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### A PLEDGE TO THE COUNCIL.

The new Guildford Diocesan Guild proposes to include as one of its rules a definite provision that it shall be affiliated to the Central Council and shall recognise and observe the Council's rulings. Although practically all the Guilds and Associations throughout the country are affiliated to the central body, there are few who make it an obligation under their rules to join the Council, nor do they commit themselves to observing the Council's rulings. At a meeting at which the Guildford Guild's rules were discussed on Saturday the question was raised as to whether any good purpose would be served by including the provision for recognition of the Council's rulings. The step which the organisers of the new Guild propose is, in our opinion, a very desirable one if we are to see the Central Council's position in the Exercise strengthened. It is true that nothing which the Central Council decides can be enforced upon either unwilling individuals or associations, but it is a logical attitude for an association to take to say that, if it agrees with the objects of the Council — as it implies when it affiliates — it will give its loyal support to the Council's decisions and do its best to give effect to them.

Let it be said at once that, taken as a whole, associations do, in their formal capacity, generally accept the Council's rulings on matters concerning the Exercise, but there is in the Council an undercurrent of feeling, or shall we say of hesitancy, when it comes to dealing with questions which concern ringing organisations, hesitancy because it is not known how the various bodies would take the ruling. If, however, the Council were assured beforehand that its decisions would be loyally accepted, it could turn with greater freedom to some of those subjects which at present it approaches with diffidence. The argument against action by the Council is always that it cannot compel acceptance of its resolutions. That being admitted, the next best thing is to achieve a voluntary acceptance, and this would be largely secured if all the associations were to incorporate in their rules a recognition clause. If only as an advisory body, the Council's decisions would have more effect if all its constituent organisations were pledged to its support rather than, as at present, entering upon the basis of, 'If I like it I'll have it, and if I don't like it I'll leave it alone.' At present the constitution of the Council is but loosely built up. There is very little tie between it and the associations who send representatives. This was probably all that was feasible when the Council was instituted, for the relationship between the Council and the Exercise was as uncertain as the ties between the associations and the

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ringers forty years ago. To-day things have changed. Ringers look upon their work from a totally different view-point, and the Central Council is as essential to the well-being of the Exercise as a whole as the existence of associations is to draw together the bands in the various dioceses and counties. The time has surely come, then, when the ringing organisations of this country can confidently bind themselves to support the parent body of the Exercise.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*HORACE BELCHER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 8
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3	*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 10
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 11
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 6	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Maximus in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	FRANK J. DAVEY ... .. 7
EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 10
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS... .. 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor
	ARTHUR MITCHELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Stedman Cinques by the Guild. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... .. 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 8
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES... .. 10
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... .. 5	†STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 11
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6	*FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

\* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Maximus. First peal of Little Bob Maximus by all the band, on the bells, and by the association.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

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

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	FRED PRICE ... .. 7
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... .. 8
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 9
FRANK W. FERRINS ... .. 4	THOMAS MILLER ... .. 10
JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 5	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal has 32 courses in the titlums position, with the 6th 24 times at home, and six courses in the handstroke home position.

**TEN BELL PEALS.**

STROUD, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

GEORGE LATHAM ... .. Treble	THOMAS WILLS ... .. 6
HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 2	THOMAS PRICE ... .. 7
TRAVERS PRITCHARD ... .. 3	JOHN BALLINGER ... .. 8
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 4	GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 9
BASIL LATHAM ... .. 5	LESLIE BARRY ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a birthday peal to the ringers of the treble, 2nd and tenor.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, October 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. KEEVES ... .. Treble	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 6
HENRY PRING ... .. 2	ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 7
ALBERT E. STOWELL ... .. 3	CHARLES W. BELL ... .. 8
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 4	E. GEORGE TREW ... .. 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5	*JESSE HALLETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

\* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. Treble	*CLARENCE LAW ... .. 5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. 6
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 7
THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 4	ROBERT PICKERING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

Rung in honour of the church crusade, which has taken place throughout the week in Wolverhampton, Willenhall, Bilston and Wednesfield. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Hughes, of Wednesbury, who kindly stood out to allow C. Law, of the local band, to attempt his first peal.

BINGHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*HENRY F. CLULOW ... .. Treble	†ERNEST CLULOW ... .. 5
WALTER WHITE ... .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 6
*GEORGE E. FOSTER ... .. 3	*EDWARD FOSTER ... .. 7
JOHN HOBBS ... .. 4	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. Treble	*THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 7
WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Bob Major, also first in the method on the bells. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tuesday, October 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This peal contains 2,944 changes of London, 608 of Bristol, and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. The Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses. First Spliced Surprise peal by the whole of the band and by the association; also first peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung in the county.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, October 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 5.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble	JAMES PAGETT ... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, October 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN T. BROWN ... .. Treble	JOHN B. HALLIFAX ... .. 5
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 2	ARTHUR RIGGALL ... .. 6
JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 3	JOHN CURRY ... .. 7
GEORGE LADD ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

Rung in honour of the weddings of Mr. Tom Ladd, son of the ringer of the 4th, and Miss Florence Ivy Foster, who were married at Spalding, and Mr. Arthur Ground, member of the Pinchbeck band, and Miss Jessie Lilian Arnold, who were married at Fulney on the above date.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, October 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... .. Treble	*TOM CLARK ... .. 5
†MISS PHYLLIS G. BAKER ... .. 2	JOSEPH DIXON ... .. 6
HERBERT TORR ... .. 3	†EDWARD DALINGWATER ... .. 7
JOHN T. BARTRAM ... .. 4	HARRY MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. TUCKER.

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

\* First attempt for a peal of Major. † First attempt for a peal. † First peal in the method. The ringers of 2nd and treble are 15 and 16 years of age respectively.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTEWELL ... .. Treble	HAROLD KENT ... .. 5
JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 2	CHARLES MASON ... .. 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 3	EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. 7
*ERNEST WAGSTAFF ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\* First peal.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## 1 PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... .. Treble	MAURICE WARD ... .. 5
MISS EDNA WEBSTER ... .. 2	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... .. 6
SAM PINDER ... .. 3	GEORGE WEST ... .. 7
J. ALFRED BARRETT ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BAILEY

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 5th and tenor. First in the method by an entirely local band, and rung at the first attempt. The band wish Mr. F. A. Salter's name to be coupled with this peal, as he was unable to stand in owing to business.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

LEWIS CHAPMAN ... .. Treble	JAMES GARRATT ... .. 5
JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 2	*GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 6
JOHN KING ... .. 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. 7
JAMES T. WARD ... .. 4	JOHN R. SHARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DUNCH.

Conducted by J. R. SHARMAN.

\* 100th peal. The ringer of the tenor was proposed a member previous to the peal.

## LYDD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

CHARLES TRIBE ... .. Treble	ROBERT EDWARDS ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... .. 3	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY ... .. 7
HARRY BAKER ... .. 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

## MELKSHAM, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 5
WILLIAM BOLWELL ... .. 2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE ... .. 6
*CHARLIE LOVELOCK ... .. 3	FRED LAMBETH ... .. 7
*THOMAS DAVISON ... .. 4	*WILFRED WATERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

\* First peal in the method.

## BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

HARRY BADGER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 5
FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 6
REGINALD BROWN ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

The anniversary of the conductor's wedding, which took place on October 15th, 1881.

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## SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 5
FRED HINDLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 6
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
THOMAS WILSON ... .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method. Also first peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Major R. W. Mackline and Miss R. E. Whitehead.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

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

E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. 7
JAMES S. HUTCHES ... .. 4	HENRY HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

The conductor's 50th peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells.

## RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN ... .. Treble	†CHARLES WRIGHT ... .. 5
*ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 2	†ARTHUR FIRTH ... .. 6
†JOHN W. J. COTTAM ... .. 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 7
ALBERT NASH ... .. 4	T. COLIN RYDER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

\* 50th peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Major away from the treble.

## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS WINNIE LINN ... .. Treble	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. 5
JOHN WOOD ... .. 2	DOCTOR SPENCER PHILLIPS ... .. 6
HERBERT DEVONISH ... .. 3	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 4	FRANK PAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

\* First peal. This peal was specially arranged to celebrate Miss Winnie Linn's 21st birthday, and this is the first peal in which a lady has taken part in the South-Eastern District of the Essex Association. Rung on the third anniversary of the opening of the bells. After the peal, the band were entertained to a meat tea by Miss Linn's parents.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 2	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... .. 6
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
MISS PHYLLIS MOSS ... .. 4	ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Mr. F. Borcham, jun., kindly acted as steeplekeeper for the visitors, who greatly appreciated this opportunity of attempting a peal upon the recently rehung octave.



