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## INTEREST IN THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The difficulty of getting ringers in many towers to take an interest in anything outside their own belfry, or even in it for that matter, has been the subject of constant comment. It is, as pointed out in this column last week, one of the problems with which all the associations are confronted, and if men cannot be induced to interest themselves in the things that concern their own association or guild, how much more difficult is it to create any widespread interest in a body like the Central Council, which is a step further distant from the orbit in which the individual ringer revolves? Yet the Council will never completely or even adequately fulfil its purpose unless the whole body of the Exercise takes a real interest in its operations, and the associations themselves are ready to participate actively in the work of the Council.

One obstacle to this was pointed out at the meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The business which is to come before the Council at any meeting is not known until a week or two before the meeting takes place, with the result that the associations generally are unable to consider any of the questions that are down for discussion, and to pass on their views through their accredited representatives. When, for any reason, the business of the Council is known beforehand, there is ample proof that ringers are ready to interest themselves in it. There were two instances prior to the last meeting. One was the adjourned report of the Nomenclature Committee, which many associations discussed and expressed opinions upon, and the other was the warmly debated subject of Simpson tuning, which the Honorary Secretary brought to a head by giving notice of his motion twelve months in advance, and which created almost unbroken interest and discussion among ringers throughout the year. This is proof that some ringers, at any rate, given the opportunity, can be interested in Council topics.

The question raised at the Winchester Guild meeting was how this opportunity could best be afforded as a regular part of the procedure, and a proposal was made that the Council should be induced so to alter their Standing Orders that the agenda should be published three months instead of three weeks before the meeting. There seems to be little objection to such a course, but to give the associations full opportunity of considering proposals it means that committee reports ought also to be published well in advance. It has been a noticeable failure on the part of some of the committees of the Council in the past that they are really unprepared with any actual report. An impromptu verbal statement is all that is often forthcoming—indeed, at Ipswich there was more than

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one instance in which the members of a committee did not themselves know who was to report or what was to be said. It ought to be a rule that each committee's report should be in print before the meeting, and if the committees could bestir themselves to complete their work so that these reports could be published round about the time the agenda appeared the Exercise might then be able to raise some little interest. As at present arranged the Exercise knows nothing until it is too late to express any views, and when the question has been one on which the Council has been desirous of getting an opinion it has meant an inevitable delay of at least a year.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN HOYLE... .. Treble	GEORGE COOK ... .. 6
JOHN BEAMS... .. 2	JOHN WHITE... .. 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 8
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 9
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 5	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

SAMUEL WOOD ... .. Treble	*FRED ALTHORP ... .. 6
*JAMES CARTER ... .. 2	†ALBERT GORRINGE ... .. 7
*MARY ELIZABETH THORP... 3	JOSEPH MELLOR... .. 8
*WILLIAM DYSON ... .. 4	BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 9
*SYDNEY MARSHALL ... .. 5	ALBERT ADAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Royal. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Adams, who has died in Australia; also as a mark of respect to the late Rev. F. R. C. Hutton, M.A., Rector of Ashton from 1909 to 1918, who died in Italy. Samuel Wood's 100th peal on the bells.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT EMMANUEL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 3040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

W. RUNDLE ... .. Treble	W. WONNACOTT ... .. 5
J. WOODLEY ... .. 2	A. T. WESTCOTT ... .. 6
*H. TIPPETT... .. 3	C. R. LILLEY ... .. 7
R. J. BEER... .. 4	J. O. POOK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

\* First peal. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. A. T. Westcott for standing in at the last moment, owing to the indisposition of Mr. E. W. Marsh, honorary secretary South-West Branch of Devonshire Guild, who had arranged to conduct the peal, and to Mr. C. R. Lilley for conducting.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5164 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
JOHN HOYLE ... .. 2	GEORGE COOK ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

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

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. COOPER... .. 5
HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... .. 6
JAMES MARSHALL ... .. 3	WILLIAM BROWN ... .. 7
WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD }... Tenor

Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells since being rehung by Mr. Jas. E. Groves, Handsworth. At the conclusion of the peal the Vicar and Mrs. Chevington kindly entertained the band to tea on the Vicarage lawn, the ringers heartily thanking them for their kind hospitality.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN T. DAVIES ... .. Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 5
EDWARD HORTIN ... .. 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 6
BERT H. POUNTNEY ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 7
SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. REED... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Vaughan, J.P., of Willenhall, who up to the time of his death was a trustee in connection with the above church, and the oldest member of the congregation.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb.

*BRINLY ADDICOTT ... .. Treble	PERCY JONES... .. 5
GEORGE COOKE ... .. 2	ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 6
HAROLD CASELL ... .. 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER ... .. 7
WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 4	SINCLAIR ADDICOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

\* First peal away from tenor. Rung for the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Addicott, father and mother of the above brothers, which was celebrated on July 2nd.

BATH.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTH.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, TWERTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... .. Treble	GILBERT G. HARDING... .. 5
GEORGE TEMPLE ... .. 2	CHARLES W. BELL ... .. 6
HENRY W. BROWN ... .. 3	THOMAS F. KING... .. 7
THEODORE GRANT ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by THOMAS F. KING

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. SIMMONS ... Treble	ALBERT BRADLEY... .. 5
FRANCIS FRASER ... .. 2	JIM HURRELL ... .. 6
ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON }... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

\* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of John Oswald Jobson (late churchwarden of St. John's) to Dorothea Rebecca Gilbee.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR AND DOUBLE OXFORD (SPliced),  
5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN BURLS ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM MARTIN ... .. 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This is the first time these two methods have been rung spliced. The peal contains 2,544 of each method.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5060 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST BARTRAM ... .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3	†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7
MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 4	FRED H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First in the method. † First in the method inside, and his 100th peal. Specially rung to mark the 'official' engagement of the ringers of 3rd and 4th.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Treble	*HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 5
*MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 2	FRANK BOREHAM ... .. 6
CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor. \* First peal in the method.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Three Hours and One-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK BLONDELL ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 5
REGINALD BROWN ... .. 2	FRED LAMBETH ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
RICHARD PAINE ... .. 4	GEORGE GRANT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The ringer of the 6th hails from Chippenham, Wilts, and was elected a member previous to starting. The band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WALTER FENDALL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 5
PERCY HACKETT ... .. 2	HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. 6
JOHN PRICE ... .. 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... .. 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 4	GILBERT GUEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. John and Bertram Price, father and son. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. J. Price at their residence after the peal, and a vote of thanks was passed to them for their hospitality.

## MISSING PAPERS.

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## CHATHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Treble	PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM ... .. 5
* JACK KIDD, JUN. ... .. 2	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 3	CHARLES E. NORRIS ... .. 7
CHARLES WINNER ... .. 4	ALFRED H. HAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal.

## DORCHESTER, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

PERCY DYKE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM STONE ... .. 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. WOODWARDS 6
RICHARD DAVIES ... .. 3	WILLIAM HUTTON ... .. 7
JACK JUDGE ... .. 4	CHARLES SPICER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

SAM JONES, JUN. ... .. Treble	JAS. H. RIDING ... .. 5
THOS. BUTLER ... .. 2	GEO. R. JONES ... .. 6
ROBT. SPERRING ... .. 3	THOS. R. BUTLER ... .. 7
JOHN HAYES ... .. 4	WILLIAM JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SAM JONES, JUN.

The conductor's 100th peal.

## PEERING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 2	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Two Hours & Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY TURNER ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 5
ALFRED PYE ... .. 2	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 7
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Butler.

## HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BERRIAM W. RANDE ... Treble	ERNEST W. BRADSMORE ... 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	* JOSEPH CAULE ... .. 6
JOHN H. DEAN ... .. 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDE ... .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	* THOMAS ALDREADE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method. First peal and first attempt by the ringer of the treble, who had not previously rung a 504 in the method.

## STAPLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. MANKLOW ... Treble	HARRY BAKER ... .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 2	* JOHN A. DOWNING ... .. 6
MRS. HARRY BAKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
* SIDNEY C. DRIVER ... .. 4	* WILLIAM G. TURK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal. Messrs. Driver and Downing (Hastings) were elected non-resident members previous to starting, and it was their first attempt to ring a peal.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 5
* MISS IRENE HASTIE ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4	ALFRED CHARMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples, and elected a member of the association before starting.

BEENHAM, BERKS.—On Saturday, June 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, H. A. Hearl 4, H. W. L. Wells 5, H. W. Bishop 6. All are members of Swindon Parish Church Guild, and the above was rung after attending the summer meeting of the Newbury branch of the Oxford Guild at Bucklebury.

PORTISHEAD.—On June 29th, the Festival of St. Peter (the Patronal Saint of the Parish Church, Portishead), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stadden 1, Miss Alice Stokes (conductor) 2, Mrs. W. Edwards 3, Miss G. Broad 4, E. Goldstone 5, H. Orchard 6, J. Nisbet 7, J. Thomas 8.

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# SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. David,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 16 callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*FRANK C. PREECE ... .. Treble	KENNETH SOUTHALL... .. 4
JAMES H. PREECE ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
*CHARLES W. PREECE ... .. 3	*GEORGE PERKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. T. H. Cave-Moyle, who took up his duties on the above date.

MILTON-NEST-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, July 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York Surprise, Duke of York Treble Bob, London Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

CYRIL M. MITCHELL ... .. Treble	HARRY ARGENT ... .. 4
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... .. 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 5
JOHN BURLS ... .. 3	GEORGE MORROW... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Birthday peal for Mrs. F. M. Mitchell. First peal in seven Surprise and Treble Bob methods by all the band. First local College Youths peal in this district, all the band being Sunday service ringers at the above tower.

WOOTTON, NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. George the Martyr,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings.

*HORACE PARKER ... .. Treble	*ALFRED PICKFORD ... .. 3
GEORGE PARKER ... .. 2	HARRY CLARK ... .. 4
THOMAS WISE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

\* First peal and first attempt.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter and All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising the following 720's, viz.:—Double and Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*CYRIL D. NICHOLS ... .. Treble	MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN... .. 4
*MISS KIRBY MOORE ... .. 2	*HARRY BAXTER ... .. 5
WALTER T. WILSON... .. 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First peal in nine methods.

# HANDBELL PEAL.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON... .. 3-4	JOHN AMBLER... .. 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by H. STANLEY ROBINSON.

The conductor's fiftieth peal. The composition, which has only 4, 5, 6 in 6th's place and the full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6, in the least possible number of changes, is now rung for the first time.

The following three peals were rung during a week's holiday spent by G. H. Cross in Hertfordshire, and he desires, through the medium of 'The Ringing World' to thank his ringing friends for their many kindnesses.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 27, 1926, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST J. NEWELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5
*HERBERT E. DAY ... .. 2	AUGUSTUS V. GOOD ... .. 6
*ERNEST W. DAY... .. 3	*GEORGE CROFT ... .. 7
*LEONARD FIDLER ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. SHARNAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to Lord Lytton.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5
WALTER AYRE ... .. 2	FREDK. W. ELLIOTT ... .. 6
*STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 7
CHARLES LEMAN ... .. 4	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 2, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. HOWARD FREEBORN ... .. Treble	*FREDK. W. ELLIOTT ... .. 5
HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
*THOMAS STEPHENSON ... .. 3	*BENJAMIN MARKS ... .. 7
CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method.

# PRITTLEWELL MEN IN KENT.

A most enjoyable day was spent by the Prittlewell band on Saturday, July 3rd, when they paid a visit to Kent, that happy hunting-ground of Prittlewell ringers, where the bells, the scenery, and the welcome are always superlative, and, on this occasion, the weather too. Starting from Southend by the 6.31 a.m. train to Gravesend, the company, some eighteen strong, gathered at the Clock Tower to await the charabanc, which arrived more than punctually, and at 7.55 the journey to Maidstone commenced, the county town being reached somewhat before the appointed hour. A pleasant time was spent by most of the party admiring the beautiful church, while others supplemented their apparent inadequate breakfasts. However, the sound of the bells being raised all to the church, and touches of Stedman Caters and Bob were rung, though unfortunately, a plain course of Cambridge did not materialise. Ashford was the next stop, and an hour was pleasantly passed in the belfry ringing Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Cambridge Major, and almost a course of London. By now, even those who had indulged in two breakfasts were sorely in need of food, while the others were ravenous, so hasty trucks were made to the Saracen's Head, where luncheon had been bespoken. Everyone did justice to an admirable meal, and, feeling as the famous tiger of Riga must have felt, the party set out for Wye. The bells here were much admired, and touches of Double Norwich and Stedman were thoroughly enjoyed, both by the actual performers and the critical listeners outside. The next stop—a short one—was at Ospringe, where in the peculiar-looking church Double Norwich, Stedman and Cambridge were rung. From Ospringe to Sittingbourne was the next move, and here a plentiful tea had been prepared and was much appreciated. The belfry was then visited, and about an hour's ringing obtained, in which Double Norwich and Stedman were brought home, but the London still proved unattainable.

After a pleasant interlude the last stage of the journey was undertaken, and Gravesend was reached just after 9 p.m. As the last train for Southend did not leave till 10.35, the majority agreed that they had better make a day of it, so they foregathered in the British Tar, whose hostess is well known amongst the Cumberland youths, and a delightful hour was passed in an inner room. (Ringers passing this way should make a note of this—they may be assured of a real hearty welcome.) The time for departure from this pleasant retreat came all too soon, and tired but happy the company embarked for Southend. The day was enjoyed to the full by all. The weather was grand, and everywhere the welcome was splendid. The Prittlewell ringers wish to express their appreciation and thanks to all concerned who helped them to spend such a happy day S. W. C.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.**  
**A PROBLEM IN COMPOSITION.**  
**BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.**

For very many years the great question in composition was: Is it possible to get a peal of Grandsire Triples with common bobs only? On the face of it, there seemed no reason why it should not be done. The 'In-and-out-of-Course' of the changes offered no obstacle, as it does in Grandsire Caters. In Caters every row of the plain course is in-course, and as a bob does not alter the nature of the rows, obviously all the out of course rows (one half of the total) cannot be had unless you have some special call which does alter the nature of the rows. In Triples the hand strokes are out of course, the back strokes are in-course; and there is no row which cannot be brought up by ordinary bobs. Why, then, should not they all be brought up in one block?

Nearly two hundred years ago John Holt, in his Original, got all except three leads, and less than fifty years ago composers were still trying to get the lot. It was held, and rightly held, that because no man had done it was no reason why no man should ever do it. Dr. Carpenter pointed out that the number of ways in which you can mix up plain leads and bobbed leads in a 5,040 is stupendous; and surely, he said, out of that number one, and perhaps many, would give the desired result. Then came two men who settled the question. First, Mr. Davies proved that a peal of Grandsire Triples is not possible under certain limited conditions—the conditions under which Holt was working when he produced his Ten Part. And then Mr. W. H. Thompson proved that it is not possible under any conditions at all. Mr. Thompson was not a ringer, and he did not approach the problem from a ringer's point of view. He was a mathematician, and he dealt with it as a problem of mathematics. He was the first man who showed ringers that there are far more efficient ways of dealing with problems of composition than the old method of experiment, of trial and failure, and trial again, until you get success or drop the problem as beyond you.

He published his results in a pamphlet called 'A Note on Grandsire Triples showing that the construction of a peal of Grandsire Triples by means of plain leads and common bob leads only is impossible.' The date is 1886. This pamphlet is rather rare now, and I daresay few of the younger ringers have seen it. An account of it and an explanation of its arguments are included in Mr. Davies' edition of Snowdon's 'Grandsire.' But I have no doubt that that part of the book is unknown to most people. Ordinary ringers are frightened by these explanations of mathematical problems. They seem unable to use the required amount of concentrated thought to follow the arguments. And so, though everybody is content to take it on authority that you cannot have a peal of Grandsire Triples with common bobs, only few know why it is so.

