARY.

In the month of June, 1752, there was cast at the flourishing village of Whitechapel a ring of six bells for the village of Farnham Royal (tenor 12½ cwt.). An old parish document mentioned that there were four bells there previously. On the completion of the present tower in 1876 the middle pair of bells was recast and the whole rehung. The original six had been taken out in 1868, and stored in the Rectory barns, whilst the tower, in a ruinous condition, was being demolished; so that these bells were not sounded for eight years. Two additional trebles were added to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897, the restored tower and a new organ being the gift of a Mr. Dodd, an old resident of the parish, who began life as a lad at the plough, and amassed a fortune by the collection and disposal of London's dust and refuse. In June, 1877, the local bell opening festival was observed on Whit-Monday, and ringers from Boyne Hill, Burnham, Slough and London attended, the writer being one of some half-dozen survivors of a gathering which laid the foundation of the E. Berks and South Bucks Association, so named out of courtesy to the Boyne Hill men (and the Rev. A. H. Drummond), who then possessed a new octave; and to Farnham Royal, with the Rev. F. S. Marshall, and Messrs. Parker and Alder. The incumbents of each parish took the office of president and hon. secretary respectively.

To-day the bells and the steeplekeeper are yet in evidence, and as the war was practically over, members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild—which swallowed the older Association in 1881—decided to revive the decaying anniversary, and on a recent Saturday a friendly practice was fixed up with the hearty approval of the present Rector (the Rev. F. M. Hargreaves).

The following (27) answered 'roll call' and enjoyed the day in this beechy district of Bucks by ringing London, Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Plain Bob Major, and Oxford, Stedman, and Grandsire Triples; a team of fair damsels manning the octave quite unaided for a spell, and with one or two newly demobilised men and visitors kept the bells going at intervals to their mutual satisfaction: The Misses Fuller, Bateman, Gudgin, Williams, Feltham, Cooper, Wheeler and Wheeler—who rang 'Queen's' in a Royal parish; Messrs. W. Hewett, F. I. Hairs, Parker, Kenley, Bateman, Gutteridge, Blackmore, Mason, Alder, W. C. Mayne (and his handbells), Pike, Shreeve, Hooper, Jones, Smith, Leader, Williamson, Fussell and H. Cox. Tea was provided at the Crown, the chair being taken by Mr. J. J. Parker of twelve-part fame, and the vice-chair by Miss F. Gudgin. An excellent practice with reminders of the dim and distant past ended in a beautiful summer night's cycle ride home, with feelings of thanks to the Rector and foreman for hospitality and attention expressed feebly in the form of a 'vote' after tea.

Two questions arose during the day, how came 'Royal' tacked on to Farnham, and why eat at the Crown? Others may wish to know, so here's the answer:—

Julius Caesar is said to have erected a hunting box on the Thames at Windsor. It was fortified by William the Conqueror, and to-day is known as the Curfew Tower. Most of our early Kings and Queens hunted the South of Bucks, and this parish became famous for its royal sport. It is a fairly established reputation that ringers are a most loyal and patriotic body, and the churchwardens' parish accounts all over England and very early press paragraphs from the days of Charles I. help to confirm it, and so 'we' supported the Crown to-day.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BRENT KNOLL.

A meeting of the Axbridge Deanery branch was held on Saturday week at Brent Knoll. A glorious August afternoon, a fine peal of six bells; a gathering of nearly 30 enthusiastic ringers, numbering amongst them some ladies; a hearty welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Gardner) to the beautiful Vicarage grounds (one of England's beauty spots). What more could a ringer wish for? The proceedings began with ringing on the fine peal about 3.45 p.m., and service was held in the beautiful old church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave an impressive address. The members were then generously entertained to tea on the Vicarage lawn by the Rev. and Mrs. Gardner. The business meeting followed, the President of the Branch (Preh. G. L. Porcher) being in the chair, and Brent Knoll, Burnham, East Brent, Mark, Weston-super-Mare, Worle and Berrow towers represented. Two honorary members and two performing members were elected, and Worle was selected for the next meeting.—The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Gardner for their very kind hospitality, and Mr. Hey, in seconding, also thanked the ladies who had so kindly waited on them.—The vote was carried with acclamation and the Vicar humorously replied. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung on the bells. The afternoon will long live in the memory of those who were privileged to take part in the proceedings.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

AMONG THE HEAVY BELLS OF KENT.