MANSFIELD, NOTTS.  
EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
WILSON ALLIN ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... ..	5
HERBERT G. FRETWELL ... ..	2	JOSEPH LORD ... ..	6
*THOMAS W. HOPSON ... ..	3	THOMAS STIMPSON ... ..	7
*WILLIAM SWAIN ... ..	4	CHARLES CARR ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung as an anniversary peal for the association, which was formed October, 1887.

SHERE, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... ..	Treble
C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..	2
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... ..	3
CECIL NICE ... ..	4
NELSON ELLIOTT ... ..	5
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... ..	6
ALFRED J. BULL ... ..	7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... ..	Treble
WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... ..	2
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... ..	3
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... ..	4
WILLIAM HORAN ... ..	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... ..	6
PETER CROOK ... ..	7
JAMES INGHAM ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.  
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... ..	Treble
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..	2
GEORGE WIFFEN ... ..	3
FRANK CLAYDON ... ..	4
JAMES FLEETY ... ..	5
WALTER ARNOLD ... ..	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... ..	7
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Monday, October 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's.		Tenor 7 cwt.	
*J. TARGETT ... ..	Treble	R. F. BECK ... ..	4
J. T. DYKE ... ..	2	R. G. BECK ... ..	5
H. W. PEARCE ... ..	3	E. C. WADMAN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.  
\* First peal. First peal on the bells. The 150th tower in which J. T. Dyke has rung a peal.

EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores of St. Simon's, 12 of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire.		Tenor 11 cwt. in G.	
RICHARD FINBOW ... ..	Treble	ARTHUR CLEMENTS ... ..	3
RUSSELL WARD ... ..	2	WILLIAM FORSTER ... ..	4
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... ..	Tenor		

Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL.

First peal on the bells.

SPROUTON.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

The Rev. E. Banks James' composition.	
CHARLES F. MEE ... ..	Treble
GEORGE W. MOSS ... ..	2
JOHN C. GORDON HAGGAR ... ..	3
WALTER HONEYWOOD ... ..	4
EDGAR RIVERS ... ..	5
CHARLES MEE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by Messrs. G. W. Moss and W. Honeywood, who hail from Mistley.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
*PERCY GRICE ... ..	Treble	*CHARLES DAVIES ... ..	4
WILLIAM BROOKER ... ..	2	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... ..	5
HORACE V. ROWLEY ... ..	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal of Minor. Mr. C. Davies had only once rung a 240 in the method previous to this peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Worcester, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
MISS MARY RANDALL ... ..	Treble	WALTER T. WILSON ... ..	4
MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... ..	2	TOM GORLEY ... ..	5
JAMES MITCHELL ... ..	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The peal was rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of George Andrew Blaxley, associated with change ringing at this tower since its inception, more than 20 years ago.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 960 of St. Simon's, 2,120 of Grandsire and 960 of Plain Bob.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
WILLIAM H. POOLE ... ..	Treble	JACK W. LEGGETT ... ..	4
JOHN C. FURLONG ... ..	2	WILLIAM D. LEGGETT ... ..	5
HARRY TURNER ... ..	3	CHARLES A. BENBOW ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.	
ALFRED PRIOR ... ..	Treble
ERNEST PLUMMER ... ..	2
JOHN MOULE ... ..	3
*CHARLES J. PETTY ... ..	4
JAMES CHALK ... ..	5
CHARLES MORRIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

\* First peal.

HARROLD, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
WILLIAM SHARP ... ..	Treble	AMOS SMART ... ..	4
*JOSEPH SHARP ... ..	2	WILLIAM STOCK ... ..	5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... ..	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

\* First peal inside, and 13 years of age. This is the 100th peal that Messrs. Gayton and Clarke have rung together.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### CHERTSEY DISTRICT'S SPLENDID RESPONSE.

Another very successful district meeting, in connection with the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, was held at the ancient town of Chertsey on Saturday, when the attendance was even greater than anticipated by the organisers—and they are no pessimists. Nearly every tower which it is proposed to include in the district was represented, and there were several welcome visitors from places across the Thames, who were obviously interested in the proceedings. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector, the Rev. E. H. W. Leachman, Mr. W. Melville, of Guildford, a member of the Organising Committee, was voted to the chair for the meeting, which was held in the Church Room. Representatives of the following towers in the Chertsey area were present: Chertsey, Egham, Esher, Hersham, Otlands, Ottershaw, Thames Ditton, Walton and Weybridge. Ringers from other places in the Guild's territory attended from Bagshot, Cranleigh, Guildford and Woking, and there were visitors from London, Iwer Heath, Uxbridge, Staines, Maidenhead, Cookham and Hounslow, while the presence of Mr. W. H. Hollier, hon. sec., South and West District of the Middlesex Association, was much appreciated. Regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of Mr. J. B. Hessey, hon. secretary of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The Organising Committee's report was read by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), who welcomed the presence of ringers from several towers which had not been associated with the Winchester Guild, and said this indication of support promised well for the future of the new Guild. He explained the new position which had arisen with the Surrey Association, and, reiterating what had been said at the meeting at Leatherhead, expressed the hope that, whatever might be the outcome of the negotiations with Surrey, the two organisations would work amicably side by side in those areas where their territory overlapped.

Mr. Ferris J. Sheppard moved the adoption of the report, and complimented the committee on the work which they had done.—Mr. W. T. Beeston seconded, and the motion was carried.

On the proposition of Mr. A. Woodrow, seconded by Mr. J. A. Crocker, the following resolution was adopted: 'That this preliminary district meeting approves of the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, to come into being on January 1st next, and pledges itself to do its utmost to support the objects of the Guild and further its interests.'

In the detailed consideration of the proposed rules the meeting showed the keenest interest, and discussions took place on various points. The suggestions made at this and the other meetings will be considered by the committee before the final draft is submitted to a general meeting of the whole of the ringers of the diocese.

### A QUESTION OF TITLE.

A point which has caused considerable discussion at each of the meetings has been the inclusion of the word 'Church' in the title, which, as at present proposed, is to be 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.' It was argued at Guildford that the word 'Church,' in conjunction with the word 'Diocesan,' is tautology, and is, therefore, redundant. There are others, however, who claim that the word is necessary to distinguish the kind of diocesan ringers which the Guild will include, and there promises to be a great discussion on the matter at the general meeting at Guildford. The meeting at Chertsey voted almost unanimously in favour of retaining the word 'Church.'

A resolution in support of the reciprocal arrangement with the Winchester and Portsmouth dioceses to admit resident members of one Guild as compounding members of the other on payment of one shilling, was carried, but the proposal to admit as life members without further payment the present life members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild did not find favour.

Mr. W. Shepherd raised the question as to whether any good purpose would be served by including in the rules a provision that the Guild should recognise and observe the rulings of the Central Council, but it was pointed out that unless its rulings were observed it was rather useless to affiliate to the Council.

Mr. Sheppard also suggested that Weybridge should be substituted for Chertsey as the name of the district, as the former was more nearly in the centre of the area.

Discussion on a variety of matters relating to the future conduct of the Guild took place, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the committee and the hon. secretary for their work, to the Rector for the use of the Church Room and the bells, and to the chairman for presiding.

Chertsey can claim the distinction of having been at one time famous for a bell foundry. The Eldridges carried on their craft there for nearly a hundred years, possibly setting up their furnaces there in 1619, and coming to an end as founders with the death, at the age of 82, of William Eldridge in the year 1716. During this period a great many bells were cast for churches in Surrey and the neighbouring counties.

Only one bell from this foundry remains in Chertsey tower, and that is the 6th, cast in 1712 by the last of the line of Eldridges. But the 5th is a fine old pre-Reformation bell, one of the oldest in the county, and one which local tradition states came from the Abbey at its dis-

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## TISBURY'S OLD BELLS RESTORED.

The renovated and restored tower and bells of St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Tisbury, Wilts, were dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday evening, October 12th. The tower has been thoroughly renovated, all decayed portions having been replaced by new stones and concrete. The peal of six 17th century bells, which were last rung in 1919 on the occasion of the peace festival, have been tuned and rehung in a new iron frame, with room for two more bells, with all the latest modern improvements and ball bearings, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry. The weight of the tenor is 16 cwt. in D.

After the dedication service, the local band rang the first rounds on the bells, after which ringers from Salisbury, Britford, Mere, Buckhorn Weston and Zeals rang 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and short touches of Bob Minor and Kent. Mr. Cyril Johnston represented the firm, and also took part in the ringing.