Mr. Thompson was able to complete his proof by establishing a law which we call the 'Law of the Q Sets.' This is a universal law of composition, and must be understood by any one who wants to take an intelligent interest in the science of ringing. It is quite a simple law, but the simple things are usually those which are most difficult to explain and to understand. For instance, the nature of the rows—the In-and-out-of-course

of the changes—was for years looked upon as a most difficult thing, a mystery, clearly a fact, but a fact which could hardly be explained, and had to be taken as axiomatic.

I have found that in explaining these things it is best to state the problem as simply as possible. Thus, if you want to understand the law of Q sets, do not go at once to Mr. Thompson's explanation of it in connection with Grandsire Triples. There you will find it fairly complex. But go to Bob Major, where the conditions are much simpler. You will understand why you cannot get a peal of Grandsire Triples with common bobs only if you first consider a very much simpler problem in Bob Major.

In Bob Major, with the sixth fixed, there are twelve in-course courses. Can you by bobs alone join them into one round block, and, if not, why not? You may use only bobs at Wrong and Home, for any others would shift either sixth, seventh or tenor; and that is outside the conditions of our problem.

Now, in these twelve courses there are three 5-6s, three 4-6s, three 3-6s, and three 2-6s, and the first and important thing is to realise that if one course end with 5-6 at home is brought up bobbed all three must be brought up bobbed. And, if one is brought up plain, all three must be brought up plain.

That this is a fact you can easily see by experiment. Here are the three course ends brought up bobbed, hand stroke being shown as well as back stroke:

12436587	14326587	13246587
14235678	13425678	12345678

and here are the same brought up plain:—

14326587	13246587	12436587
14235678	13425678	12345678

Now try and mix the two in any way you like. You will find that you will always get repetition at the hand strokes. Here are the first two plain and the third bobbed:—

14326587	13246587	13246587
14235678	13425678	12345678

The handstrokes of the second and third are, you see, the same. And, however you mix up bobbed and plain, you will find that you cannot get all the three handstroke rows you want.

It follows that if you want all three of the possible 5-6s you must have a set of three bobs or three plain leads. What is true of the 5-6s is similarly true of the other courses. And what is true of the bobs at Home is similarly true of the bobs at Wrong. The rows that compose one of these sets is called a Q set. In Bob Major a Q set consists of three members, because there are three bells altered at a bob. In Grandsire Triples it consists of five members, because there are five bells displaced at a bob.

(To be continued.)

**DATE TOUCHES.**

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, on Tuesday, June 22nd, a date touch of 1,926 changes was rung, consisting of 30 Original, 96 New London Pleasure, 360 York Delight, 720 York Minster, and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure: G. Lord 1, H. Chamberlin 2, J. W. Champion 3, W. Ashworth 4, A. Gill 5, A. Panther (conductor) 6. This was rung as a birthday compliment to H. Chamberlin.

At the Parish Church, Wentworth, on Tuesday, July 6th, a date touch of 1,926 changes, consisting of 30 Original, 96 Woodbine, 360 Snowdrop, 360 Royal Sovereign, 360 Duke of Leeds, 360 Nelson Delight, 360 Duke of Clarence: C. D. Potter 1, H. Chamberlin 2, J. W. Champion 3, A. Panther (conductor) 4, C. Walsh 5, A. Gill 6.

### RINGERS' OUTINGS. ST. IGNATIUS', SUNDERLAND.

The ringers of St. Ignatius', Sunderland, had a very enjoyable charabanc outing on Wednesday, June 23rd, Barnard Castle, Staindrop, and Darlington being visited. The party numbered fifteen, including the Vicar, Mr. G. Attey (churchwarden) and Messrs. Ritson and McMillan, members of the Church Council. On arriving at Barnard Castle, the very fine peal of eight of St. Mary's were soon got going with Stedman, Grandsire, and Double Norwich, and it is hoped that at least some of the inhabitants would notice something different to the 'stony' to which they have been accustomed. After an excellent dinner the motor was again brought into use, and the pretty village of Staindrop was reached soon after two o'clock. Here the visitors were welcomed by the Vicar and two local ringers, and, through their good offices, were shown through the fine old castle of Raby (the seat of Lord Barnard), and also through the gardens and conservatories.

The bells of St. Mary's, Staindrop, now claimed the ringers' attention, and a most enjoyable hour was spent in ringing various methods, two sons of Mr. Dan Shipp taking a rope in Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Major. The bells have recently been augmented to eight and re-hung by Messrs. Taylor, who have made a perfect job of them, and it was with difficulty the ringers could tear themselves away. After a substantial tea, thanks were accorded to the churchwardens for their contribution to the expenses, to the clergy of the three towers for the use of the bells; and the health of the visitors was proposed, Mr. Ritson responding in his usual humorous vein, and Mr. H. Shipp replied on behalf of the local men.

A rainstorm was encountered on the way to Darlington, but this did not depress the party in the slightest, and a very pleasant hour was spent in the belfry of St. John's, Darlington, several of the local men joining in the ringing. The homeward journey was then commenced, the thirty-five miles being done in excellent time.

### GREAT YARMOUTH.

On Saturday, June 26th, the Great Yarmouth St. Nicholas' company held their annual outing. Leaving Yarmouth at 8 a.m. by charabanc, the party proceeded to Wrentham and rang touches in the standard methods on the six bells. Halesworth was next on the list, and here they rang Grandsire and Stedman Triples on the mellow old peal of eight. A capital dinner followed at the Swan Hotel, and Chediston and Wissett towers were then visited, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were brought round. These ancient churches were inspected with much interest, the old Dane stone at Halesworth and the Saxon and Norman work at Chediston and Wissett churches being especially noticed. A long run then brought the ringers to

Lodden Church, and here some good touches of Plain, Treble Bob, and Stedman Triples were rung. A good tea was partaken of at the Swan Hotel, where Oliver Cromwell once spent the night and played bowls on the green. Yarmouth was reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day in the country. The ringers desire to thank the various clergy for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for meeting them, also Messrs. F. Naunton (Wrentham), F. C. Lambert (Halesworth), and F. Finch (Lodden) for helping to make the arrangements for a most successful outing.

### JOYS OF THE OPEN ROAD.

Many are the joys of the open road, and wonderful are the beautiful Derbyshire dales, but to fully appreciate all these splendours you must be careful how you view them. On Saturday, June 19th, along with my fellow-ringers at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, I journeyed in a five-seater touring car, via Chapel-en-le-Frith and Buxton, to the picturesque little village of Burbage. The weather was excellent, and so was everyone's spirits until we pulled up three miles from Buxton with a flat tyre. However, the puncture was repaired in about three-quarters of an hour, and we resumed our way in peace. For the return journey we travelled over Axe Edge, past the 'Cat and Fiddle' and through Macclesfield. After a thrilling ride round numerous hair-pin bends, at one of which I almost choked myself with a beastly piece of toffee, we were obliged to stop at Poynton with another flat tyre. I might mention that the leading car had continued its way in blissful unconsciousness of our predicament on the occasion of both punctures. Between gasps and curses the tyre was levered off, inner tube examined, but no trace of a puncture could be found. At half-past eleven, after an hour and a half's hard work, we discovered that the valve of the tyre was leaking beyond repair, and the nearest garage was two miles away. The car was pushed into a by-road, and the driver and myself walked from Poynton to Hazel Grove, where, after the garage proprietor had been disturbed from his beauty sleep, we purchased a new inner tube. We returned to Poynton at a quarter to one, and careworn and weary we decided to rest awhile. Suddenly we heard footsteps approaching, and with beating hearts perceived the burly forms of two policemen. It was only after lengthy explanations and the number of the car had been taken that we were again left in peace. Bathed in moonlight and with spiders, flies and goodness-only-knows-what falling on us from the trees above, we slept the sleep of the just. As the dawn of a new day broke, we resumed our labours, and at half-past four on Sunday morning a mysterious car, bearing five grimy occupants, was seen to crawl through the deserted streets of Ashton. Yes, as I previously stated, many are the joys of the open road!