After a break of three years, the Bromley Youths, the ringers at the old Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, resumed their annual outing, the venue being the Weald of Kent, with towers containing some of the heaviest eight bell peals in the county. Eleven members and several friends, including Messrs. W. Smith and F. King, of Beckenham, and E. F. Pike, of Brockley, left Bromley South at 5.39 a.m. for Headcorn, where, after a substantial breakfast, the bells (tenor 24 cwt.) were raised, and some capital touches of Grand-sire, Stedman and Double Norwich were brought round. The bells were well lowered in peal, and a move at once made for Biddenden via the Kent and East Sussex railway. Arriving at this quaint old village, with its fine church tower, the party were met by Mr. Tribe, of Tenterden, and Mr. W. Spies, of Tunstall. The ringing included Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Grand-sire and Bob Major, in which last named method the Biddenden ringers of the 18th century were quite proficient, as the peal boards in the belfry testify. The bells are a fine old peal, with a splendid tenor of 26 cwt. They were restored a few years ago but unfortunately the sixth has developed a crack, but it is hoped to have it recast at an early date. Biddenden was worth the journey to visit it. Some courses of Triples, double-handed on the handbells, much to the interest of the locals, especially the youngsters who crowded round again (and whom it is safe to assume have heard but little if any handbell change ringing) brought the Biddenden visit to a close, and the party were soon packed into a smart little motor-bus for the next tower on the list—Tenterden which was the main object of the journey. A most enjoyable ride, and a splendid dinner at the White Lion Hotel, to which 17 sat down, including Mr. C. Tribe who had kindly made the arrangements there. After this everyone declared they felt fit to ring the 30 cwt. tenor to Double Norwich, and a move was made for the grand old tower, where some more excellent touches were rung, including the Double Norwich. The visitors agreed that the praise that has been lavished on Tenterden bells has not been exaggerated. Owing to the very early time of the last train back to Headcorn, viz. 5 o'clock, the stay at Tenterden was all too brief, and it was not long before the party realised why it is necessary to start early when travelling on the K. and E.S.R. This particular train shunted three times at each station, and took 1½ hours to do the nine miles. It is believed to be the champion shunting railway of the empire. Eventually arriving at Headcorn, where tea, like breakfast and ringing, had been arranged by Mr. P. Hodgkin, it was found necessary to make this the most hurried part of the day's proceedings in order to fulfil the programme, by concluding the day's ringing on the peal at Marden, where a pleasant evening was spent. Stedman Grand-sire Double Norwich and Treble Bob Major being rung with Mr. D. Hodgkin (who made the arrangements there), and Mr. C. Sone, of Linton. The conducting throughout the day was shared by Messrs. W. Smith, G. Durling, G. Hurley and I. Emery. Thanks are due to Messrs. Hodgkin (2) and Mr. Tribe for the capital arrangements made, and to the incumbents of the four churches named for kindly allowing the use of their bells. I. E.

A SUSSEX OUTING.

The Henfield (Sussex) ringers had their first outing since 1914, the other day, when they visited Lewes and Eastbourne, by motor. At the former place they had the opportunity of ringing on the peal of ten at St. John the Baptist's, Southover, where they were met by the steeplekeeper, who had the bells ready for the visitors. Several of the members made their first attempt at Stedman Caters, several courses, of which were brought round in excellent style. Reaching Eastbourne at 11.30, the party had the privilege of ringing on the grand peal of eight at St. Saviour's Church, where a well-struck 504 of Stedman Triples concluded the ringing programme.

The visitors met for both dinner and tea, and the rest of the day was spent in enjoying the attractions of one of the most beautiful seaside resorts on the south coast. Thanks are accorded to the incumbents of Southover, Lewes and St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, for permission to ring; to the steeplekeepers of these churches for meeting the visitors and having the bells in readiness; and also to Mr. Markwell, who was responsible for all the arrangements.