All the ringers present were pleased with the excellent 'go' of the bells. The old clock has been replaced by one of the latest design, and, in addition to the original face, two new stone dials have been added, and there is now a dial on the north, east and west sides of the tower.

## OLD NORFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

On Saturday, October 8th, seven members of the Norfolk Guild met at the Parish Church, St. Cross, and rang three 120's of Bob Doubles as a last token of respect to Charles Clarke, of St. Cross, who died on the previous Tuesday. The deceased, who will be greatly missed by his fellow ringers in the Redenhall and Bungay districts, passed away suddenly at the age of 66. He had been a member of the old Norwich Diocesan Association and the Norfolk Guild since 1883.

On the following Monday, F. Borrett, G. Curson, R. Baldry, G. Howlett, R. Riches, W. Barrett, G. Poynter and C. Cutting met at Alburgh. Unfortunately, because of the serious illness of the Rector's wife, Redenhall bells were not available, and after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Kent rang 1,008 of Double Norwich, with the bells half-muffled.

## OXFORD SOCIETY'S ANNUAL OUTING.

The Oxford Society held their annual outing on Saturday, September 10th, by charabanc to Berks and Gloucester districts, leaving Oxford at 9.25 a.m. and making Faringdon the first call, which was reached at 10.10. The party soon got to work on this grand ring of eight, when touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Kent Major were well rung. The next call was Cirencester, where the old church was visited. Stroud was reached at one o'clock, the party being met by Mr. A. Wright. The secretary thanked Mr. Wright for his kindness. The tower was visited for touches of Stedman Caters and Triples, and a short touch of Kent Major. Afterwards the members left for Painswick with Mr. Wright and a Stroud ringer. They found a lovely ring of twelve, all going well. A touch of Stedman Cinques was tried, but had to be given up. Next Caters, and, to finish, a touch of Plain Bob Major. Good-bye was said to Mr. Wright, and the company set out for Cheltenham. Arriving about 5.20, they found Mr. Pates and a few others to welcome them. They had a short ring, and soon followed the leader. Time did not permit of visiting Prestley, and regret was expressed at any inconvenience which might have been caused to the local ringers. Charlton Kings was reached at 8.10, an hour late, where touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Major were tried. The party arrived at Oxford at 11.10, and wish to thank all helpers for their kindness to them on this occasion.

## A 'SILENT' TOUCH.

At Lawton, Cheshire, 504 Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's 10-part) was rung silent at the Parish Church for Sunday evening service, on October 2nd. It is 15 years since a similar touch was rung at Lawton: R. Harper 1, W. Rigby 2, \*T. Arrowsmith 3, J. Booth 4, \*G. Biddulph 5, J. Wildblood 6, E. Harper 7, R. Arrowsmith 8. \* First Silent touch.

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The tower also contains another fine antiquarian specimen in the 7th, which was cast by Robert Mot, the first of the White-chapel founders, in 1588. The tenor, originally cast in 1670, was recast in 1859, when two trebles were added. The third was cast in 1730 by Richard Phelps, and the 4th in 1756 by Lester and Pack. The ring are, therefore, a very mixed, if interesting, lot. With a somewhat long draught, many of the visitors found them a little difficult to handle on Saturday, but touches in a variety of methods were rung, both during the afternoon and after the meeting.

The last of the series of district meetings will be held at Farnham to-morrow. The general meeting for the diocese is to take place at Guildford on November 19th, and the inauguration, at which the Lord Bishop will be present, on December 31st.

## DUAL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth are to remain united in one Guild, and an important meeting is to be held to-morrow at Southampton to give effect to this proposal. The agenda includes the alteration of the constitution of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, arising out of the change of area, the question of name, the election of officers, and the rearrangement of the districts. Nearly the whole of Hampshire, and all the Isle of Wight, is covered by the two dioceses.

### SUTTON-ON-TRENT BELLS. RESTORATION SCHEME COMPLETED.

The North Notts Association have taken a keen interest in the Sutton-on-Trent bells' restoration fund, and have given a good deal of practical help, financially, and by exhibitions of their skill in change-ringing on Bank Holidays, while the annual sports and gala have been taking place, to provide funds to pay for the bells. They will be pleased to know that the object for which the sports and gala have been held for the last four years is now fully achieved—i.e., the payment of the church bells restoration costs. The bells are now entirely free from debt.

It is interesting to record that the sports committees, patrons, subscribers, and helpers have each year consisted of members of every religious denomination represented in Sutton-on-Trent, and of ringers in all parts of the county of Nottingham.

Prior to 1922, the bells were a peal of five, cast by J. Harrison in 1825. These bells were of poor tone, and it was decided to have them recast into perfect musical tone and tune, and add a new smaller bell to complete the ring of six.

The work was done by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who also rehung the peal with modern fittings, including iron headstocks and ball bearings, in a new, strong and massive cast-iron framework, which they made complete for a ring of eight bells, so that two additional bells may be added in the future to complete the peal. The peal is in the key of G, and the tenor weighs 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

The inscriptions on the six bells are as follows:—

Treble.—'The Faith Bell, G. H. C. Bartley, M.A., Vicar, 1922.'

2nd.—'All Saints' Bell, 1825, recast 1922.'

3rd.—'St. George for England, 1825, recast 1922.'

4th.—'The ringers' bell, E. A. Midwinter, J. W. Neep, 1922, 1825, recast 1922.'

5th.—'G. H. C. Bartley, M.A., Vicar. J. E. Gregory, H. Rogerson, churchwardens, 1922, 1825, recast 1922.'

Tenor.—'J. Harrison, Founder, Samuel Pennington and William Buttery, churchwardens, 1825, recast 1922.'

The contract was considerably extended after the first order, which was for rehanging the five bells in a new framework for six bells for £400. Additions to this order were made to cover the new bell to make six, recasting the old ring into five of musical tone, supplying new clock hammers, etc., floor bosses, mufflers, and inscription on the bells. The total amount paid to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. is £791 3s. 8d. Other work, including new screen, and woodwork, cost £157 1s. 11d., and stonemasons' work cost £7 12s. 8d., making a grand total of £955 18s. 5d.

The Sports Committee have each year recorded their thanks to the North Notts Association for the help they have so willingly given by attending the sports and bringing their friends, and by giving advertisements of the event in 'The Ringing World,' and by their clever ringing which always helped to give a festive feeling on the sports and gala day.

### PEAL TABLET UNVEILED AT PULBOROUGH.

The belfry of the Parish Church, Pulborough, Sussex, on Sunday evening, October 9th, was the scene of an interesting little ceremony, when the Rector (the Rev. E. I. Frost), accompanied by the churchwardens (Mr. Basil Gray and Mr. A. C. Dewdney), met the ringers for the purpose of unveiling and dedicating a handsome oak tablet which he has given to commemorate a peal of Grandsire Triples (5,040 changes) rung on December 8th, 1926.

After the brief but impressive dedication service, the Rector warmly thanked the bellringers for their services, and said their efforts were much appreciated.—In a happy little speech, Mr. A. C. Dewdney endorsed the Rector's remarks, and congratulated the ringers on the high standard of their striking.

Mr. P. H. Doick, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Rector for his kind thought in providing a permanent record of a performance that was a real credit to local ringers. They were very fortunate in having a Rector and churchwardens who took such a keen interest in ringing. Mr. Doick, continuing, paid a tribute to the loyalty of ringers generally, and was pleased to say that the brotherly spirit was very pronounced among the local band.

### 5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

BY J. A. BURFORD.

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43652	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—
65432	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—
58423	—	—	—
25463	—	—	—
45362	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Work on the installation of two trebles, the gift of an anonymous donor, to make a peal of ten at Haslemere, Surrey, has been begun by Messrs. Taylor and Co. This will be one of the lightest peals of ten in the country, the tenor being only 13 cwt. 6 lb. It will be a valuable addition to the rings of ten in the area of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild. At present there are three such rings in the new diocese—Guildford, Leatherhead and Epsom.

The bells of St. John's, Leytoustone, will be broadcast on Sunday, October 30th, at 8 p.m., on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the men's service. Ringers will be interested in this performance, but we are informed that the tenors do not go as well as could be wished.

The second peal of four Spliced Surprise Major methods has been rung, the performance having been achieved at Willesden last week by the Middlesex Association. For those who can ring Surprise methods, this form of peal ringing is of added interest, because of its greater difficulty.

The 'broadcast' of the bells at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sunday evening, was a disappointment for listeners. No microphone had been fixed for the bells, and all that was heard of them was for a few moments, as in the dim distance, through the microphone in the church.

