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**UMPIRES FOR PEALS.**

The subject raised by a correspondent last week as to the umpiring of peals is one which interests a good many ringers, and all the arguments are not on one side. Except for special occasions it has never been the practice of the Exercise to demand an umpire for tower bell peals, although in the past, when rivalries were not infrequently a good deal keener than they are to-day, there were constantly unofficial observers ready to criticise, and, if necessary, condemn the performances of others. In the early days of peal ringing, for instance, the rival Norwich companies were quick to 'umpire' each other's performances; in London for many years, when little peal ringing was done except by the two great societies, few peals were completed without critical ears listening to the ringing for part or the whole of the time. But even this unofficial refereeing is not to be found to-day and, beyond the claims of curiosity which draw others to listen, even attempts on records are made without any official supervision.

The truth is, we believe, that to-day peal ringing has lost a lot in relative value and ringers are content to leave men on their honour to claim only that which they know to be true. We believe, also, that only in a tiny proportion of cases is that confidence misplaced. There may be here and there one whose sense of fitness is such that he would claim as a peal anything in which the bells came round, as long as the other ringers could not dispute it, but these men can get but scant pleasure from any such performance and their mean minds are welcome to all the satisfaction that it provides.

The deliberately 'cooked' peal is a thing of rare occurrence; the badly struck peal is a different proposition. Our correspondent asks how many errors are to be allowed in a peal? Presumably the answer is as many as can legitimately be put right; or, alternatively, as many as the conductor will conscientiously suffer before he says 'stand.' While technically no false changes can be permitted in a peal, there is no rule except 'good sense' which limits the amount of bad ringing that is permissible. There can be no justification for persistent bad ringing in a peal attempt and men of standing will not tolerate it. Umpires, therefore, would only find their services required among notoriously bad ringers, and these would be the first to resent interference and would be just as likely to challenge his decisions. Ringing is unlike the majority of pursuits. It is seldom competitive. The results of the ringers' prowess have to be taken on trust, and that trust, as we have already indicated, is seldom falsified. It hardly seems possible to establish a standard

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of striking below which no peal ought to be claimed or recognised, yet it would be a distinct advance in these days if such a level could be fixed and acknowledged by all who embark upon peal ringing. There are many men in the Exercise whose names are sufficient guarantee not only of the genuineness but also of the worthiness of a peal performance; there are others who might well raise their standard of ringing. A peal may be an end, but the means should be above criticism if the end is to be accepted by the world at large.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, August 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

*WILLIAM SHORT... .. Treble	*HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 7
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 2	*FREDERICK BAILEY ... .. 8
*JOHN BASS ... .. 3	*CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 9
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 10
SYDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5	FRANK PERVIN ... .. 11
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 6	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLBY. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The conductor has now called a peal in this method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,  
AT ST. MICHAEL'S CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D flat.

CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. Treble	*EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 2	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 7
ERNEST G. GARRARD ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 8
RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 9
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* 100th peal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the bells and by ringers of treble, 3rd, 6th and 7th.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... .. 2	GEORGE CONDICK ... .. 7
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... .. 8
JESSE GILLET ... .. 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS ... .. 9
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 5	GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of the eldest son of Mr. W. H. Harris.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

HORACE M. DAY ... .. Treble	*FREDERICK LEGGOTT ... .. 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 2	*WILLIAM E. CLARK ... .. 7
GEORGE LADD ... .. 3	*HAROLD HARPER ... .. 8
*FRANK DEWEY ... .. 4	†CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 9
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 5	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

\* First peal on ten and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Royal.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

*JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... Treble	JAMES HARRISON ... 6
FRED HINDLE ... 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... 7
*EDWIN JENNINGS ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 8
*MISS M. CLAYTON ... 4	*RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 9
*ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 5	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. SHAW.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Kendal, 2nd and 7th belong to the Cathedral, 4th and 6th to Houghton, 1st and 8th to St. Michael's, Blackburn, 9th to Bishton, and 5th and 10th to Churchkirk.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... Treble	*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 3	*FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 8
RONALD BULLEN ... 4	*REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 9
FREDERICK DIGBY ... 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal and first on the bells.

NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

REV. I. J. RICHARDS ... Treble	CHARLES SADLER ... 6
CHARLES EDWARDS ... 2	FRED ATTWELL ... 7
WILLIAM POSTON ... 3	CHARLES GREEDY ... 8
TOM BUTTERS ... 4	HENRY J. TAYLOR ... 9
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 5	KENNETH KNOWLES ... Tenor

Composed by A. C. KNIGHT.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

Ringers of 2, 3, 5, 6 and 9 from Hereford. Rung as birthday compliment to the Dean, Rev. Dr. J. L. Phillips.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 6
KEITH HART ... 2	ALBERT H. WARD ... 7
ROBERT SWIFT ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 8
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 9
JOHN DEARLOVE ... 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ELTHAM, KENT.

On Thursday, July 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JIM HURRELL ... Treble	THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... 5
JOHN J. LAMB ... 2	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 6
CHARLIE ELLIOT ... 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
HENRY E. JAMES ... 4	FREDERICK J. HURRELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Francis Fraser, who was interred in the churchyard on the same date close to the tower and bells he loved so well, and where he rang for the long period of 64 years. Mr. Fraser was 82 years of age.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

LIONEL J. COLLUM ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	EDWARD J. BEER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	WALLACE BURGESS ... 5
G. WILFRED SLACK ... 2	LEONARD DRAKE ... 6
*JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD ... 3	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4	JOHN MARSHALL ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.  
\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect for the late Dr. A. Ellison, M.D., a much respected patron of this church, also for the late Edward Crowther, of St. Peter's, Birstall, who was interred on this day.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Treble	*FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 5
*JACK BAILEY ... 2	HENRY HARRISON ... 6
*ALFRED MOULD ... 3	*WILLIAM SWAIN ... 7
*WILLIAM H. WAIN ... 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.  
\* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. First peal of Spliced Treble Bob as conductor.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE HOWCHIN ... Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 5
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS ... 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 6
GEORGE BAILEY ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method rung by the association in which a lady has taken part.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... Treble	*ERNEST J. LADD ... 5
PERCY PAGE ... 2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 6
WILLIAM BUTTON ... 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... 7
WILLIAM BIDNELL ... 4	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

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

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WILBY, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Treble	EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 5
RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.  
First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 31, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21 cwt.

*CYRIL HAYES ... .. Treble	E. G. SWIFT ... .. 5
ERNEST TRUDMAN ... .. 2	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... .. 6
W. A. SWIFT ... .. 3	ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 7
V. E. SWIFT ... .. 4	FRED LAMBETH ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

\* First peal and first attempt. This peal, which was arranged for the brothers Swift, contains all the 7-4-6's, all the 7-5-6's, Queen's, Tittums, Whittington's and the 6th her extent home.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George, Wilton,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... Treble	S. GEORGE COLES ... .. 5
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. 3	S. PERCY MERSON ... .. 7
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 4	JAMES HUNT ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by J. HUNT.

First in the method on the bells.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM MARTIN ... .. Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 5
CHARLES SANGWIN ... .. 2	JOHN W. SANGWIN ... .. 6
WILLIAM SHEARS ... .. 3	FREDERICK SANGWIN ... .. 7
A. WILLIAM MYERS ... .. 4	FREDERICK PROUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

\* First peal of Triples.

BALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19½ cwt.

MISS MARIE CROSS ... Treble	PERCY E. JONES ... .. 5
THOMAS COLLINS ... .. 2	ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE ... 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Florence King to Mr. Arthur Mark Stacey, the bridegroom being a ringer of the local band. It was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

DATE TOUCH AT WATH-ON-DEARNE.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, on Thursday, August 4th, a date touch (1,932 changes) of Minor was rung in 1 hour 7 mins., consisting of 36 Original, 456 Rochester, 720 each of Burton and Oxford: W. Bramham 1, W. Green 2, A. Panther (conductor) 3, G. Lord 4, R. J. Ricketts 5, A. Gill 6. This touch was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Nancy Mary Baylis, of Wath-on-Dearne, and Mr. William E. Henwood, of Ardsley, which took place on the same day.

NEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21½ cwt. in D.