OSPRINGE RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, July 6th, the Ospringe ringers on the kind invitation of one of their number, journeyed by brake to Hernhill, near Faversham. They were welcomed there by the Vicar, the Rev. Alfred Clark. After inspecting the church, they indulged in ringing on the eight bells in the tower until five o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the Red Lion Inn and an excellent meat tea enjoyed, the Vicar being of the party. A tribute was paid to the memory of the late Mr. E. E. Foreman, of Hernhill, who had for so many years taken such a lively interest in bell ringing, and helped so many young ringers in the district, and who had been present on more than one similar occasion. Further ringing was done during the evening.

A SUNDAY EXCURSION.

At Isleworth, on Sunday, July 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by W. Lidbetter 1, H. C. Chandler 2, C. Edwards 3, E. F. Cole 4, C. Bird (conductor) 5, F. C. Goddard 6, G. Spencer 7, A. Beckinsale 8. Afterwards four of the Isleworth band, with Mr. E. F. Cole, journeyed by bus and tram to Reigate. A pleasant hour was spent with an old ringing friend, Mr. W. Argent, of 'Ye Panther,' and the party then walked on to Redhill, where from the common magnificent views were obtained. Reaching 74, Earlswood Road at 4 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey had tea awaiting them, and this, it goes without saying, was thoroughly enjoyed, the hosts being thanked for their kindness. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's Church was arranged for the evening, the band being completed by Mr. F. Woodiss, of Kingston, and local men: E. Dewey 1, A. Beckinsale 2, T. Beadle 3, E. F. Cole 4, F. Woodiss 5, F. C. Goddard 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, J. Sherlock 8. The visitors were to thank the Redhill ringers for kindly placing the bells at their disposal.

FAREWELL.

As a farewell to the Rev. L. E. Richardson, Rector of Shirenewton, who was shortly leaving for the parish of Ilton, a band of ringers, members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, including the conductors of Chepstow, Caidecot, and All Saints', Newport, towers, with others, journeyed to Shirenewton on Saturday last, and, during the afternoon and evening, rang Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor on the church bells. Tea was served during an interval.

The bells, a light ring of six, are very musical, and only recently were augmented from five to six, and the second bell recast. This was the first time since the augmentation that change ringing had been done on them. Amongst the visitors was Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon.

The old five were cast in 1769 by Evans, of Chepstow, and it is hoped one day to see the completion of the octave by the addition of two others.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
SWINDON BRANCH DOING GOOD WORK.

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at the pretty little village of Bishopstone, and was attended by 30 members of various towers, who fully appreciated a ring on the fine peal of which came from the well-known Whitechapel Foundry. Incidentally it was the last day of the great war, and soon after 3 p.m. the silence of this little village was broken by the music of the beautiful bells in methods varying from Elsin Bob Major to Double Norwich, useful practice being obtained. A short service was held at St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Lucas Stubbs officiating. A strawberry tea, provided by Mr. Stone, was enjoyed on the Vicarage lawn, and the business meeting followed, with Mr. Ernest Bishop, branch president, in the chair. Three new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next two practice meetings at Malmesbury and Wroughton respectively, the next quarterly meeting to be held at Chippenham.

A letter was read by the president with reference to the Diocesan War Memorial to fallen ringers, but no vote will be taken until the next quarterly meeting.—The Secretary read gratifying reports of the two last monthly practice meetings which were held at Blunsdon and Castle Eaton, and brought out talent at five and six bell towers.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for use of bells and the service, and the Rev. L. Stubbs offered the Association a welcome at any time they cared to pay a visit.

The business meeting over, there was further ringing, a well-struck 504 of Stedman Triples being included: H. W. Bishop 1, R. W. Hynes 2, T. Robinson 3, T. Ricketts 4, C. Gardner 5, E. Bishop (conductor) 6, S. Palmer 7, J. Durham (Bishopstone) 8.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AT NOTTINGHAM

Mr. H. R. Cobbin, who has recently very generously provided St. Peter's, Nottingham, with two new bells, was entertained to a complimentary dinner at the Welbeck Hotel. There was a very happy gathering of ringers and church officials, the Rector being in the chair, supported by the churchwardens, Mr. Denison Taylor, of Loughborough, and the late Mr. John Taylor's only surviving son. After an excellent dinner, and the loyal toast, the senior member, Mr. Geo. Johnson, proposed the health of the guest of the evening in very cordial terms, the toast being drunk with musical honours. Mr. Cobbin suitably replied, and the Rector referred to Mr. Cobbin's generosity in placing the new bells in the tower, a gift which, he said, was greatly appreciated.