In 1705, Goody Burkott was paid 2s. 10d. for welters, which the workmen drank when they repaired the bells at Hughenden.

The 'Faithful Couple' rang their 50th peal together at Bridgend on the Welsh tour.

Mr. Arthur Knights composed the 'Treble ten' rung at Cardiff, not Mr. Arthur Craven, as reported by our benighted correspondent.

Bucks ringers who heard the Cambridge twelve at High Wycombe speak very highly of the striking and the music of this performance.

Has anyone seen a 'last whole turn' of Stedman lying about in one of the city towers? If so, will he please forward it to the tower-keeper of St Bride's?

'Anxious' wishes to know if it is true that the four most famous anatomical specimens that will go down to history are the Heel of Achilles, William Gifford's Blister, 'Uncle Joe's' Ankle, and 'He of England's' Nerve.

A hundred and thirty-seven years ago to-day a peal of 8,448 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in the old tower at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington. The board recording the performance is still in existence, and runs as follows:—

'1790.—Thursday, October 21st, was performed on the bells in this steeple. A true peal Oxford Treble Bob, consisting of 8,448 changes, being the most ever accomplished without parting the tenors, and the greatest number of changes ever rung in this steeple, in 5 hours and 8 minutes. Performed by part of the Society College Youths. Benn. Prince treble, Edwd. Rumball 2, John Cotton 3, Charles Barber 4, James Brown 5, Jon. Langley 6, James Bartlett 7, William Parris 8. The peal was celled by J. Bartlett. Mr. Jno. Bordin, Mr. James Cowmedow, Churchwardens.'

The Vicar's name is not given, but the Rev. Richard Ormerod was Vicar of Kensington at that time. There is probably little doubt that the composition was the one by J. Reeves, which had been produced a few years earlier, and which Shipway records as having been rung in the Kent variation by the Society of Junior Cumberlands in 1787 at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, 'being the first time it was ever performed.'

Next Tuesday is the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung. It was achieved at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on October 25th, 1731. It is a quaint old record, which is still preserved at Norwich: 'Here was Rung that Misterious Peal called Stedman Tripples, the discovery thereof has been the Study of several Ingenious Ringers in England, though to no effect, until this intricate Peal, which differs from all other Methods of Tripples, as being every bell of like course, was perfectly discovered by Tho. Melchior, who first completed the Peal of Perfect Stedman Tripples, with only two Doubles and no alteration; the extent being 5,040 changes, was completely rung by us in 3 hours and 40 minutes.'

The story of the dispute between the rival Norwich companies over this performance has been well told in these columns by Mr. J. A. Trollope.

## THE CLERGY AND RINGERS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Referring to your article on the help which the clergy might give towards getting more ringers for our belfries, I think that a good many of the clergy would be more interested if their present ringers would attend the services more frequently. I had occasion recently to ask a local clergyman for his subscription to the Guild to which I belong, and he remarked that he would give it more readily if his ringers turned up better on Sundays. I have also in mind a church near my own tower, where often a dozen ringers will be present in the belfry and not more than two or three ever think of attending the service afterwards.

A great many ringers still look on ringing as merely an amusement or recreation, and as long as this state of affairs continues we cannot wonder that the clergy are apathetic towards the work of the ringers.

—Yours faithfully,

REFLEX.



## A BEGINNER'S THEORY. BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the eleventh of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

### PROVING A METHOD.

The next step is to treat all of the leads in the 'plain course' in exactly the same way as shown in the last article, but this does not mean that the pairs of rows have to be compared. Every lead is a replica of the first, except that the bells at the lead-heads are differently placed in the row, so that the 'internal-row' transposition can be used to give us the heads that will prove false against ANY LEAD. We transpose the new lead-head by every false row (in column 1) in turn. Cover 12345678 with your new lead-head (whatever it may be), and transfer the red cards to each row in your column 1, in turn. Here you should arrive at no duplicates, because they have been eliminated from column 1. Place the false heads produced in a column No. 2 (with the second lead-head of the plain course at the top, as in column 1).

Do this with every lead-head, as it appears in the plain course, and you will have seven columns of false lead-heads, which will produce identical rows to be found in the PLAIN COURSE; the identical rows from a particular false head will be found in that lead of the plain course which is at the top of its column. Then, if any of the seven plain-course leads is rung, the false heads in its column must be omitted from the peal; if any of them is not rung, then the false heads may be admitted; that is, those false heads which refer to the lead which is not rung. Provided that we do not discover other heads which are false against THOSE FALSE HEADS upon further investigation.

The seven columns that we now have, refer only to the PLAIN COURSE (headed 12345678), and, ordinarily, every course in the peal should be treated in like manner; but, in the majority of peals, this may be considerably abridged, due to the effect that 'fixed bells' have upon the rows.

We found in Minor that the tenors is fixed course by course, but that it was necessary to 'part' the 5th and 6th bells in order to obtain the extent of the rows, thus fixing the 5th bell part by part, instead of course by course. Peals in Major are generally arranged so that the tenors (7 and 8) shall not be 'parted.' In other words, BOTH of them are fixed course by course, and both of them come 'home' at every course-end, with the result that they pursue a 'plain course path' throughout the peal, which has the effect of fixing them (taken together) in positions at every lead-head, which are identical with the positions in which they appear in one of the PLAIN COURSE LEAD-HEADS.

For this reason, when the tenors are not parted in a peal, all of those false heads, where 7 and 8 are NOT in plain course positions, will never appear; they are not allowed to, and they may be eliminated from our seven columns, when proving a peal with the 'tenors together.'

All of the 'legitimate' Major methods follow the rule laid down for the Minor methods; they are compelled to produce 'Bob Major lead-heads,' and below are given the seven lead-heads (or heads) which will be found in a plain course of any legitimate Major method. They are not given in any 'order of sequence' in the column, as each one is intended to stand by itself as an example, and not as part of the whole block. At the side are shown the positions held (in the rows) by 7 and 8, and these are the ONLY positions they will hold (relatively) in all of the lead-heads throughout the peal, unless they are 'parted' by the calling, which usually is not done.

Bob Major lead-heads. Positions of 7-8 therein.

12345678	10000078
13527486	10007080
14263857	10000807
15738264	10708000
16482735	10080700
17856342	17800000
18674523	18070000

Therefore, the false lead-heads which may be eliminated from our seven columns are such as follow: 18700000, 17080000, 10870000, etc. In short, any of them which has not 7-8 placed EXACTLY as in one of the seven examples given above, which, of course, does not apply if calls are made that will cause 7-8 to appear in places other than those of the 'plain coursing order.'

When these are eliminated, we shall have seven abridged columns of lead-heads, which are false against the leads of the PLAIN COURSE; otherwise, the course that is headed by 12345678. The calling of each bob has the effect of introducing into the peal leads from various other courses; theoretically, our abridged false lead-heads should be extended to meet the new conditions, when parts of new courses are introduced. This would be done in exactly the same way as we extended column 1 to the other six columns, by transposing the new course-head by each false-head in turn. The better way is to find those COURSE heads which are false against the whole plain course, so that they may be avoided if necessary.

This is done in the same manner as that in which we found the false heads, by comparison of 'similar' rows; there, the treble is the

only bell in the same place in the rows, but here 1-7-8 must be in the same places in the two rows compared. One of the rows for comparison is a false head, and the other of the pair is its FELLOW from one of the plain course lead-heads given above. By 'its fellow' is meant the one of the seven which has 1-7-8 in the same positions as the false-head under consideration.

For example: A false-head in your column 1 might be 16254(8)3(7); its fellow in the plain course is 14263(8)5(7). Then—because 14263857 is the 6th lead-head in course headed 12345678 then 16254837 will be 6th L.-H. from course headed 12463578

Note.—While all methods have the same seven lead-heads in the plain course, they turn up in different sequences in different methods, so that 14263857 might be the third in one method, the fourth in another, and the fifth lead-head in the plain course of another method. Also note that in writing course-heads, 1-7-8 are generally omitted, always being understood to be 'at home.'

Then at the foot of our column 1 we can note '. . . 24635 (VI) . . .', signifying that the 6th lead-head from the course headed 12463578 will be false with the first lead (shown at top of column 1) from the course headed 12345678—the plain course.

One more example: Your third lead of the plain course (column No. 3) might contain a false lead-head 1(78)35264; its fellow is 1(78)56342, which may appear as the FOURTH lead-head of the plain course. Then—

because 17856342 is the 4th L.-H. from 12345678

then 17835264 will be 4th L.-H. from 14263578.