JOHN FOWLER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK BIGGS ... .. 2	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 4	ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED HINDLE ... .. Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
WILLIAM AARON ... .. 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 6
RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 4	*JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in method. Arranged for Mr. E. Jennings, of Kendal, who was on holiday in the district.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... .. Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 6
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... .. 3	EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. 7
*HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 4	LEONARD PIERREPONT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. FLINT.

\* First peal of Kent. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. L. Pierrepont.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Priory Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 6
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 3	CYRIL TANSSELL ... .. 7
DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Major on the bells, and first peal on the bells since December 26th, 1890.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES H. PAGE ... Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
KEITH HART ... .. 3	JOHN W. STEDDY ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS.

Conducted by E. MORRIS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, August 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.



## BIRMINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of Bishop Ryder,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD BOB FOUR-PART, No. 74.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... ..	Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... ..	5
MAURICE SWINFIELD ... ..	2	JOSEPH B. FENTON ... ..	6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... ..	3	JAMES GEORGE ... ..	7
CHARLES DRAPER ... ..	4	*WILLIAM A. BEST ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

\* First peal. This composition is now rung for the first time. It has all the 5.7's at backstroke with only two singles. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A.

## GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... ..	Treble	ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... ..	5
JOHN ANDERSON ... ..	2	ADAM DEAS ... ..	6
*MISS JESSIE M. MELVILLE ... ..	3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... ..	7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... ..	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First Surprise peal. Miss Melville is the first lady to ring a Surprise peal for the above association.

## THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGSBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANCIS BALL ... ..	Treble	ARTHUR BIGLEY ... ..	5
JOHN J. MAWBY ... ..	2	AMOS SMART ... ..	6
CLIFTON NEWMAN ... ..	3	JAMES T. WARD ... ..	7
HARRY CHAMBERS ... ..	4	WALTER PERKINS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. PERKINS.

\* First peal in the method.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... ..	Treble	*EDWARD IDDON ... ..	5
*WILFRED HALLIWELL ... ..	2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... ..	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... ..	3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... ..	7
EVEREST FORD ... ..	4	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by PETER CROOK, JUN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged for E. Jennings, of Kendal.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... ..	Treble	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... ..	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... ..	2	JAMES BENNETT ... ..	6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... ..	3	HARRY KILBY ... ..	7
CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE

\* First peal of Spiced Surprise. This peal contains 2,944 London, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative and 608 Bristol. The Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

WICKEN.—On Sunday, August 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. Ridgway 1, F. Case 2, A. N. Wood 3, J. A. Green 4, L. Smith 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Roberts 7, A. J. Green (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

## MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES GOODBURN ... ..	Treble	*GEORGE BUTCHER ... ..	5
GUY R. AMBROSE ... ..	2	EDWARD J. BEER ... ..	6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... ..	3	JOHN BURLS ... ..	7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... ..	4	STUART SANDFORD ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP.

\* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor on eight bells and first attempt. Birthday peal for Mrs. G. R. Ambrose and G. Butcher.

## TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... ..	5
WALTER H. POOLE ... ..	2	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS ... ..	6
JACK ROY ... ..	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... ..	7
WILLIAM H. COLES ... ..	4	SYDNEY FRIDDLE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.

The ringers of 4 and 6, for whom the peal was arranged, are from London.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... ..	Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... ..	5
SHIRLEY BURTON ... ..	2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... ..	6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... ..	3	WILLIAM ROGERS ... ..	7
*C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... ..	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

\* First peal in the method. Rung with hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dexter on the occasion of their silver wedding.

## SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT W. EDWARDS ... ..	Treble	JOHN W. JONES ... ..	5
ERNEST STITCH ... ..	2	EDWARD PHILLIPS ... ..	6
WALTER J. NURTON ... ..	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... ..	7
CHARLES H. PERRY ... ..	4	GLYN I. LEWIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

Rung as a silver wedding peal for the conductor.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE ... ..	Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... ..	5
JAMES M. BAILEY ... ..	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... ..	6
LEONARD P. BAILEY ... ..	3	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... ..	7
REGINALD C. KERSEY ... ..	4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for A. F. Bailey, of Stockport.