The delightful musical programme was sustained by the Welbeck Quartette (Messrs. Warren, Pearce, Coppock and Adkin), and Miss Nellie Price, the talented daughter of a well-known Beeston ringer, played the accompaniments. Four ringers were present who had seen active service, viz.: Messrs. R. Clifford, F. Blood, G. West and T. Coppock, and the Vicar offered his hearty congratulations and the thanks of the community.

RINGING EXCURSION IN ESSEX.

With most ringers an enjoyable addition to the fascination of change ringing is the desire to visit as many different towers as possible. Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, shares this wish, and has for some time cast longing eyes on the rings of six bells at Burnham-on-Crouch and Southminster, but as they are some 40 miles from his home, and not easy of reach by rail, he has had to wait for the more modern motor. His son (fortunate man!) owns a line-running 4-seater, in which W. J. Nevard and P. Almond, of Great Bentley; J. Howell, of Great Bromley and E. W. Beckwith, of Coggeshall, travelled to Burnham on Saturday, June 28th. On arrival there they found Messrs. F. Chalk and H. Mansfield, who had kindly cycled from Maldon to make up the party. The church is a fine, long building, paved with glowing red brick, and it is said that the tower was originally much higher, but had been blown down in a gale. However, there is enough left to hold a nice going ring of six bells, on which was rung 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Double Court, and 240 Cambridge Surprise.—The Vicar congratulated the party on the ringing, which very happily coincided with the signing of peace.

After a stroll round the charming yachting town and a good tea the company started for Southminster. The local men were ringing eal changes when the excursionists arrived, but very kindly handed over the ropes to the visitors who rang 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Bob Minor, and a course of Cambridge Surprise. This church contains several Nelson relics, including the fine Sheraton writing table formerly in the cockpit of the Victory.

Best thanks are due to the Vicars of the two churches for permission to ring, to those who made up the band, and last, but not least, to Mr. Nevard for the use of the car, and for making all arrangements. Mr. Nevard confesses that his list of Essex towers visited now stands at 120.

LAVENHAM RINGERS HOME AGAIN.

On Saturday, August 2nd, at Preston, Suffolk, 720 Bob Minor: R. J. Poulson 1, F. Poulson 2, L. Poulson 3, F. Boreham 4, T. Hollocks 5, A. Symonds (conductor) 6. The three first names are brothers, and with F. Boreham have served in the army. This was the first 720 on tower bells by the ringers of 3rd and 4th, and all belong to Lavenham except T. Hollocks. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was also rung by: T. Symonds 1, H. Poulson 2, A. Hollocks 3, T. Hollocks 4, J. Crick 5, M. J. Poulson (conductor) 6. H. Poulson fought in Salonika; F. Poulson in Egypt; R. J. and L. Poulson in France.

WAR'S HANDICAP OVERCOME.

The first 720 of Bob Minor rung on the bells at All Saints' Church, Whitstable, for upwards of 20 years was made additionally noteworthy by the fact that J. Hadlow, who rang the 2nd, has only one arm, having lost the other in the war. Congratulations to him upon having so quickly overcome the handicap of his unhappy incapacity. This 720 was rung on August 5th, by: H. A. Hopkins (Royal Cumberland Youths, London), 1, J. Hadlow 2, F. Hadlow 3, A. Gilbert 4, H. Gilbert (conductor) 5, Clarence Hadlow 6.

Afterwards three 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung respectively by C. Hadlow, H. Gilbert and H. A. Hopkins, and in which Miss Kathleen Hopkins took part. Great credit is due to Miss Hopkins for the manner in which she rang, this being her first attempt. She has only learnt to ring a bell since March last.