At the foot of column 3 we note '. . . 42635 (IV)', signifying that lead 4 from 42635 will give repetition with lead THREE (column 3) from course headed 23456.

Every false head having been treated in this way, we shall have, at the foot of each column, all of the course-heads that will be false against each particular lead of our plain course.

From these course-heads, which are false against the PLAIN course, we can produce those which are false against any course whatsoever by applying the 'internal rows transposition.' Cover 23456 with a new course-head and transfer the cards to each false-head in turn, and we shall produce the course-heads that are false against the new course which has been introduced into the peal.

Following the examples quoted above, if we ring the lead which heads column No. 1 (12345678), we must cut out lead VI. from the course headed 24635; on the contrary, if we cut out the lead which heads our column No. 3 (whatever the third lead-head of the plain course may happen to be), then we may include lead IV. in the course headed 42635, and so on, with the other five columns of our plain course.

Similarly with leads (included or omitted) in every other course of the peal and their corresponding false courses.

Then we have to decide, from the calling of our peal, which leads of the courses will be rung, and which will be omitted. Actually, each 'course' of a peal can (and will) consist of SEVERAL PORTIONS OF DIFFERENT COURSES, varying according to the composition of the peal. These 'portions' are welded into proper courses by the 'calling positions' laid down by the composer. This aspect must be dealt with in its proper place.

The examples given above, have been included by way of explanation only, and are not intended to be true examples. I propose to review what has been said by way of concrete figures, which must of necessity be curtailed, in view of the detailed explanation that has gone before.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

### PROMISING YOUNG SURPRISE RINGERS.

The fifth meeting of the year was held at Shireoaks in bright and summer-like weather on Saturday last. Members were present from Anston, Blyth, Cuckney, Warsop, Barlborough, Staveley Town, Worksop, Creswell, Gainsborough, Misterton, Ordsall, and a full number of the local company, also one lady ringer. A party of 30 sat down to tea in the Public Hall. The Vicar of Shireoaks (Rev. R. V. Dodd) afterwards presided over the business meeting, supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. W. H. Getcliffe and S. Winter), and the hon. secretary, H. Haigh, and the assistant hon. secretary, Mr. H. Revill.

The next meeting will be at Sutton-on-Trent, on December 10th, and will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

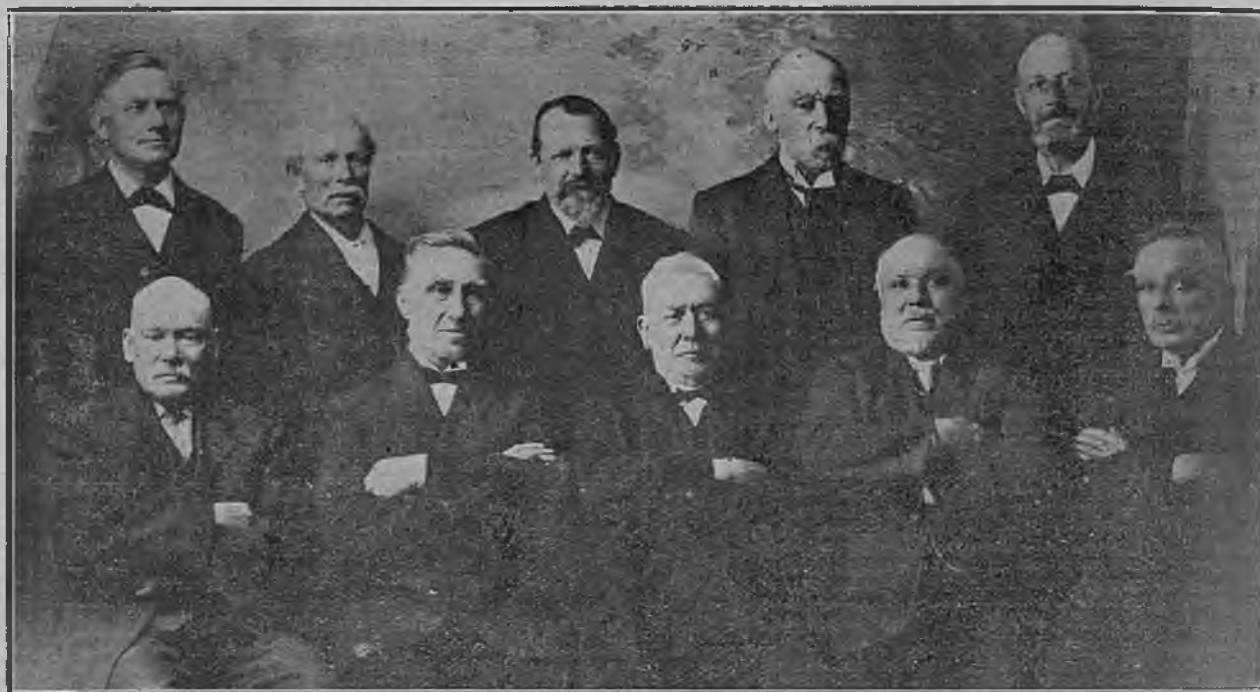
The following were duly elected members: Messrs. A. Ensor and W. Wilkinson, of Blyth, and T. Negus, of Shireoaks.

The Rev. R. V. Dodd, Vicar of Shireoaks, was elected as vice-president. A vote of thanks was duly accorded to the Vicar for presiding over tea and meeting, and for use of Public Hall, to the churchwardens for their attendance, and to the ladies of Shireoaks for their excellent catering, also to the hon. secretary.

The Vicar suitably replied, and moved a vote of sympathy to the hon. secretary in his bereavement in the loss of his wife, who was a valued worker for the association. The members accorded the vote of condolence by standing in silence for a few moments.

Ringing commenced in the early afternoon, and was kept up until a late hour in the evening, the following methods being rung: Plain Bob Minor, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, Killamarsh, Sandal, College Single, Double Court, Violet, Duke of York, Cambridge and London Surprise, four or five of the juniors acquitting themselves admirably in the Surprise methods, three touches of Cambridge being rung.

## DISAPPEARING LINKS WITH PAST GENERATION.



The band of veterans, of whom Mr. James George is the only survivor, after they had rung the peal of Grandsire Caters on May 2nd, 1914. Left to right, seated: J. Jones, S. Spittle, W. Rock Small, T. Horton, J. Sanders. Standing: J. Carter, R. Hall, J. Smith, J. Bradney, J. George.

### DEATH OF MR. REUBEN HALL.

Another old and respected Midland ringer has passed away in the person of Mr. Reuben Hall, of West Bromwich, who was in his 75th year. He rang for service at the Parish Church as usual on Sunday morning, Oct. 9th, but was taken ill afterwards and died the same day.

Mr. Hall was a very old member of St. Martin's Guild, and a foundation member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and by his death another link with the old school of Birmingham District ringers has been broken. The contemporaries of Henry Johnson are fast disappearing.

Mr. Reuben Hall was one of a band of veterans who rang two peals together. All but one have now gone to their last rest. The only survivor of the company is Mr. James George, who, happily, is still among the most active of ringers.

It is interesting to recall these two peals. The first was Grandsire Caters, rung at Aston Manor, Warwickshire, on April 11th, 1908, composed and conducted by John Carter. It was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. S. Pritchett, of King's Norton, secretary to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and vice-president of St. Martin's Guild, who was interred in the family grave at King's Norton on April 14th. It was also rung as an 'old men's' peal.

	Age.	Peals rung.
John Carter	55	234
William H. Godden	58	131
William R. Small	68	293
Thomas Horton	61	200
Thomas Reynolds	55	260
James Jones	58	109
Reuben Hall	55	178
John Smith	55	93
John Bradney	58	20
James George	54	370
	575	1,888

The second was a 'veterans' peal of Grandsire Caters, at Aston, on May 2nd, 1914, also composed and conducted by John Carter. The total age of the band was 653 years 10 months, and the average age 65 years 4 months. This was supposed to be the oldest band that ever rang a peal on ten bells, and the accompanying photograph appeared in 'The Ringing World' at the time.

In recording the peal, 'The Ringing World' said: 'A gay lot of "youngsters," ranging in age from 60 to 77 years of age, have been displaying their prowess at Aston, where they have scored a peal of

Grandsire Caters, and put to their credit what is believed to be a record, by being the oldest band to score a ten-bell peal. The conductor just qualified to squeeze into the band by reaching his sixtieth birthday a day or two before, while the task of ringing the tenor was pushed on to the next youngest in years, although, despite his youth, we can believe it was a congenial job. But these two were almost juvenile compared with the real veteran, Mr. Sam Spittle, who carried his 77 years well, and Mr. William Rock Small, who at 74 is as keen as ever.'