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild is to be held at Portishead to-morrow, when ringers of both sexes will be welcome.

Two re-openings will shortly take place in Essex. The ring of five at St. Leonard's, Colchester, have been rehung, and will be re-opened on July 29th. On Sunday, July 25th, two trebles, completing the peal of eight at Kirby-le-Soken, will be dedicated.

It is no mean record to score one hundred peals in one tower, and Mr. Samuel Wood, the Lancashire veteran, has just added that to his other distinctions, a peal of Treble Ten last week completing his century on the bells of his own parish church.

The peal of twelve at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was opened on July 18th, 1798, with a peal of 5,184 Grandsire Cinques rung by the College Youths.

The first peal rung by ladies only was at Cubitt Town on July 20th, 1912.

The record length of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Over, Cheshire, on July 21st, 1923, when 17,280 was brought round in ten hours.

## RINGER'S DEATH IN AUSTRALIA.

Lancashire ringers will hear with great regret of the death of Mr. James Adams, a former member of the Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church band, who has died in Australia, where he had resided for some years.

Mr. Adams visited England in 1924 and rang a farewell peal of Treble Bob at Salford, on December 23rd, before sailing for Australia on January 3rd, 1925.

On Tuesday of last week a muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung at Ashton in his memory.

## RECORD PEAL CONDITIONS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I make a correction in your report of what I said at the Central Council meeting at Ipswich on the subject of peal umpires? I did not say that 'no one except the secretary of the society whose record was to be challenged should have a copy of the figures,' but 'no one except the secretary of the society under whose title the hand is to ring should have a copy of the figures.' I think I also said that the conductor of the peal which it is intended to surpass, or the secretary of the society under whose title that peal was rung should have notice sent when an attempt is to be made to surpass it.

I am not now, nor was I then, giving my opinions of what should be, but quoting, so far as I was able, from the Central Council Publication, 'Rules and Decisions,' pages 11-13, where the conditions to be fulfilled are quite clearly set forth.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

Broadlands, Caversham.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The Midsummer meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Cuckney on Saturday last. The bells, a sweet-toned peal, were augmented from four to six and rehung in 1914 by Taylor and Co., the tenor being recast. They were in splendid going order, and with two more trebles would make a fine octave. The weather was all that could be desired, though possibly too hot for some. The Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Peel) welcomed the first arrivals, and the bells were raised in peal by the Barlborough ringers about 2.30. Mr. H. Cafferatta, of Newark, a vice-president, brought over a full company of the Sutton-on-Trent ringers, including two ladies (Misses Burch-nall), who succeeded in ringing touches in three methods. Members were also present from Barlborough, Treeton, Shireoaks, Ordsall, Worksop, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Bolsover, Mansfield, Staveley, Killamarsh, and a number of the local company. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford, Violet, Killamarsh, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York and Cambridge Surprise.

Tea was served in the Church Institute, after which the business was transacted. The Rev. H. R. Peel presided over tea and meeting. The next meeting will be held at North Wheatley, near Retford, in September.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding over the tea and meeting, and the Rev. H. R. Peel, in a brief speech, welcomed all the ringers to Cuckney. He said how much he loved to hear the ringing of church bells. He believed Cuckney had got one of the sweetest peals of bells in the district, and it was so nice to hear them skilfully rung. Their service ringers at Cuckney performed their duties every Sunday in an admirable way, and he was pleased the tower was affiliated with the association. It was much better for the ringers to have their meetings in the villages in summer than in winter.

The Sutton-on-Trent ringers will be pleased to see a large number of ringers present on August Bank Holiday at their annual sports and gala in aid of the Church Bells Restoration Fund. Both these meetings will be advertised in 'The Ringing World' later.



## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## PRESTON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING: A HINT TO MEMBERS.

The annual meeting of the Preston branch was held at Samlesbury on Saturday, July 10th. During the day between 20 and 30 ringers and friends were present, amongst whom were visitors from the Blackburn branch, Mr. Edwin Timbrell, of Chipping, who had not had a pull on eight bells since visiting this tower fourteen years ago, and Miss May Clayton, who has been very busy in the last twelve months ringing peals in most of the standard methods, as well as representatives from ten of the branch towers.

Ringings commenced about three o'clock, and tea was partaken of at a farmhouse near by, where, owing to lack of accommodation, there were two sittings, so that those having tea were able to do so within sound of the bells. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar, the Rev. G. Webster Clarke, presided, and after opening the meeting with prayer welcomed the ringers to Samlesbury. He looked on ringers, he said, as men who were doing good work for the Church.

The secretary gave the following report on the work of the branch for the year: During the year we have held meetings at Higher Walton, Eccleston, Chorley, Hoghton, Broughton, Preston Parish Church, and Chipping. We have also had a successful joint meeting with the Wigan branch at Wigan Parish Church, as well as the annual social at St. James', Leyland. The average attendance at the meetings has been slightly higher than the preceding year, the average being 29 for this year, against 27 last year. The annual social was another success, both in numbers and other respects, and St. James' ringers and friends can say they succeeded very well when comparing their efforts with those of their predecessors. Thirteen branch peals have been rung as follows: One Minor in three methods, 2 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 2 Cambridge Minor, 1 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 1 Minor in seven methods, all at Brindle, 2 Double Norwich (1 at Preston parish and 1 at Samlesbury), 1 Kent Treble Bob and 1 Spliced Treble Bob at Whittle-le-Woods, also 1 Spliced Treble Bob at Chorley, 1 Minor in four methods at St. James' Leyland, the first peal of Minor for all the band and by the local band, also 1 peal of Stedman at Whittle-le-Woods. Thirty-four members have rung in one or more peals during the year, no less than twenty-six ringing their first in one or more methods. Four members have reached a total of fifty or more peals for the association. Since September last sixty-nine honorary life, honorary, non-resident and ringing members have paid £8 7s. in subscriptions. We have made two honorary life members, three non-resident, and eight ringing members during the year. I regret to say we have lost one honorary life member, the late Rev. P. Lancashire, one time Rector of Brindle, for whom a muffled peal of Cambridge Minor was rung at Brindle. We have also lost one of the Whittle stalwarts, Mr. Wm. Lancaster, who has left the district on account of his employment, but I am pleased to see he continues to be active in ringing. We have also lost one or two others from other causes. The year has been fairly successful compared with previous ones and with other branches of the association, and although our members are probably equal to any other branch as regards paying their subscriptions, I would like to warn some of them who are getting a bit behind that according to rule they are liable to be crossed off the list. I mention this because some of them have rung peals during the year. The list of members is as follows:—4 honorary life members, 1 honorary member, and 123 ringing members.

Mr. J. R. Taylor, in moving that the report be accepted, said he considered it a splendid one. Mr. J. Binson seconded, and the report was accepted.

Mr. Wm. Sharples then gave a report of the General Committee meeting held at Manchester last month.—The report was accepted, and the best thanks of the meeting given to the branch representatives at the committee meeting.

The branch secretary and the ringing master, Mr. E. R. Martin, were then re-elected without opposition.—Mr. J. R. Taylor, in proposing the resolution, said he didn't think the branch could improve on them, and that they ought to stick to them as long as they could.—The motion was carried unanimously, and the secretary and ringing master thanked the meeting for their confidence.

The question of the annual branch social was next considered, the meeting deciding to hold the same at Chorley.

The ringing master then had a word to say about the state of ringing in the branch. He thought they had lost ground recently in the higher methods, as two or three years ago they had rung peals of Superlative, but now it was little practised, and he would like anyone to suggest a way by which they could improve things. They were, he said, equal to any other branch, but he thought they might do better.

Other members spoke on the subject, one suggesting that a peal should be attempted at each tower during the year. Another thought touches at the meetings should be cut shorter, especially when there was a large number of ringers present.