## PENTRE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Tuesday, August 2nd, the Pentre (Rhondda) ringers visited Swansea, Sketty and Gorseinon. Messrs. J. W. Jones and W. Heath joined the party at Swansea, and an enjoyable day was spent. At each tower visited touches in various standard methods were rung, but, unfortunately, owing to several members being unable to attend, it was not possible to ring any Surprise method.

Everyone felt deeply grateful to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and also to the local ringers for the goodwill shown in making the outing a success.

## BANSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

*RONALD A. TOFFIN ... .. Treble	†ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
†TONY PRICE ... .. 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 6
†FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. The first peal in the method by the association, on the bells, and as conductor. The ringer of the 2nd had never previously struck a blow in the method.

## HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PERCY E. JONES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK BIGGS ... .. 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 6
MRS. C. C. MAYNE ... .. 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	FRANK CORKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITTSROW. Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

\* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal as conductor. Rung on the 65th birthday of the ringer of the second.

## SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. Treble	JOHN E. EATON ... .. 5
JOHN F. ATKINS ... .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 6
SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 7
VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES HEMMING ... .. Treble	FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. 4
HERBERT JORDAN ... .. 2	*J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 5
*FRANK SADLER ... .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung with half-muffled clappers, as a token of respect to Mr. Frank Jinks, who was interred the same day, and who had been a ringer at Evesham Bell Tower since 1886.

## REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT C. FORHAM ... .. Treble	KEITH W. WHITTLE ... .. 4
GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 2	DAVID WHITING ... .. 5
PERCY L. JOHNSON ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

## ROWDE, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew.

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

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE WINTER ... .. Treble	V. E. SWIFT ... .. 4
SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 2	W. A. SWIFT ... .. 5
E. G. SWIFT ... .. 3	ROBERT SWIFT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. A. SWIFT.

First peal of Surprise Minor by ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th and for the Guild. The peal contains no 6-5's at backstroke, and was rung to commemorate the birth of a daughter to the wife of the conductor.

## TROWELL, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford, three 720's of Kent and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. Treble	*EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. 4
WILLIAM THORNLEY ... .. 2	JACK BAILEY ... .. 5
ALFRED MOULD ... .. 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since they were recast.

## STANWICK, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*W. FRANK NUTT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... .. 3
†JACK STOBBS ... .. 2	WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... .. 4
CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM J. WHITMORE.

\* First peal and belongs to the local band. † First peal away from the treble. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

## BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Stella,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 changes each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

ROBERT LEIGHTON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 4
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 2	ADAM DEAS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. F. E. Collins to Miss O. Chiff, which was solemnised here the same day.

## LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN T. BIMSON ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 4
JAMES MILLER ... .. 2	JOHN T. MELLER ... .. 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Edward Berry, churchwarden at the above church for upwards of thirty years.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, R. Whittington 2, J. Herbert (St. Mary's, Putney) 3, A. Tidy (first quarter on 'inside' bell) 4, C. Stephens 5, L. Warner 6, H. Charman (conductor) 7, C. Charman 8.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.  
BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.  
On Wednesday, August 3, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John,

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

720 each of Merchant's Return, Woodbine and Oxford, and four 720's of Kent.

ERNEST BROOKES .. ... Treble	WILLIAM STEELE .. ... 4
WILLIS DYSON .. ... 2	HILTON SYKES .. ... 5
RAYMOND CROSSLAND ... 3	* JACK TVAS .. ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BROOKES.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

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

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford and two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES WALLEY .. ... Treble	WALTER LONGMAN .. ... 4
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH .. 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3	JOHN WORTH .. ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Ringers of 2 and 6 hail from Macclesfield, 4 and 5 from Lawton, and 1 and 3 from Norton.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At Glyn Garth,

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

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 1-2	WALTER AYRE .. ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	CLAUDE I. DAVIES .. ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

**DEATH OF A BOLTON RINGER.**

FORMER BRANCH SECRETARY.

Bolton, Lancashire, has lost by death one of its oldest members in Mr. George Pincott. He had not been well for the past two years, and was admitted to hospital last week for an operation, but on Bank Holiday he passed away at the age of 73 years.