The band was: James Jones, Birmingham, 64 years 1 month; Samuel Spittle, Dudley, 77 years 4 months; William R. Small, Tipton, 74 years 5 months; Thomas Horton, West Bromwich, 67 years 7 months; John Sanders, Birmingham, 61 years 10 months; John Carter, Birmingham, 60 years; Reuben Hall, West Bromwich, 61 years 6 months; John Smith, Tipton, 62 years 5 months; John Bradney, Wolverhampton, 64 years 3 months; James George, Rugby, 60 years 5 months.

### MUFFLED RINGING AT ST. PETER'S, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Tuesday, October 11th, the members of St. Peter's band met and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (consisting of 1,259 changes) in 59 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Harry A. Farlow, who was for the past 20 years a respected member of St. Peter's band; also for the late Mr. Reuben Hall (age 74), of Christ Church, West Bromwich, who had been a member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford since its inception in 1883: G. A. Baker 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, J. Williams 3, T. Roden 4, F. Brotherton 5, E. F. Mitchell 6, T. Smith 7, W. A. Cooper 8, W. H. Lawley 9, R. Thompson 10.

At the conclusion of the quarter-peal the whole 'pull and stand' was rung for 55 times, representing the age of the late Mr. H. A. Farlow.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—On Thursday, October 8th, for practice, 224 and 334 of Superlative Surprise Major: W. Cook 1, J. H. B. Hesse 2, Miss I. Hastie 3, J. Beams 4, G. Marriner 5, A. H. Winch 6, J. Hoyle 7, A. Harman (conductor) 8.—Also 576 of London: J. H. B. Hesse 1, Miss I. Hastie 2, J. Beams 3, G. Marriner 4, A. H. Winch 5, G. Cook 6, J. Hoyle 7, A. Harman (conductor) 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Tuesday evening, October 4th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: S. Binfield (Folkestone) 1, R. Birch (Hythe) 2, C. R. Millway (Dover) 3, W. Fright (Hythe) 4, W. Bidnell (Hythe) 5, M. Pierce (Canterbury) 6, C. Turner (Dover) (conductor) 7, J. Coppins (Folkestone) 8.

**RE-OPENING OF FARNDON BELLS.****COMPLETION OF A CHESHIRE RESTORATION.**

The eight bells at Farnndon, Cheshire, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were opened on Friday evening, October 7th, on the occasion of the harvest festival. After the ringing of rounds and call changes by the local company, the following took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Sperring (conductor) 1, A. E. Richards 2, G. Jones 3, H. W. Wilde 4, W. Thomas 5, J. Morgan 6, J. W. Clarke 7, R. Ince 8.

On the following day, the Chester Branch held its autumn meeting at Farnndon, when some forty ringers were present, representing most of the towers in the neighbourhood. Some well-struck touches of Triples and Major were heard in the early afternoon, prior to the Guild service at 4 p.m. The service was fully choral, and was attended by many parishioners as well as the visiting ringers. The prayers were read by the Rector, the Rev. S. P. Gray, and the sermon was preached by the Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, the Rev. C. A. Clements. Mr. A. E. Richards presided at the organ.

A most enjoyable tea was served in the Memorial Hall, during which Mr. H. A. Heywood, vice-chairman of the Chester Branch, took the opportunity to congratulate the church authorities and parishioners of Farnndon on their efforts, which had resulted in the excellent peal of bells now installed in the church tower. On behalf of the visitors, he tendered sincere thanks for the warm welcome they had received. The Rector suitably replied.

After tea, the tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going during the evening, Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing the founders, joining in.

Farnndon bells were cast by Messrs. Taylor in 1841, and hung in a wooden frame. The first peal, Grandsire Triples, is recorded as having been rung on Jan. 27th, 1843. Under a general restoration scheme, the bells were rehung in an H pattern iron frame, with the two trebles above, in 1899. The ropes were handled from the ground floor. The bells are now hung in a lower position in the tower, in an H pattern steel frame, and are fitted with ball bearings. They are in two tiers, and the relative positions have been very carefully considered with regard to strain on the ancient fabric. The treble, 6th and 4th hang on the top tier. Messrs. Taylor and Co. deserve great credit for the excellent manner in which they have carried out the restoration, for the tone and 'go' leave nothing further to be desired, and the Farnndon people are now justly proud of their bells.

J. W. C.

On Friday, October 7th, for harvest thanksgiving (evensong), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. Sperring 1, A. E. Richards 2, George Jones 3, H. W. Wilde 4, Walter Thomas 5, J. Morgan 6, W. Clarke 7, R. Ince 8. First quarter-peal on the bells.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION'S LOSS.****SUDDEN DEATH OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECRETARY.**

The Surrey Association has sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. H. F. Ewins, of Reigate, who expired suddenly in the early hours of Tuesday, October 11th.

Mr. Ewins was the hon. secretary of the Southern Division of the Surrey Association, and on Saturday, October 8th, had attended a meeting at Betchingley. On the Monday he spent the day at Brighton, and was apparently in his usual health. He was, however, taken ill in the night, and passed away most unexpectedly.

The funeral took place at Reigate on Saturday.

Mr. Ewins had been a district secretary of the Surrey Association for many years, and had been a most painstaking and efficient official.

**EAST HAGBOURNE BELL FUND.**

The restored bells at East Hagbourne are to be dedicated on Oct. 29th, and particulars of the arrangements for ringers will be found among the notices.

Appended is a list of subscribers to the bell fund from among ringers and ringing companies: Ringers at Sutton Courtenay 10s., Childrey 10s., Culham 10s., Stevenston 6s., Wantage 18s. 6d., Newbury 6s., Milton 21 17s., Ardington 8s., Goring 10s., Kidlington 8s., Blewbury 11s., Hughenden 21 1s., St. Helen's, Abingdon, 11s., East Isley 21 10s., East Hendred 10s. 6d., Cambridge University Guild 21, North Berks Branch, O.D.G., 24, Rev. H. B. Woolley 10s., W. H. J. Hooton 10s., Snow 5s., Canon G. P. Coleridge 21, Rev. H. C. Wilder 22 2s., Keith Hart 2s. 6d., J. Dearlove 2s. 6d., Mrs. J. Dearlove 1s. 6d., A. T. Verrills 2s. 6d., F. Bennett 1s., F. J. Lewis 2s. 6d., Oxford Diocesan Guild 25. Per Mr. R. T. Hobbart, 210, as per following list: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 21, J. H. Shepherd 21, E. Bishop 21, Rev. E. B. James 10s., A. J. Wright 10s., H. Tucker 5s., E. Humfrey 5s., J. Butler 5s., G. W. Railway foremen 5s., J. Hedges 2s. 6d., W. J. Higgs 2s. 6d., Miss D. Blencowe 2s. 6d., G. N. Price 2s. 6d., R. T. Hibbert 2s., Miss V. Robinson 2s., All Saints', Wokingham, 10s., St. Laurence's, Reading, 21 1s., St. Giles', Reading, 10s., Tilehurst 10s., Caversham 10s. 6d., Henley-on-Thames 12s., Shipplake 12s. 6d.

Grateful thanks are extended to all who have contributed.

**STAINES.**—A quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 44 mins., on Saturday, September 24th, at the Church at St. Peter: J. H. Lucas 1, W. E. Butler 2, W. C. Parker 3, W. E. Taylor 4, L. Mannerling 5, T. Goodchild 6, P. E. Jones 7, F. Corke (first quarter of Major as conductor) 8.

**BUNTOSE AND BATTRYES.**

'Come Buntose! tell us who you were,  
And you, too, Battryes, who be ye?  
Perhaps the lads who did the job,  
Or drew the beer in lieu of fee?  
At any rate, in this life humdrum,  
You're both a maddening conundrum.'

'Cascable.

**THE YOUNGEST GIRL TO RING A PEAL.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the paragraph under the heading of 'Belfry Gossip' in your last week's issue, may I state that Miss Nancy Denyer rang in a peal of Bob Major at Aldershot on December 14th, 1923, her age then being 13 years. The peal in question was by the local band, who were fifty-five—four female and four male members. I should like, all the same, to convey my heartiest congratulations to Miss Jessie Davenport on her performance, and I hope some day to see that she is the youngest girl to ring in a peal of London.—Yours, etc.,

GEO. GILBERT.

Rainham, Kent.