Votes of thanks to the local authorities for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for having all in readiness as well as arranging teas, concluded the meeting, the Vicar and one of the wardens, who is also a ringer, suitably replying.

The tower was again visited, when the tit-bit of the day in ringing was accomplished, this being a long touch of Double Norwich, conducted by B. A. Knights, who seemed to enjoy it so much that he could not resist prolonging it, at the risk of getting in hot water with those who were waiting for a pull. During the day most of the standard methods were rung, as well as some good practice being obtained for the beginners.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

## STOCKPORT BRANCH SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE.

The Stockport and Bowden branch held the summer quarterly meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Saturday, July 3rd. This church, although outside the diocese of Chester, is one of the border parishes which comes within the area of the Guild. Standing on a hill 850 feet above sea level, in the lovely Peak District of Derbyshire, and within a few miles of Buxton, the church is ideally situated for a summer meeting. The tower contains a peal of six by Rudhall, cast about 200 years ago, and although they go fairly well they are hopelessly out of tune. The weather was perfect, and the walk of over a mile from the station to the church was very pleasant indeed, the route laying along lanes profuse with briar roses and wild flowers of all kinds. At the church gates the Rev. J. C. Stredder (Vicar) personally welcomed all who arrived prior to the service, which was held in the church at 4.30, and was attended among others by Mr. E. W. Elwell, the general secretary of the Guild. The service was short and much appreciated, and in his remarks the Vicar said he had promised to provide a short service and long tea, and he had arranged the latter for five o'clock in the schools. Here it was found the promise was no idle one, the tables being a joy to see, and although only about half the forty-two who attended had sent in their names, yet all were welcomed and liberally provided for.

After tea, Mr. J. H. Jackson, of Disley, the branch chairman, thanked the Vicar for the kind welcome he had given, and for the generous way in which he had provided the tea.—This was received with acclamation, and the Vicar, in reply, said it was a great pleasure to him to receive the Guild members and their friends, and mentioned that it was twenty-five years ago on the previous day since he came to the parish. He thanked the six members who rang the peal for him last year to commemorate the seven hundredth anniversary of the church. Owing to the ill-health of one of his sons he was leaving that part of the country, and had accepted a living near Stratford-on-Avon, and he would be very pleased to receive any of the members there if at any future time they were in that district.

The business meeting followed, and the chairman announced that the members had to find a new branch secretary in place of Mr. J. P. Fidler, who had left the district to take up an appointment with Messrs. Taylor and Co., the bell-founders.

For the remainder of the current year, Mr. T. Wilde, of Hyde, was elected honorary secretary pro tem. The best thanks of the members were accorded to Mr. Fidler for his work as secretary during the two years he had held office, and best wishes were extended to him in his new sphere.

One new member was elected, and a practice meeting was arranged to take place at Hayfield on Saturday, August 28th, to give encouragement to the new band which has recently been formed there. It was also arranged to attempt a peal at Chapel-en-le-Frith in September to commemorate the Vicar's twenty-five years' service, and also as a farewell to him on leaving the parish.

Votes of thanks to the local ringers and to the helpers at tea concluded the meeting, and the bells were afterwards kept going until nearly nine o'clock, when tracks were made for home after as pleasant a day as one could wish for. The ringing was arranged to suit all who wanted a pull, and the methods extended from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

## MR. SAM JONES, JUN.'S. 100 PEALS.

Completed at Pulford, Cheshire, on Saturday, Mr. S. Jones, jun.'s, one hundred peals are made up as follows:—Plain Minor 3, Treble Bob Minor 2, Grandsire Triples 13 (conducted 2), Stedman Triples 8 (conducted 2), Bob Major 6, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 27, Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 21, Cambridge Surprise Major 5, London Surprise Major 1, Belgrave Surprise Major 1, Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Caters 3, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Spliced Treble Bob Major 1: total 100. The peals of Kent Treble Bob Major include 17,280 (record), 10,400 (North Wales record), 7,008, 9,344, 7,488 and 6,016.

## MINOR AT OVER. CAMBS.

For evening service, Sunday, July 11th, at Over, Cambs, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Robinson 1, F. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, A. J. Ginn 6. During the year 1925-26 forty-six 720's have been rung by the Over band, being 12 of Kent, 11 Oxford, 15 Bob Minor, 8 Cambridge Surprise. The band consists of Mr. A. J. Ginn, capt.; B. Wayman, vice-capt.; W. J. Ginn, secretary; C. Robinson, treasurer; W. J. T. Ginn, L. Ginn, F. Ginn, H. Robinson, F. G. Gleaves and F. Warrington. By dint of steady practice they hope to overcome 'London' during the coming months.

### SIMPSON TUNING. THE CLAIM OF OLD-FASHIONED TUNING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The question of Simpson-tuned bells and bells cast on what is known as the old system has been extensively ventilated in the pages of 'The Ringing World' recently.

I should like to put my views on the matter before your readers. The old system I would deal with first, because from a skilful point of view they are first, for bells cast and properly tuned on this plan are very hard to beat for all towers and any form of ringing, odd or even methods. There is nothing more pleasing to the ear, when well struck, than these peals. Several peals I have heard will satisfy the most fastidious. One stands out perhaps more prominently than others, that is Privett (Hants). A better peal for their weight no founder has ever cast. I could mention a good number besides, and not include the famous Rudhall's peals, and more of other scientific founders of long ago.

Let us now turn to the Simpson principle. Some founders turn out bells on this so-called system. Why? Because it is next to the impossible for them to cast bells superior to the old-fashioned peals for sweetness and mellowness of tone. (I fancy I hear someone say 'rot.') Never mind, it is true nevertheless. This system with the noisy hum note of one bell overlapping another covers up defects which cannot be done in an old-fashioned peal. Will some of these Simpson peals stand the tuning-fork test any better than the Coventry peal? I venture to say 'No.' I know of several good peals on this plan, and I know of some that are indifferent, and how people can shout about them is past my comprehension. Peals cast on this principle, if hurried in ringing in some towers, will set up a howl that is not very pleasant. Simpson bells should never be put into cramped towers, but only into towers with plenty of space upwards, and where the spires are suitable.

Then, sometimes, bells get put on the tuning machine to try and turn them into a so-called Simpson bell, when they were not cast for it. I am referring to old bells, and when so treated it is vandalism. When bells are not cast to the proper shape you cannot put it right in the lathe to that extent. A lot of bells are finding their way back into the melting pot; some require it, others for business. As a ringer I strongly object to anyone, after making a thorough inspection in the tower for re-fitting and re-hanging in a new frame, and after bells are at the works, writing to the Church authorities saying the whole peal must be re-cast. No one wanted it done, as it was a very fine old peal. How is it that in some peals (Simpson) the clappers are not graded? I know of bells in peals that, alongside the others, have not got breath enough. For instance, if it is the 5th bell in an octave, a clapper is put in several pounds heavier than the sixth clapper. Is this perfect casting and tuning?

What is required to-day is a qualified architect. Is there one to-day who could answer a simple question, Which is the hand-stroke side of bell or clapper when it is down? Sometimes the poor bell-hanger, who always does his best to make bells go well, comes in for his share of the blame if anyone happens to be a bit critical. I will give one instance. A peal had been rung, and the local captain of the ringers thought one of the bells did not go as well as it should. He eventually told the bell-hanger, and also went so far as to say the bell was not level. 'Come up,' he said, 'and I will show you.' Up they went, the captain armed with a level. No ringer would ever guess where he put the level to test the bell. To the consternation of the bell-hanger he put it on top of the stay. When I order a peal, it will be on the old plan, and I shall stipulate for a musical peal. It takes good metal to produce such. Thanking you for your valuable space,—Yours truly,

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

### BELLS THAT WANT MORE METAL.

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to see that the bell-founders have at last had something to say about Simpson tuning. This question has periodically been raised for some years, and I hope that the real experts have at last put paid to it. I am pleased to observe in your report that the bell-founders do not mind being shot at, as one would like to know the opinions of twelve bell-ringers with regard to the modern-tuned peals of twelve that have been put up in this last few years. I have recently had the opportunity of listening to two such peals. Both are very musical, the tenors the same weight and note, and from different foundries. I consider one peal more uniform than the other, but both could be greatly improved as peals of twelve if ten cwt. more metal had been put in the front, five at one place and fifteen cwt. more in the front eight at the other.