LONDON SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I read with interest the account of the meeting at Braintree of the Essex Association and its account of the ringers regarding the 'first 720 of London Surprise ever rung in the Southern Counties' in 1883. I should like to state that a 720 of this difficult method was rung on handbells single-handed at John Slater's house on Monday, February 26th, 1883. The same 720 was also rung on the Parish Church bells, Glemsford, on Saturday, March 10th, 1883. The band each time was: John Slater 1, Zachariah Slater 2, Frederick Wells 3, Thomas Oliver Garwood 4, Fredk. Paul Adams 5, Samuel Slater 6. Conducted on both occasions by Samuel Slater. This parish, at that time, possessed a first-rate band of ringers, and in 1882-3 made an attempt to ring the 16 Surprise methods given in the 'Clavis,' but after ringing London, Ely, Rochester, Coventry, Cambridge and Superlative, the attempt was abandoned. This was also the first 720 in this method rung in this district, and I do not think that any 720's of it have been rung anywhere round here except at Preston, near Lavenham.—Yours faithfully, THEO. E. SLATER.

THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.

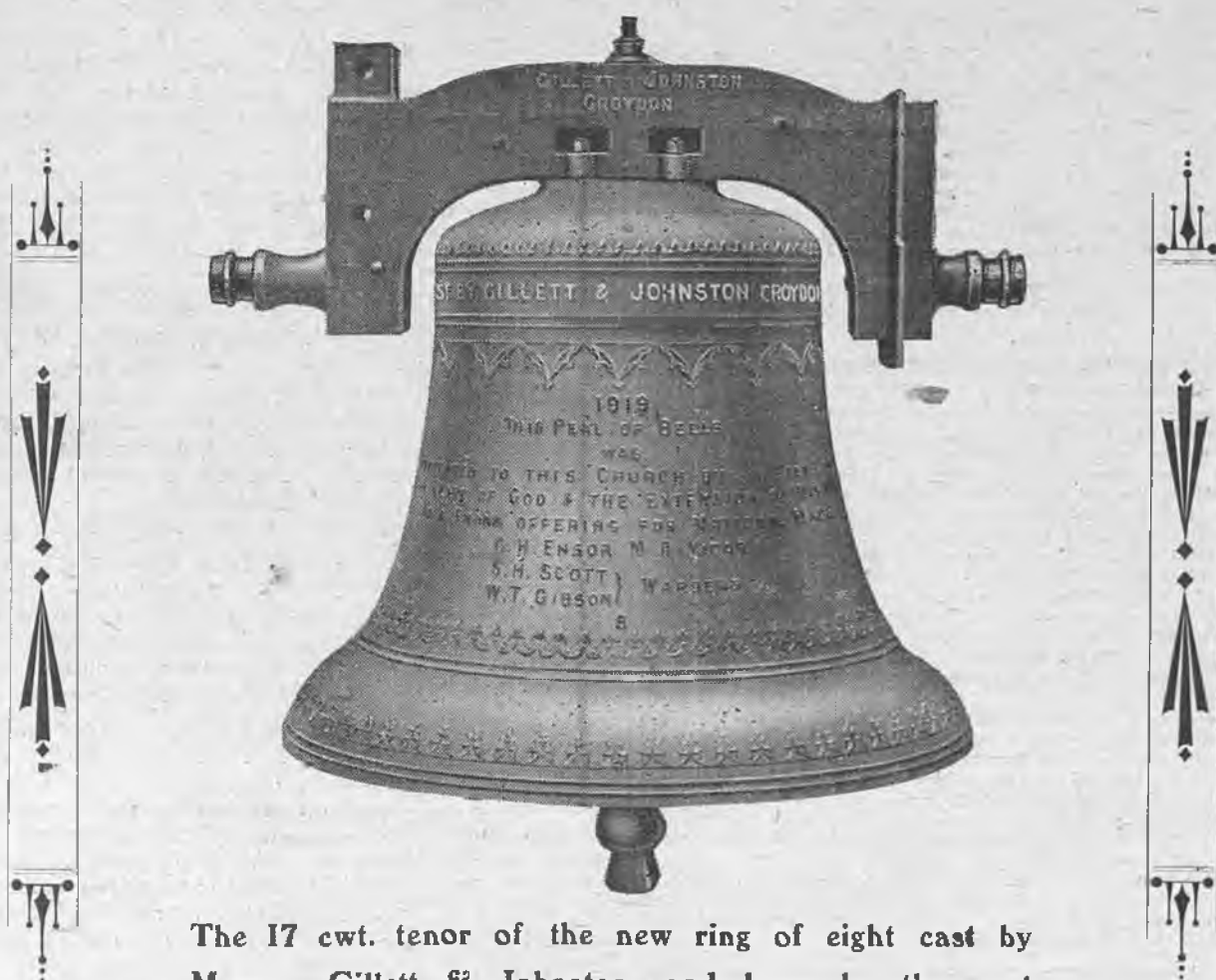
The fund for this successful and interesting scheme will definitely close on August 31st, 1919.