He was interred at Astley Bridge Cemetery on August 5th, being carried by members of the Bolton Parish Church band of ringers, four of whom rang a course on handbells over the grave. The service was conducted by the president of the association (Rev. Canon H. J. Elsec, M.A., Rural Dean), assisted by the Vicar of Bolton, the Rev. Canon Spencer Elliott, M.A. The vice-president, Mr. Peter Crook, represented the association.

The deceased spent the earlier part of his youth in the Gloucester and Bristol districts, joining the Lancashire Association in 1897. For this association he has done good work. He was a member of the Bolton Parish Church band, and was one of the most regular in his attendance (he attended up to a fortnight ago), holding the position of captain for many years. He was very keen on peal ringing and a reliable method ringer. He had rung 160 peals for the Lancashire Association. For many years he was secretary to the local branch, and was presented with an inscribed walking stick when he relinquished the post in 1916. He leaves a widow and two sons in bereavement.

**YORKSHIRE RINGERS' EXCURSION.**

A very enjoyable day was spent by the ringers, their wives and friends from the Minster tower at Beverley, Yorks, on the occasion of their annual outing. Travelling by saloon car, they first visited Sledmere to view the famous war memorials and church. They then went on to Malton, where they had about half an hour's ringing on the peal of eight at St. Leonard's Church, and then to Pickering, where they spent an hour in ringing and endeavoured to initiate some of the local ringers into the intricacies of change ringing. They next proceeded to Brompton, where they partook of an excellent lunch at the Cayley Arms, and then continued the journey to Scarborough, which was reached about 3 o'clock. Here the party dispersed, and went their different ways until they met again at eight o'clock for the homeward journey. The weather was all that could be desired, and the ringers desire to thank the Vicars of the churches at Malton and Pickering for their kind permission to ring.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Hearty congratulations will be extended by their many friends in the Exercise to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril F. Johnston, of Croydon, upon the arrival of a son and heir.

The attempt for the long peal of Bob Major at Benington, Herts, on August Bank Holiday, came to grief through a change course after ringing 9,408 changes in 5 hours 50 mins.

Death has robbed the company at Evesham bell tower of one of the oldest ringers—Mr. Frank Jinks. He had been a ringer at Evesham since 1886. He was buried on July 30th, when a half-muffled peal of Minor was rung to his memory at Great Hampton, Worcestershire.

Last Saturday was the 58th anniversary of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at the Church of St. Gabriel, Pimlico, London. The peal itself was of no special importance, but it is noteworthy from the fact that it was the first which was published as having been rung by the Society of 'Royal' Cumberland Youths. This addition to the title was made, we believe, at the suggestion of Mr. Henry Dains.

Incidentally it was the first peal conducted by that celebrated Cumberland, Mr. George Newson, and there is still one survivor of the band, Mr. Edwin Gibbs.

The Rev. J. Williams, who has recently resigned the living of Gresford, North Wales, presented a set of new bell ropes to the tower as a parting gift. A farewell peal was rung on Wednesday, August 3rd.

'If you want to go walking with Kate,' is the title of one of the latest songs published by a Sunday newspaper! And it begins: 'Make haste, quick; get in the queue, Here's the prize that's meant for you.' This song should become popular among the bachelors.

## GUILDFORD'S PROPOSED NEW CATHEDRAL.

### A RING OF BELLS IN THE PLAN.

The accepted plans for the proposed new Cathedral at Guildford, which have just been published, present the vision of a building impressive both in mass and line. Cruciform in design, it is to be about 370ft. long and 110ft. wide at the transepts, and the central tower rises to a height of 150ft. from the floor of the nave.

The structure is to be principally of brick, and provision is made in the central tower for a ring of bells. A feature of the architecture of the tower is the long double windows on each side, and it is at the cill level of these openings that bells will be placed. In the design is shown a frame with ten bells, placed in the centre of the tower and occupying a space of about 18ft. by 16ft., with a free area 10ft. wide all round the frame. The internal measurement of the bell chamber, which is approximately 100ft. from the ground, is 38ft. square, and at this level the walls are five feet thick. The ringing chamber is immediately below the bells, and has a height of about 12ft.

The total cost of the building at present contemplated is about £200,000, but when it will be embarked upon is very uncertain. It may be some years before even a beginning is made.