Competition may be the cause of this skimping of the smaller bells, if so ringers and those concerned must insist on the individual weight of each bell when inviting tenders from the firms concerned. Another point that is frequently discussed amongst ringers is whether the tucking up of the back bells into the headstocks has not been overdone, as a lot of them have a tendency to turn too slow, and also to be short gaited at handstroke. To ring heavy bells in comfort it is essential that they should turn quickly. A large number of ringers should be able to write with considerable knowledge on the points I have raised.—Yours truly,

PERCY O. LAFLIN.

### ACTS OF VANDALISM.

Dear Sir,—In view of the prolonged sources of indifference that continue to find way into the columns of 'The Ringing World' on the subject of 'Simpson tuning,' may I be permitted a little space to make a few remarks?

Firstly, those critics who condemn Simpson-tuned bells as being 'noisy howlers' of the 'tin-can' type, etc., appear to have a very limited knowledge of the subject. Evidently they are only associated with the 'early Simpson-tuned' bells, cast at the time when the system was in an experimental stage. As a result of continued research, so much improvement has been effected that modern peals are quite distinguishable from their ancestors.

On the other hand, I take strong objection to acts of vandalism being allowed by authorities concerned, because some grand old peal does not happen to be tuned on the Simpson principle. It was stated at the consistory court at Coventry 'that good bells, tuned on the old plan, were few and far between'; but, as can easily be proved, this statement is entirely unfounded. And, further, quotes Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, the 'Simpsonians' allege that these occasional fine examples of the old founders' art are outstanding because they constitute practically a Simpson-tuned bell. This statement, of course, is ridiculous, and only serves to substitute a blank, where a correct reply cannot be given.

Simpson tuning is all right as long as it is confined to modern peals; but I think that it is very wrong of the 'Simpson enthusiasts' to push themselves, in conjunction with 'self-styled' bell experts, into the act of persuading authorities to replace a grand old peal with an inferior 'Simpson-tuned' one.—Yours faithfully,

'BOW TENOR.'

### RAMSBOTTOM BELLS RE-OPENED.

The bells at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom, Lancs, were re-opened on Saturday last by Canon H. J. Elsee, of Bolton, president of Lancs Association, a good number of ringers being present from various places, including Mr. Rollerson, vice-president, Mr. W. H. Shuker, general secretary of the association, Mr. A. Tomlinson, ringing secretary, and Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Loughborough foundry.

The bells have been cleaned, retuned and fitted up on the latest principle on steel girders, iron framework and ball bearings. Everyone present was unanimous that Messrs. Taylor and Co. had done their work well, there being a great improvement both as regards tone and the 'go' of the bells.

Ringing was carried on from 4 o'clock until 9, the methods including Grandsire, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Surprise. Everyone was delighted with the bells. There was an attendance of 46 ringers, including the local men.

### DEATH OF A BOLTON RINGER.

All Souls' Church, Bolton, has lost its oldest ringer in Mr. Joseph Markland, who passed away in his seventy-seventh year. He had been a regular ringer at the church for thirty-five years, up to about two years ago, when his health failed him. Since then he had only made rare visits to the belfry.

He died on July 3rd, and was interred at Heaton Cemetery, a service having first been held at All Souls' Church. The Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., President of the Lancashire Association, officiated, members of the company acted as bearers, and representatives of other towers rang the bells fully muffled to the 'Whole Pull and Stand,' followed later with handbells over the grave.

The deceased was a keen ringer, and in his younger days put many peals to his credit.

### BOB MAJOR AND DOUBLE OXFORD SPLICED.

5,088 BY JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Start Bob Major.  
23466 W B M H

51326	3	—	—	—
54263	1	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	—
52643	—	—	—	—
62345	—	—	—	—
53248	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—

Repeat twice with a single at the end produces 32456, from which ring Double Oxford.

32456	M	B	W	H
25364	—	—	—	—
25643	—	—	—	—
42653	—	—	—	—
65423	—	—	—	—
45326	—	—	—	—
35246	—	—	—	—
23546	—	—	—	—
52346	—	—	—	—

Repeat twice with single at the end. Contains 2,544 of each method. First rung at Crayford, July 8th, 1926. Conducted by E. Barnett, sen.

## ROUND BLOCKS.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

Some day the science men of campanology will, perhaps, realise that by the individual Round Blocks of a method or principle it is possible to prove whether a method is the same on all numbers or not.

Below are the Round Blocks of the first half-lead of Bob Minor and Bob Major, also of London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major.

To find the relationship of the individual Round Blocks of Minor and Major all we have to do is to add 7-3 to the Minor Round Blocks and then compare with the Major, and we shall find that we have in the simplest method and the most difficult a similar mathematical progression.

I have previously proved there is one general law in method construction, whether it be method, principle, or system, and it is ridiculous to suppose, or say, that an extension is the same method unless the mathematical progression of the individual Round Blocks is the same on the higher numbers.

A double Major method when extended is not necessarily a double method on ten and twelve, any more than Double Court Minor is; the latter can be extended as a single method or as a double method to infinity, and in my next article I will give single extensions of Superlative to Royal and Maximus in which the Round Blocks are the same as in the Major plus the extra bells.

## PLAIN BOB.

Minor Round Blocks.	Major Round Blocks.	
Plus 7, 8.		
13526478	13527486	
Compared		
13526478		
13527486	progression	231
42163578	42163857	
42163578		
42163857	progression	312
51324678 compared with 51327486	gives	progression 231
26143578	26143857	312
31625478	31725486	231
24153678	24183657	312

It will be seen that the progression between Bob Minor and Bob Major is alternately 231 and 312.

Now we will examine London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major to see if what is true of the most simple method is also true of the most complex.

## LONDON SURPRISE.

Minor Round Blocks.	Major Round Blocks.	
Plus 7, 8.		
14263578 compared with 14263857	gives	progression 312
52136478	52137486	231
16423578	16423857	312
62531478	72531486	231
56324178	86324157	312
56142378	57142386	231
65314278	68314257	312
65241378	75241386	231
46125378	46125837	312
41532678	41537682	231
23465178	23465817	312
34251678	34257681	231

It will be seen that the progression in London Surprise is alternately 312 and 231, which is accounted for by the different lead-heads:

135264 and 13527486 = 231,  
as against 142635 and 14263857 = 312.

Anyone who knows anything at all about the pivot bell question will know that the fixed pivot bell cannot be altered in her work. If she is a Treble Bob hunt bell in Major, she will be in Royal and Maximus. For this we need only examine the work of the third in Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. Shipway, instead of keeping the pivot bell, the third, to Treble Bob hunts, forces her to make places in his so-called Superlative Royal—a thing unheard of in any other method with a fixed pivot bell.

St. Mary's, where the lovely peal of eight was kept going for an hour, while the visitors were taken by the Vicar to watch the sailing of the 'Aquitania.' At 1.15 the party sat down to a splendid lunch at Lowman's Restaurant, and then a move was made for the Grand Pier, and a motor-boat trip around the 'Olympic' was thoroughly enjoyed. On returning, the pier sports were the attraction, the Skeer Ball coming in for particular attention. After tea, the return journey was made through Salisbury, where a wonderful view of the grand Cathedral, with its awe-inspiring spire, met the eye. A halt was called at Warminster, and Evercreech was reached about 11 p.m. by a tired but happy party, who tender their thanks to the Vicars and captains of Ringwood and St. Mary's, Southampton, for the use of the bells, and Mr. R. Rood, of Southampton, for his help in making the splendid arrangements.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

OXHEY SOCIETY.