I shall be glad if those who still have lists will kindly forward the amounts in hand to me on or before the above date. I hope all ringers will do their best to bring the total to a level figure.

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CROYDON, SURREY.

A DORSET AND SOMERSET TOUR.**A DAY AMONG HEAVY BELLS.**

On July 5th, the Wyke Regis ringers held their peace outing. Accompanied by the Rector (the Rev. E. De B. Thurston), Mr. Russ (organist), Mr. W. P. Rose (churchwarden), the sidesmen and three members of the choir, making a party of 23, a circular tour in the 'Wessex' on a 32 h.p. touring motor charabanc was enjoyed. Leaving Wyke Regis at 7 p.m., and calling at Dorchester, they picked up Mr. Longman (churchwarden) and three of St. Peter's ringers. The road was taken to Sherborne, passing through Cerne Abbas, situated in the Cerne Valley in a gap in the chalk hills, with its fine church and lofty tower, which it is hoped in the near future will contain a fine peal of eight bells instead of the five old ones which are now unringable. The Cerne Giant, cut in chalk on Giant Hill, called for no little attention. It represents in truly colossal proportions a figure of a man that would have caused the great Frederick to sing a 'Nunc Dimittis.' It is 180ft. in height, and the club in the right hand is 120ft. long. Passing through some lovely country, rich in stately mansions for which Dorset is noted, Sherborne was reached at 9 o'clock. For 370 years this was a Cathedral City, and took its place as the second city in the kingdom of Wessex. Permission had been obtained to visit the famous Sherborne School, where it is said Alfred the Great began his education; this was very much enjoyed, and time would not permit of a touch on the beautiful Abbey peal (tenor 47 cwt., B flat). The party resumed the road to Queen Camel (where they made a 'dodge' into Somerset), which possesses a very fine church and equally fine tower, which contains a grand peal of six bells reputed as the heaviest six in England, the tenor being 37 cwt. Here the bells were soon set going to Grandsire Doubles, and a course of Bob Minor was also brought round in fine style. The general remark was: 'What a grand peal of eight this would make!' Next, at Marston Magna, the six bells were set going to Grandsire Doubles, and 12.30 found the party at Yeovil, where, after lunching at Maynard's Restaurant, a visit was paid to the belfry of the Parish Church, with its magnificent peal of ten, tenor 45 cwt., where some nice touches of Triples were brought round. A move was next made to East Coker (eight bells), and touches of Triples were rung, and then the company followed the byways to West Coker, where there was just room for the charabanc to pass, the overhanging bushes meeting each other. Here it did not require the conductor to call bobs, for it was 'bobs' and 'dodges' until the main road to Crewkerne was reached. Unfortunately, through unforeseen circumstances, ringing was not possible at West Coker, which the Rector at that place very much regretted. At Crewkerne tea was awaiting the party at the George Hotel, and afterwards the Rector proposed a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary, and complimented him on his great success in arranging the tour. This was endorsed by Mr. Russ, and generally acknowledged.

Tracks were then made for the church, which contains some fine architecture, and a central tower with its splendid peal of eight bells with tenor 22 cwt. For over an hour the bells sent forth their music to the tune of Grandsire Triples, this being the last tower for the day, throughout which the conducting was principally in the hands of Mr. L. Wiffen. Wyke Regis was reached at 10 p.m. at the end of a perfect day.