## RINGERS BEAT POLICE AT BOWLS.

### HAPPY GATHERING AT BOLTON.

On Saturday last about 70 ringers, wives and friends availed themselves of the invitation of the Bolton Police to a game of bowls and a social at their Athletic Ground. The day was ideal for outdoor games, and during the afternoon a bowling match was played, resulting in a win for the visitors. This is the first time the ringers have beaten the police since these events were inaugurated. After the match came the wiping off of old scores, and to watch one would have thought they were big money matches, so keen was the interest, and not just friendly tower rivalry. For the ladies, the daylight lasted too long, because it was 8.40 p.m. before the 'social' began, but they made up for the late start. The next two hours were filled with handbells, songs, community singing, humour and dancing. Miss Annie Potter and Mrs. M. V. Collins provided the solos, and Constable Hayhurst the humour, with Mr. Hamer at the piano. Dancing was very popular, the space of the pavilion being taxed, and it makes one wonder that if a dance was promoted whether it would receive sufficient support to be worth the trouble. Mr. Albert Ed. Wreakes, a former secretary of the association, came from Paisley to look up old friends and bring back happy memories.

The Mayor of Bolton, Councillor George Sykes, once a member of the St. George's band, had promised to attend, but later sent an apology. Councillor Dickinson, of St. Mary's, Deane, and the president (Rev. Canon Elsee, Rural Dean) were amongst the visitors.

Mr. John Potter moved a vote of thanks to the police for their kind invitation. He said he was sure everybody had enjoyed the day.—Constable Hayhurst replied on behalf of the police. He said the ringers were always welcome, because they knew that when they came there would be good entertainment. He extended a hearty invitation to them to visit the other club during the next winter. He also said he could not close without referring to Sergt. Crook; upon his organisation and foresight success depended, and to him he offered the thanks of all present.—This was shown in a hearty way.



## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

### HOUSES WHICH EIGHTEENTH CENTURY RINGERS USED.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Readers of my 'College Youths, 1750-1788,' may remember that the headquarters of the 'ancient' society were at The Barn in St. Martin's Lane, and those of the 'junior' society at 'The Barley Mow' in Salisbury Court, Fleet Street. The first was pulled down when Trafalgar Square was laid out, and when I visited Salisbury Court I could find no tavern named the Barley Mow. But now I find that one house has taken down what I took (perhaps erroneously) for its sign and has reinstated the old name. So the ringer who wishes to make a pilgrimage to the haunts of the old eighteenth century ringers can quench his thirst on the same spot that they did. And the Barley Mow held quite an important place in the life of the Exercise. Here you could meet all the most important ringers of the time, certainly during the latter part of the century and probably earlier. There was another house, 'The Ten Bells,' in Fleet Street, hard by, which was used by the ringers, and either that or the Barley Mow was the headquarters of the College Youths in Annable's time.

The Barley Mow was a favourite house for clubs and a famous 'mug house' was held there. The custom was for a number of men to meet regularly, pay a certain sum which was spent in beer and the evening was passed in conversation, speech making and singing. Each man brought his own mug—hence the name. The members of this club belonged to the lower middle classes, not to the mob. They were much the same sort of people that the College Youths were. This 'mug house' figures in the history of London in connection with a serious riot, when the mob, whose political opinions differed from those of the members, attacked the house and lives were lost.

We are able now to correct another tradition of the College Youths. In the society's official history, given in its book of rules (I quote the edition of 1894) the following is written: 'The Company for many years during the last century held their meetings at the Paul's Head, Cateaton Street (now Gresham Street), City. On the day of the anniversary (Nov. 5th) the members walked in procession to Bow Church, Cheapside, to attend Divine Service preceded by their Beadle carrying a staff surmounted by a small silver bell.'

This, evidently, is a somewhat muddled transcription of the account given by William Eversfield, which I quoted in my 'College Youths,' and as it stands is far from accurate. The Society never had any particular connection with Bow Church. They rang there occasionally, as they did at most of the other city churches which had rings of bells, but it was not a regular meeting place, as St. Bride's and St. Martin's and St. Saviour's were. The bells, a heavy ring of eight in not particularly good going order, were not the attraction that the other peals were. It was not there that the ringers went to church.