In brilliant weather on Saturday, June 19th, the Oxhey Society held its annual outing. Leaving the Parish Church at 2 p.m. in motors, the party, numbering twenty-two and including the wives and friends of the ringers, started for Aston Clinton. On arrival there, they found a delightful peal of six bells, which the writer was informed had not been rung since Armistice Day. They were, however, notwithstanding this, in splendid condition, and were soon set going to Minor and Doubles. After ringing for about 45 minutes, the party made tracks for their next call, viz., Hardwicke, another peal of six. The ladies of the party were quite content to rest in this beautiful cool old church, while the ringers gave themselves up to their hearts' delight, and although only elementary methods were rung, it was, nevertheless, most enjoyable.

To crowd four churches in an afternoon's outing does not give one very much spare time, so off again to Whitechurch, and now, sad to relate, here the party, so far as the ringers were concerned, met their Waterloo. These fine old bells, the dates of which were discernible on some, viz., 1570, 1625, 1675, were in a deplorable state. The ringing chamber is on the ground floor, and there are no guides up to the floor above. After superhuman efforts with three on the tenor, the bells were got up, and after a rest an attempt was made to ring rounds. Not one caught the sally first time, and, thinking it was no use over-exerting themselves (Nanny was by this time almost a grease spot), the ringers let the bells down. With a band of William Cockerills, rounds might be rung.

Nothing daunted, they were quickly off to Aston Abbots, where the Vicar had kindly given permission for the use of the Church Hall for the party to have tea, and what a tea! If every party on an outing did such justice to their tea as was done on this occasion, goodness help the poor caterer—cold meats, salads, cakes and home-made jams disappeared in a manner that would have made the Fat Boy of Pickwick lame roll his eyes in astonishment!

All being satisfied, a short turn on the Parish Church bells brought the ringing for the day to a close, and mounting the motors once more faces were turned homewards, the ever-changing summer scenes of beauty in this lovely country being deeply appreciated by all. Opportunity is here taken of thanking all the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having things in readiness.

## BOLSOVER PARISH CHURCH.

On Wednesday, June 16th, the ringers of Bolsover Parish Church had their annual outing. Travelling in a Fiat saloon 14-seater car, they made the first stop at Wortley, where 'Father' Robbins and two younger Robbins went to see a still older Robbin. The second stop was Penistone, about 10 a.m., where a nice peal of eight bells were soon going merrily, touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative being brought round. Afterwards the party proceeded to the Rose and Crown for breakfast, and were admirably catered for. They then proceeded to Glossop, which was reached after a beautiful run across the Yorkshire moors, with many splendid views. Glossop Church, which has a record of Vicars from the year A.D. 1000, is a very fine building, and it has also a very fine peal of eight bells, on which the visitors brought round touches of Cambridge, Superlative, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Plain Bob. After the bells were lowered in peal, the Vicar kindly escorted the party round the Vicarage gardens, which was greatly enjoyed. The journey was then resumed across part of the Derbyshire hills to New Mills, where the party were met by a very old friend in the Rev. A. T. Beeston. The bells were soon going to the same methods rung at Glossop. Credit must be given to the young members of the party—six in number—for the way in which they rang at all the churches. A sumptuous tea was very kindly provided by the Rev. A. T. and Mrs. Beeston. Afterwards Mrs. Beeston expressed a desire to take a photo of the party. She first took the older members in one group, and the younger members in another group. After a short look round the town and a visit to the Rev. A. T. Beeston's residence, the party started for home, which was reached at 9.10 p.m., after a fine and delightful day's outing.

## ST. PETER'S, EVERCREECH.

On Saturday, June 26th, the ringers of Evercreech, Somerset, accompanied by their captain, Mr. R. Whitehead, the Vicar, and friends, had ideal weather for their annual outing, when Southampton was visited. The party left the church at 6.30 a.m. The sun was shining brightly, and there was a keen nip in the air, which was most invigorating. The outward journey led through the New Forest, where a wonderful view was thoroughly appreciated. A halt was made at Ringwood, and here the party were heartily welcomed by the Vicar and ringers' captain. The ringers enjoyed touches of Grandshire and Stedman, while the other visitors explored the grand old-fashioned Vicarage garden, with its lawns and rustic bridges. The journey was continued through the Forest, passing within a stone's throw of the Rufus Stone, and Southampton was reached about mid-day. Again the ringers turned their steps to the tower of

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## ROYAL MARINE'S 300 PEALS.

## A RECORD WITH THE COLOURS.

Mr. James Bennett, whom ringers have long known by his association with the Royal Marines, and who for some years held the rank of Company Sergeant-Major, recently completed his service with the colours. He rang more than 300 peals while in the Marines, and the following is the list which makes up three centuries. This is a record for any member of His Majesty's Forces while serving with the colours:—

	Rung	Conducted
<b>MINOR—</b>		
In 1 Method ... ..	2	1
In 2 Methods ... ..	1	1
In 3 Methods ... ..	4	1
In 4 Methods ... ..	2	1
In 5 Methods ... ..	2	2
In 6 Methods ... ..	2	2
In 7 Methods ... ..	16	5
<b>TRIPLES—</b>		
Grandsire ... ..	18	2
Stedman ... ..	63	
Union ... ..	2	
Erin ... ..	1	
<b>MAJOR—</b>		
Plain Bob ... ..	15	5
Little Bob ... ..	1	
Reverse Bob ... ..	1	
Canterbury Pleasure ... ..	1	
Little Canterbury Pleasure ... ..	1	
Dartford Little Bob ... ..	1	
Crayford Little Bob ... ..	1	
Kent Treble Bob ... ..	28	9
Oxford Treble Bob ... ..	9	
Spliced Kent & Oxford Treble Bob ... ..	2	
Cambridge Treble Bob ... ..	1	
Double Oxford Bob ... ..	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob ... ..	52	
'Real' Double Norwich Court Bob ... ..	1	
Spliced Double Norwich & Plain Bob ... ..	1	
Norfolk Surprise ... ..	2	
Superlative Surprise ... ..	9	
Cambridge Surprise ... ..	18	
London Surprise ... ..	1	
<b>CATERS—</b>		
Grandsire ... ..	1	
Stedman ... ..	17	
<b>ROYAL—</b>		
Plain Bob ... ..	1	
Little Bob ... ..	1	
Kent Treble Bob ... ..	5	
Oxford Treble Bob ... ..	1	
<b>CINQUES—</b>		
Stedman ... ..	12	
<b>MAXIMUS—</b>		
Kent Treble Bob ... ..	3	
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>29</b>

Rung in nine counties; for 11 associations, in 91 towers.

## BOLSOVER'S YOUNG RINGERS

At Bolsover, Derbyshire, there is a band of 15 Sunday service ringers. Six of these are under the age of 17, viz., two are 13, three 15, and one 16. These lads commenced to pull a bell the first week in October, 1925, and can now ring Bob Major well, and three of them ring Treble Bob, and are now practising Double Norwich. Under the tuition of the veterans, some of whose names are almost household words in the Exercise, they have been taught to 'strike' their bells, and they have profited by their lesson.

The society has kept up an outing fund for 25 years, each member paying threepence weekly, while all fines for being late and absent go to the same fund. Often the society has two outings in a year. This year they have had two, and still have at the bank £15. This helps greatly to keep the men together.

In addition the society is busy training a band of eight from the neighbouring village of Cresswell, where a new tower is being built to receive a peal of eight bells. The scheme will be completed this year.

For practice on July 6th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes): Renalish Coupe 1, William Lambert 2, Jesse J. Moss 3, Ernest Wagstaff 4, Edward Robbins 5, Harold Kent 6, John Flint (conductor) 7, Charles Mason 8. Longest length by the ringers of 4 and 6, who are aged 13 and 15 respectively.