**YOUNG RINGER'S FIRST PEAL.**

Dear Sir,—With reference to your note in the 'Belfry Gossip' in 'The Ringing World' last week, re the youngest girl to ring a peal, I should like to state that Miss Violet Beckett rang inside to a peal of Treble Bob Major at Loddon on Sunday, June 12th, 1927 (see 'The Ringing World' of June 24th), at the age of 14 years and 8½ months, which beats the record of Miss Davenport at Dore.

I have also found out that she rang in a peal of Doubles on December 31st last, when she was only 14 yrs. 3 mths. This peal of Doubles was rung by beginners, who have been learning under the tuition of Beccles and Bungay ringers, and they told no one they were starting for it, and said little about it afterwards. I told them at the time to have it published, but none of them troubled to do so (they said they had rung the peal, and that was all it mattered), so I have obtained the particulars from them, which I am sending on for publication. None of them were members of an association at the time.—Yours faithfully,

EDWIN R. GOATE.

The record of the peal is as follows: Ellingham, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Friday, December 31st, 1926, in 3 hrs. 5 mins., a peal of Grandsire Doubles (5,040 changes) (tenor 12 cwt.): Herbert Marshall (aged 16) treble, Miss Violet Beckett (14 years 3 months) 2, Sidney Hood (14 years), Stanley Rumsby (16 years) 4, Edward Chambers (22 years) (conductor) tenor. This is the first peal by all the ringers.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Miss Jessie Davenport on ringing her peal of Bob Major. Regarding the query in 'Belfry Gossip' as to the youngest girl to ring a peal, Miss C. E. Hepburn rang the treble in a peal in seven Minor methods at Isham, Northants, on Christmas Day, 1918, when she was 14 years and 11 months old.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. BLACK.

**A VISIT TO EXETER.**

A flying visit to Exeter by some well-known London ringers resulted in a good peal of Stedman Cinques being rung on the cathedral bells. The following morning, at St. Sidwell's Church, a course of Cambridge Royal, the first in Exeter, and 507 Stedman Caters were rung, whilst at St. David's courses of Bristol and London Major were brought round. The visitors tender their best thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the cathedral bells, to Messrs. T. Laver and F. J. Davoy for their kindness in making excellent arrangements for their welfare, and to the ringers at St. Sidwell's and St. David's Churches for giving up their morning ringing.

**MR. J. BASFORD'S 100 PEALS.**

Minor in three methods 2, Minor in seven methods 9, Grandsire Doubles 6, Grandsire Triples 5, Grandsire Caters 3, Stedman Doubles 2, Stedman Triples 12, Stedman Caters 4, Bob Minor 1, Bob Major 4, Bob Royal 2, Kent Treble Bob Minor 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 14, Superlative Surprise Major 10, Cambridge Surprise Minor 4, Cambridge Surprise Major 7, Bristol Surprise Major 2, London Surprise Major 1; total, 100.

**BOURN, CAMBS.**—On Saturday, October 8th, for practice, 2,880 changes of Cambridge Surprise Major: A. E. Austin 1, Miss C. Fields 2, F. E. Haynes 3, W. A. Tack 4, R. Howard 5, S. J. Coleman 6, F. Warrington (conductor) 7, H. Fields 8. Time prevented an attempt for the peal.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Tuesday, October 4th, for special service in connection with the hallowing of the diocese of Portsmouth, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's in 48 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, C. Groves 2, J. D. Harris 3, A. T. Greenwood 4, F. W. Rogers 5, T. R. Taylor 6, E. J. Harding, sen. (conductor) 7, J. Gates 8.



### SUDDEN DEATH OF A NORTANTS RINGER.

The death of Mr. George A. Blaxley has removed a well-known figure from ringing circles in the county of Northants. While returning from ringing for a harvest festival service at Addington, on the evening of Thursday, October 6th, he apparently had an apoplectic seizure, and was discovered lying dead beside his bicycle early the next morning.

The funeral took place at Isham on Monday, October 10th, and was attended by ringers from various places in the county, among those represented being Kettering, Burton Latimer, Addington, Ringstead, Thrapston and Isham. Immediately after the service the 'whole pull and stand' was rung by a mixed band, and then six members of the local band rang a memorial peal, which is recorded elsewhere.

When the Isham bells were restored more than 20 years ago, George Blaxley set to work to teach a band to ring, and a good many ringers have learnt their first steps under his instruction. Unfortunately, some years ago he had to leave the parish, but this enabled his talent to be more widely utilised, and Addington is among the places which benefited by his removal. He was a frequent visitor, however, to Isham on a Sunday evening, and always took his old place in the choir.

He rang many peals of Minor, and must have rung between 20 and 30 at Isham alone. His quiet and diffident manner was not always understood by beginners, but he always succeeded in raising the tone of the ringing, and was very keen on good striking. Always ready to turn out at whatever cost and however difficult the hour, he will be much missed. The more so at Isham, as it was anticipated that he was about to take up his residence there again, and great things had been looked forward to. His was a character which will long be remembered and emulated by all who knew him.—R.I.P.

### KINGSTHORPE RINGER'S DEATH.

We very much regret to report the death of Mr. A. Pickford, of Kingsthorpe, which occurred on October 6th, at the early age of 20 years. Deceased had been in fairly good health till about a fortnight before his death.

He was a very highly respected member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, a quiet unassuming man, who made many friends during his comparatively short ringing career as an active member of the Guild. He joined the Kingsthorpe band about three years ago, and being of a studious nature he soon mastered the four standard methods. He was a regular Sunday service ringer at the Parish Church, where he will be greatly missed.

He was a good ringer, and fast becoming a reliable conductor. He rang his first peal on July 10th, 1926. He had rung five peals altogether.

On Sunday evening, October 10th, the ringers rang the whole 'pull and stand' twenty times, and on Monday evening, after the funeral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Double (1,260 changes) with the bells muffled: J. Dunkley 1, H. Parker 2, H. Clarke 3, W. Parsons 4, G. Parker (conductor) 5, H. Bannister 6.

The two youngest members of the band, Messrs. H. Parker and H. Bannister, with two of deceased's friends, acted as bearers.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### EASTERN DISTRICT'S SMALL MEETING AT POCKLINGTON.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Pocklington on Saturday, October 8th, and the attendance proved somewhat disappointing on this, the association's first visit, only some twelve members attending, representing towers at Beverley, Howden, Hull, Market Weighton, Selby and Tadcaster. A short service was held in All Saints' Church, in which the Rector, the Rev. I. McN. Smith, B.A., gave a most helpful and instructive address, which was greatly appreciated by those present.

Tea was afterwards served in Kemp's Cafe, and was followed by the business meeting, the chair being occupied by the Rector. Three new members were elected—Mr. F. W. Hinton, jun. (Selby), and Messrs. E. Wood and C. Corrick (Hull).

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley in December.

On the motion of Mr. J. H. Howell (Hull), a unanimous hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for granting the use of bells and presiding over the tea and meeting, the organist, and the local ringers for their efficient arrangements.—The Rector briefly replied, which closed a very pleasant meeting.

### FOUNDERS' COMMEMORATION AT NEW COLLEGE.

At New College, Oxford, for the Founders' Commemoration, on Monday, October 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Dubber 1, W. Brigham 2, F. C. Exon 3, J. G. Hambleton 4, W. Collett 5, S. Hounslow 6, F. Taylor (conductor) 7, V. Bennett 8, W. H. B. Wilkins 9, G. Horwood 10.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Monday, September 19th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: P. C. E. Davies 1, T. Ford 2, G. Popnell 3, S. Jones 4, G. Day 5, F. Atwell 6, W. Williams (conductor) 7, H. Amos 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. Arranged for P. C. Davies, who hails from St. Nicholas', Deptford.

### HARVEST FESTIVALS.

EDENBRIDGE.—For harvest festival, on Sunday evening, October 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: E. Colleson 1, J. Heasman 2, G. G. Marriner (Leatherhead) 3, R. Jenner 4, E. Leigh, jun., 5, G. Malyan 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. James' Church, West Derby, for harvest festival on Sunday, October 9th, 720 Bob Minor for Holy Communion service, at 8 a.m.: H. Hancock, jun., 1, B. Generi 2, A. Taylor 3, R. Harvey 4, F. Holmes 5, H. Hancock, sen. (conductor) 6.—For children's service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: B. Holmes 1, B. Genesi 2, A. Taylor 3, R. Harvey 4, E. Holmes 5, H. Hancock, sen. (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Single, the band standing in the same order as for Kent Treble Bob. The above 720's were rung also as a 21st birthday compliment to F. Holmes.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—On Sunday, October 9th, at evensong for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Oliver 1, E. Roberts 2, T. A. Meredith 3, G. Lewis 4, G. Elliott 5, G. Burrows 6, C. Smith (conductor) 7, E. Green 8. T. A. Meredith hails from Welshpool.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, October 9th, for evensong harvest festival, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Furrell 1, R. Stredwick 2, T. Adams 3, V. Goacher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6.—Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Denman 1, G. Warneft 2, T. Adams 3, V. Goacher 4, H. Turrell 5, R. Stredwick (conductor) 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, October 9th, for the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins.: Daniel Wheeler 1, Miss Ethel Grimshaw (first in the method) 2, Ed. Johnson 3, J. Clayton 4, W. Hawke 5, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 6.

MALDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, October 9th, for harvest thanksgiving, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes): S. R. Linnett 1, E. G. Ellinger 2, F. Chalk 3, J. Anos 4, A. South 5, F. White 6, W. Chalk (conductor) 7, H. J. Mansfield 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.—On Sunday, October 9th, for harvest service at 11 a.m., a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,368 changes): H. Saunders 1, F. Warrington (conductor) 2, F. G. Cleaves 3, G. Ransome (longest length) 4, G. Perkins 5, J. Perkins 6.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—For harvest festival on Sunday, October 9th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins.: H. G. Smith 1, F. H. Crawley 2, A. Thomas 3, C. Sandlands 4, J. Bayley 5, A. Crawley (conductor) 6.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins., for harvest festival on Sunday evening, October 2nd: E. Barlow 1, W. Weelman 2, J. Benyen (conductor) 3, H. Cousins 4, J. Benyen, jun., 5, A. Milson 6.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sunday evening, September 18th, eight members of the Truro Diocesan Guild rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins. at the Church of Emmanuel on the occasion of the harvest festival: T. G. Myers 1, J. E. Lilley 2, A. W. Myers 3, W. Richards 4, J. Woodley 5, G. Godard 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, R. J. Baldry 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman for the ringers of 6th and 8th.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—For evening service, at Christ Church, on Sunday, Sept. 18th, a 1-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) (Thurstans) in 44 mins.: F. E. Dawe, Guildford (conductor) 1, F. G. Waymark 2, E. Guise (Bristol) 3, W. D. Smith 4, G. W. Stokes 5, A. C. Pankhurst 6, J. Sharp 7, F. A. Dallaway 8.

SOUTHEGATE.—On Sunday, October 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: G. Plater (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, A. R. Glasscock 3, W. Pickworth 4, H. Miller 5, A. G. Crane 6, J. E. Miller 7, A. Ketcher 8.

### NOTICES.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitchurch, near Cardiff, on Saturday, October 29th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells available. Business meeting in the Parish Hall.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartmouth on Saturday, October 29th. Ringing commences at St. Petrox 2.30 p.m. Service at the Old Castle Church 3.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Victoria Cafe, 5.30 p.m. St. Saviour's bells (8) also available. Will those who intend to be present please notify me by previous Wednesday.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.



## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637). — Meetings will be held at St. Magnus on the 27th at 7.30, St. Giles, Cripplegate, on Sunday, 23rd, at 5.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Next meeting to be held at Worksop Parish Church on October 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Evensong 6.30. —M. Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

**DEDICATION AT YORK.**—The dedication of the 10 $\frac{3}{4}$  ton bell, 'Great Peter,' will take place at York Minster at 3.45 p.m., Saturday, October 22nd. All ringers will receive a cordial welcome.—Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Glinton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—A joint meeting with the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild will be held at Barton-on-Humber on Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) available 1 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 6d. each).—A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, October 22nd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/- each. Will secretaries of towers try and get all outstanding subscriptions paid at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting (general) will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting in Schools 3.30. Tea (1s. 9d. per head) in Schools at 4.30. Church is close to Clay Cross Station. A good attendance is requested. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells ready from 2 o'clock to 3.30. A short service will be held. Bells ready again at 4.30. Meeting after tea.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Proposed formation of Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Association.—A special general meeting in connection with the above will be held at the Chantry Hall, St. Mary's Street, Southampton, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 3 p.m. All members and ringers in the Dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth earnestly requested to attend. Bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches available before and after meeting.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.** — Saturday, Oct. 22nd, Bushey Heath. Bells available from 4 till 8.30. Tea (Parish Hall) 5.30 (1s. 3d. each). Cheap trains from London to Bushey. Bus service from Bushey or London stop at church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Oct. 22nd, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5, tea at 5.30, at The Welcome. Good train and bus services, and a ringers' Vicar. All ringing friends will be made welcome. A good muster is hoped for. — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — A preliminary district meeting to discuss rules and other matters will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Parish Church bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. in the Church House, followed by meeting. Preliminary general meeting for the whole diocese at Guildford on Nov. 19th. Inaugural meeting at Guildford on Saturday, Dec. 31st.—J. S. Goldsmith, hon. sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Bampton Aston on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. 3 p.m., service in the Parish Church; preacher, the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). 4 p.m., tea at the Church Room at 1s. per head. Business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Bampton Aston (6), Clawfield (8), Bampton (8). Members who intend to be present must let me know by Thursday, the 20th.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Tackley Park, Tackley, Oxon.

**DERBY CATHEDRAL.** — Ringing for Hallowing day, and during the following week. Friday, October 28th: ringing by St. Andrew's ringers, Derby. Saturday, October 29th, Sunday, October 30th: ringing by Derby ringers and visitors. Monday, October 31st, Tuesday, November 1st, Wednesday, November 2nd, Thursday, November 3rd: open to any ringers by arrangement with Mr. James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby. Voluntary change ringers wanted to join the new cathedral band of Sunday service ringers. Apply by letter stating qualifications as a ringer. Visitors welcome. Learners invited.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Derby District.—Will all ringers please note that the meeting at Melbourne, proposed at the Etwall gathering, has been postponed, owing to the ringing at the Cathedral. See advertisement in these columns.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—A Whist Drive and Dance will be held in the Barker Gate Institute, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 29th, 1927. Ringing St. Mary's Church, 3 to 5.45 p.m. Whist 6.30 p.m. Dancing 8.45. Tickets 1/- each. Refreshments at moderate prices. (Good prizes.) All ringers and friends invited.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford (6) on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 25th.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Next meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, Oct. 29th. St. Peter's bells (10) available from 3 to 5 p.m. Cathedral after tea. Arrangements for tea will be made on the day. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 5, with tea and meeting to follow. A hearty welcome to all who attend.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3. The association service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rector of St. Mary's (the Rev. Wiltshire). Tea will only be provided for those who notify me on or before last post on Wednesday, Oct. 26th. Business meeting will follow the tea.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jubilee Festival.—The 50th annual Festival will be held in Durham on Saturday, October 29th. Committee meeting at 11.45 a.m., and dinner at 2 o'clock at the 'Rose and Crown' Hotel. Dinner 2/6 to members, 3/- to non-members. The service will be held in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. Address by Bishop J. C. Welldon, Dean of Durham. We earnestly ask ringers and friends for their whole-hearted support, as we expect a large number to dinner. Will those who intend coming kindly notify me by first post on Tuesday, October 25th, to enable the seating accommodation to be arranged. The bells of the Cathedral (8), subject to services, St. Oswald's (6), and St. Nicholas' (6) are available.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—A special meeting for combined practice of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open at 2.30. A short informal meeting will be held in the belfry during the afternoon to discuss the best means of arranging future similar meetings. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance of members at this meeting, which has been arranged to enable members to practise any of the above methods.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 25th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Hagbourne, Berks.—The new bell frame will be dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 29th, by Bishop E. D. Shaw, Archdeacon of Oxford, at 3.30 p.m. There will be a public tea afterwards. Visitors desiring tea must apply for tickets, price 9d. each, on or before Monday, Oct. 24th, from J. Butler, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Berks.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Eltham, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided only for those who notify me on or before first post on Monday, Oct. 24th. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify by the 26th inst?—C. H. Jennings, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Royal George Church, Friezland, on Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., and the meeting at 7 o'clock.—S. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Burnham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea (plain 9d., meat 1s. 3d. and 1s. 6d.) will be provided for all who send in their names to Mr. H. Peel, 2, Cross Street, Birstall, by Oct. 26th. Special attention to Cambridge and Plain Bob methods.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 4 p.m. A good meeting is requested. All welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 4 to 8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. A good meeting is desired.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637). — The 290th anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained up to November 2nd from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, T. Groombridge, Albert Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing: St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 3 to 4.30; Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, 5 o'clock.

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