ESSEX RINGER'S DEATH.

On Sunday, August 10th, at St. George's Church, Great Bromley, Essex, 720 Bob Minor, for morning service: P. Almond (Thorrington, Essex) 1, Fredk. Bowell (Ipswich) 2, Alfred Bowell (Ipswich) 3, E. Eady (Thorp-le-Soken) 4, J. Bowell (Great Bromley) 5, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), conductor, 6. This was rung with the bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Jos. Taylor, a former ringer at the church, and who was interred during the week. After morning service, with the bells 'open,' 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: 1. Almond 1, Fredk. Bowell 2, W. Clover (Thornham Magna) 3, E. Eady 4, A. Bowell 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6.

EAST HARLING RINGER DEAD.

The band at East Harling, Norfolk, have lost a pleasant companion and a safe ringer by the death of Mr. Alfred Newson, and as a last tribute of respect a half-muffled 720 of Bob Minor has been rung by: T. Stagg 1, C. Carter 2, A. Macro 3, W. Eagling 4, W. Everett 5, T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 6.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, 13th July, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: J. Simmonds 1, W. Johnson 2, W. Upton 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, H. Phillips 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. For evensong, 408 Stedman Triples. Ringing takes place each Thursday evening, from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Also Sundays at 10 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 25th, at 7.45 p.m., and *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.45; service, 4.30. Tea can be provided in Bishop Ryder's Schools at a reasonable charge at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after tea. The bells of St. John's, Deritend (8), and St. Chad's R.C. (8) will be available during the evening.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30 prompt. Business important, re annual meeting.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Brecon District).—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Talgarth on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m., free to members. Business meeting after tea. A hearty invitation is extended to ringers to make this meeting a success.—J. P. Hyett, Dist. Sec., 2, Dulas Terrace, Hay, Breconshire.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, August 30th. Tower open at 3; Service at 5; tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at the Vicarage after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending. All members intending to be present must notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, August 26th.—W. Lather, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS, SOCIETY.—In conjunction with the Ladies' Guild.—A summer ringing festival will be held at Isham on Saturday, August 30th, at 4 p.m. (ringing from 2.30). All ringers and supporters of the Ladies' Guild cordially invited to be present, but those who intend to do so are requested to inform Mr. W. T. Wilson, The Pines, Isham, of their intention, so that sufficient provender may be prepared.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, August 30th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, August 30th. Tea at The Tea Table, High Street, at 5.30, followed by business meeting. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 p.m., also St. Margaret's and Frindsbury bells. Will those who wish to have tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, August 27th. 9d. each will be charged for tea. All ringers are welcome. Hope to see the younger members of the Exercise.—E. A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec., 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of this guild will be held at Penn, near Wolverhampton, Staffs., on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; service in church at 4.30 which will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Hartill, M.A. who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Prestwich, Manchester.—Dedication of the re-cast peal on August 30th. The service will take place at 4 p.m. conducted by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President). All ringers cordially invited.—R. W. Bent.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Knutsford on Saturday, August 30th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A meeting will be held at Alresford on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5.15.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tytherington on Saturday, August 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday afternoon, August 30th, 1919. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the school at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Any suggestions for the annual meeting, and nominations for Vice-President, Ringing Secretary, and two Auditors, to be sent in to the General Secretary by September 1st.—W. H. Shuker, Gen. Sec., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells available at the Minster from 1 o'clock till 8.30 p.m.; service at the Minster 5 p.m.; tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Tea will be provided at 1/- each to those only who notify Mr. W. Gibson, 3, Brithunus Place, Long Lane, Beverley, not later than the first post, Sept. 2nd.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 50, Volta St., Selby.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Solihull on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (10) available at 3.30.

Service in the church at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, free to members, others 1s. each; to be followed by the business meeting. Will all intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, September 3rd? Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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WOOLWICH.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: E. Pollard 1, F. Groves 2, W. Watshorn 3, N. North 4, H. Bickford 5, W. Wellington 6, W. Aldridge (conductor) 7, H. McCabe 8.

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