Probably it was some vague idea of Sir Richard Whitington and his connection with Bow Church and the College at St. Michael, Paternoster Royal, that first suggested this tradition, but certainly it is without foundation. And the Society's headquarters were never at the Paul's Head, Cateaton Street. The Barley Mow was the

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## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING—DISAPPOINTS.

The quarterly meetings of the Rochester District during the current year have been so well attended that the expectation of a grand finale at the mid-summer meeting was looked forward to with great eagerness, particularly by the entertaining company. The ring of six at Newington was available from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., when the association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. N. E. Robertshawe), an honorary member of the association.

Although the company was moderately small, each one entered into the service with fervour, and the attendance of the organist was much appreciated. The new hymn sheets, which have been added to the service books, were used for the first time, and manifested the wisdom of this innovation in making the books self-contained.—A collection in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the association was taken.

After service, an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom, and every endeavour was made to cope with the ample supplies of appetising fare generously provided by the Vicar and ringers, and ably served by the wives and friends of the Newington band.

The Rev. F. N. E. Robertshawe presided at the business meeting which followed, and warmly welcomed the ringers, but expressed his disappointment at the small attendance. This was undoubtedly due to the close proximity of Bank Holiday.

The business was of a formal character, and was speedily accomplished, the principal item, that of choosing the place of the next meeting, resulting, as in recent years, by adopting Rochester Cathedral.

Votes of thanks were heartily conveyed to the Vicar for permission to ring and for taking the service, to the organist, and, last but not least, to the Vicar and ringers for so well entertaining the visitors.—Mrs. Gilbert, the wife of the local secretary, in a happy speech, expressed the pleasure they all had in making the meeting successful from their point of view.

### WELL KNOWN BELL HANGER'S MARRIAGE.

A marriage which will interest many ringers throughout the country was solemnised at Blaydon-on-Tyne, Co. Durham, on Tuesday of last week. The bridegroom was Mr. Frederick E. Collins, of Croydon, son of Mr. W. F. and the late Mrs. Collins, of Ringwood, Hants, and the bride Miss Olive Cliff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cliff, of 108, James Street, Blaydon.

Mr. Collins is one of the bell hangers employed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and has been engaged on many important bell hanging operations in all parts of the country. In this manner he has made a wide circle of friends. As a ringer he is very popular in Surrey and London, where his services, whenever available, are always welcome. Although the bride is not herself a ringer, she has long had an indirect interest in ringing, as both her father and brother are members of the company at St. Mary's Church, where the marriage ceremony was performed.

The bride, who wore a dress of blue crepe-de-chine, was given in marriage by her father, and was attended by one bridesmaid. The best man was Mr. Charles H. Kippin, an old ringing friend of the bridegroom, and hon. secretary of the Surrey County Association. Blaydon bells were rung immediately after the service, and a reception at the home of the bride's parents was attended by 30 guests.

In the evening at St. Mary's Church a peal in seven Minor methods was rung in honour of the event, conducted by the best man.

The happy couple, who were the recipients of many congratulations and presents, spent their honeymoon at Scarborough.

### ALDENHAM RINGER KILLED.

By the passing of John Eaton, Aldenham has lost a promising ringer. He was unfortunately killed by a car on the Watford by-pass road on Wednesday in last week.

The funeral took place on Saturday. He was followed to his rest by his parents, relatives, and friends, and the members of the local band. The Vicar (Rev. Gibbs) conducted the service in the church and at the graveside.

After the funeral, the members of the band rang a quarter-peal with the bells half-muffled: A. Wootten 1, W. Inwood 2, W. Gilks 3, S. Jones 4, C. H. Horton (conductor) 5, J. Marsh 6, L. Harpin 7, L. Hart 8.

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headquarters and the church they attended was St. Bride's. The two are only a few yards apart, and it was an easy and natural thing to meet at the headquarters and then walk round the corner to the church. But the Society did then the same thing that they do now. There was not sufficient accommodation at the Barley Mow for their big annual feast, and so they held that, not at headquarters, but elsewhere. One year, at least, they held it at the Paul's Head and perhaps many other years as well. Another place they held it was the Half Moon in Cheapside.