LEICESTER.—On Thursday, July 1st, at St. Martin's, 720 Kent Treble Bob: \*C. F. Howitt 1, S. Cotton 2, F. H. Dexter 3, E. Whitehead 4, \*N. Bagworth 5, W. Willson (conductor) 6. \* First in the method.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HESTON.—For morning service on Sunday, July 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples; H. Belcher 1, H. C. Chandler 2, W. Lewes 3, C. S. Bird 4, C. I. Edwards 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, A. Lewes 8.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Jeans and Mr. F. Lock, 720 Bob Minor: T. Locke 1, R. Mills 2, G. Lock 3, T. Creed (conductor) 4, H. Westlake 5, F. Locke 6.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, July 11th, for the evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: R. H. Stevens 1, R. H. Birch (Hythe) 2, J. Eagles 3, C. R. Millway 4, T. Easterby (Deptford) 5, H. J. Saunders 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Sunday, July 11th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: J. Evans 1, H. Hatfield 2, W. Scarrott 3, B. Cox 4, F. Neale (conductor) 5, E. A. Clifton 6, E. Hims 7, T. Clifton 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of the conductor's brother, which took place at Bolton the previous day.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, July 4th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, P. S. A. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Duke of York, G. H. Carter conductor.

ASHBOURNE.—At St. Oswald's Church, for evening service, on July 4th, 1,440 Bob Minor, with 6, 8 covering, in 45 mins.: H. Shorraft 1, L. Ferrar 2, R. E. Sadler 3, C. Lombard 4, F. Rushton 5, T. Bull 6, E. Lombard (conductor) 7, C. Bull 8.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 4th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major in 45 mins.: J. Preston 1, J. W. Pemberton 2, W. J. Meers 3, M. J. Morris 4, F. W. Rishworth 5, F. Price 6, H. C. Spencer 7, G. F. Swann (conductor) 8.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, July 4th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins., as a welcome to the Bishop of the diocese on his first visit to the parish: T. Griffiths (first 720) 1, S. Griffiths 2, J. Gardner (conductor) 3, P. Boardman, jun., 4, J. Robinson (first on an inside bell) 5, W. Baggeridge 6, P. Boardman 7, S. Lawrenson 8. Rung with 6 and 8 covering.

KEGWORTH.—At St. Andrew's Church for the Sunday School Festival, on June 27th, 360 Bob Minor, for afternoon service; for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,440 changes) in two methods, being 720 each of Grandsire Minor, and 720 of Bob Minor, in 48 mins. Ringers taking part were: Miss W. Baxter, D. D. Sutton, and Messrs. J. Booth, H. Cook, A. Cook, S. Papworth, E. Bagguley, A. Sansom, and F. J. Sutton (conductor of quarter-peal). A 720 of Kent Treble Bob for morning service came to grief with a shift course.

NEWMARKET.—On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service, at St. Mary's, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Wilkins 1, C. Ellis 2, I. Pindar 3, W. H. Paget 4, S. Forwood (conductor) 5, R. C. Sharpe 6. Ringers of 1 and 2 hail from Great Yeldham, Essex.

## LAVENHAM'S RINGING ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, June 19th, the 115th anniversary of the completion of the octave at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, was celebrated. Upwards of fifty ringers assembled from Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire. Many touches were rung during the day in the following methods:—Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich Superlative, Cambridge and London. Among those present were Messrs. G. Fardon, J. Bullock and F. G. Symonds, London; Tony Price, Boston, U.S.A.; R. Narborough, Wisbech; W. Keeble, Peering; and D. Elliott, Assington. Other parishes represented were: Bury St. Edmunds, Cornard, Creetingham, Debenham, Henny, Ipswich, Long Melford, Otley, Polstead, Sudbury, Ufford, Wormingford, Ardligh, Coggeshall, Earl's Colne, and Terrington St. John.

The grand church and its noble tower were greatly admired by the visiting ringers, their wives and friends, most of whom climbed to the top of the tower for a splendid view of the surrounding country. After partaking of tea, the tower was again visited, and further touches rung. All the visitors spoke highly in praise of the tone and 'go' of this far-famed eight. Before dispersing, some of the ringers had the pleasure of contributing their share towards the 'mile of pennies' being collected for the restoration fund of the church, which is now in a critical state owing to the extensive ravages of the 'death watch' beetle.

## NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, July 17th, at All Saints' Isleworth. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at North Mymms on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A post card from intending visitors would greatly help with tea arrangements.—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.



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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 22nd; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 17th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea has been arranged at the "Denbigh Arms," to be followed by general meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Paulton on July 17th. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitechurch on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45; 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Netheravon on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Arrangements are being made for ringing at Fittleton (6), Enford (6) and Upavon (6) in the evening.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hunton on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, after service.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Braunston on Saturday July 17th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Rd., Daventry.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, July 17th, 1926. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. — James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Langdon Hills (6 bells) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me as soon as possible, as number has to be given for tea?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**WITHERLEY.**—Hinckley District, M.C.A.—Thanksgiving service for complete restoration of church and spire (which were struck by lightning some two or three years ago), 3 p.m., on Wednesday, July 21st. The bells (5) have been rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, and will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival, 1926.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 24th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. Applications for same, accompanied by remittance, to be made to general secretary by Wednesday, July 21st. Ringing as usual at college towers and city churches. The L.M. & S. Railway will grant a return ticket to Oxford on July 24th by any train at a single fare from any station in Berks, Bucks or Oxon.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar), and meeting. Those intending to be present kindly notify by July 20th.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5, meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, Feniake, Bedford.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District. — A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 24th. Bells of the Parish Church are available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, free. Will all who wish to be present please let me know by Thursday, the 22nd inst? All ringers welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Little Comberton on Saturday, July 24th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Lowndes). Notification to be sent me not later than the previous Tuesday. Bells (6) available; also Great Comberton (6) at 7.30 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Prestwick, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingborough on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by July 21st.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—The summer meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, July 24th. The bells (8) are available. Tea at the Central Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Those coming to tea please notify me by Tuesday, July 20th.—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided by the generosity of a friend of the local ringers, only to those who notify me before Tuesday, July 20th. Half-fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on July 24th. Bells at Kirkby available from 4 p.m. to 5.30. Bells at Peckleton from 5.30 onwards. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE CHURCH BELL RINGERS.**—A meeting of all those interested in Church Bell Ringing in the County of Salop and others will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 24th. Bells at St. Chad's (12), St. Mary's (10) and other towers in the town will be available during the afternoon and evening. At 5.30, in the Vestry of St. Chad's Church, a general meeting will be held. The Ven. Archdeacon Lambart, of Salop, will take the chair. All ringers will be most welcome. A cheap tea will be provided for those who let the secretary know before Thursday, the 22nd.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Kirby-le-Soken.—Dedication of two trebles to complete the octave at matins, 11 a.m., on Sunday, July 25th. Visiting ringers will be welcomed.—Chas. H. Howard, Master, Braintree.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Colchester re-opening, after rehanging of the ring of five at St. Leonard's Church on Thursday, July 29th, at 3 p.m. The bells will be open to visiting ringers after the service.—Chas. H. Howard, Master, Braintree.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open at 3.15. First meeting here since the bells have been rehung, and a hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Stonham Aspal (Eye buses) on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea (1/- each) at Ten Bells Inn at 5 followed by business meeting. Please send notice for tea to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Dis. Sec., Debenham, Stowmarket.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Bay Horse Inn at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head for those who notify Miss R. A. Bell, Lower East Lee, Eastwood, Todmorden, not later than the Tuesday previous, July 27th.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blaenavon on Saturday, July 31st. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the George Inn at 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise me not later than Wednesday, July 28th.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY** will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 31st, at Norbury Parish Church. Bells available from 3.30 p.m., and the meeting held at 7 p.m.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. The association service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. C. G. T. Colson, M.A. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me on or before first post Wednesday, July 28th? All ringers welcome, beginners especially.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, July 31st. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Buses leave Chelmsford 2 o'clock, 3 and 3.15, and leave Galleywood about every half hour until 9.45 p.m. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, July 28th?—P. Timson, 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Aylsham on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. By kind permission of the Vicar, the ring of ten bells of the Parish Church are placed at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at the Black Boys' Hotel at 1.30 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Members intending to be present at the luncheon must notify the secretary on or before Thursday, July 29th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

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