## A SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

### READERS' OPINIONS INVITED.

The scheme outlined in our columns last week by Mr. W. A. Cave, for a School of Instruction for seasoned ringers, so that they might take their acquired knowledge back to their associations and impart it to others, has caused a good deal of interesting discussion in ringing circles. Some seem to think such a scheme is workable; others frankly doubt its practicability. What do our readers think about it? We shall be pleased to receive short letters on the subject for publication.

### THE NEED FOR COMPETENT INSTRUCTORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It would appear that Mr. Cave's suggestion is rather belated, for, according to 'The Ringing World,' the question of 'instructing the instructor' was discussed at the last Central Council meeting, and a definite scheme was adopted.

This supplementary idea would have provided field for ample discussion if it had been put forward at the Council meeting, and it is a pity this was not done. It is to be hoped that the scheme which was agreed upon by the Council will be put into operation with the least possible delay, so that the results of Mr. Dyke's efforts may be observed before the next Council meeting. To have two different schemes going at the same time would hardly seem to be desirable.

Nevertheless, the idea of a school for instructors is very intriguing, and, in my opinion, quite a workable one. Those ringers, who, like myself, have visited many different parts of the country, cannot fail to have been impressed with the need for uniform instruction, and the great necessity for really competent instructors.

One can foresee a rather hectic time in front of those upon whom falls the responsibility for deciding the form of instruction to be given, but this, whilst presenting great difficulties, is not beyond solution.

If such a scheme as a school of instruction is adopted at some future time, it must never be forgotten that ringers who have a tremendous peal record are not necessarily the best instructors—indeed, many tip-top ringers whose names appear almost every week in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' are entirely incapable of transmitting their knowledge to others.

A school would, of course, cost a considerable amount of money, and here is a splendid opportunity for wealthy associations like the Midland Counties and other large associations to use their accumulated funds for the lasting betterment of ringing.

After all is said and done, ringing organisations are not savings societies, and there is no useful purpose in having hundreds of pounds locked up in investments. As long as an association pays its way year by year, there is no possible argument for hoarding up money against a 'rainy day.'

This suggestion of a school should, therefore, be given a prominent place on next year's agenda of the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD

Derimont, Walsoken, Wisbech.

### A DELICATE SUBJECT.

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to read your article in your last issue following closely on the one, a few weeks ago, in reference to the execrable ringing, so prevalent to-day. Personally I know it is a delicate subject in which, no matter how well intentioned one may be to make things better, one often gets snubbed for his pains. It is a coincidence that you should publish at the same time the photos of the former Burton ringers, with two of whom, Mr. T. Holmes and Mr. J. Austin, I rang my first peal of Grandsire Caters at Lichfield Cathedral 42 years ago. I well remember Mr. Holmes courting across the belfry and congratulating me upon how well I had rung my bell. Stedman was arranged, but one of the band selected had injured his hand, so I was asked to stand in. The reason of my success was that I was very conversant with the coursing of the bells, so much so that I could have told the inside men where they ought to have been all through the peal. I had learnt the value of good striking with the old Walsall band, under the leadership of the late W. Hallsworth, a noted good striker in his day; in fact, the whole of the band were the same, and would not tolerate anything like we hear to-day. They were a conservative lot, of very mixed characteristics, and it was only after I had rung the above peal that they were inclined to receive me into their clique. However, I made progress with them, ringing my first peal of Stedman Caters, muffled for Mr. Hallsworth, in 1891.

I mentioned the knowledge that I had attained regarding the coursing of the bells, and I attribute the present bad ringing to the lack of this knowledge. I have not been very prominent for some years in ringing, as my craze for good striking led to some amount of unpleasantness, so I gave up ringing.

When the bells here were recast and made into a peal of twelve I thought I would make another attempt to get interested, but, after endeavouring to get a better standard, I was told I did not know how to ring, and I must admit that I did not know how to

ring in the way they did. Certainly, in ringing Stedman, the only method they practise, they 'sing the song' all right, knowing whether they should be in the slow, or the different places, but some of them do not appear to have the faintest idea as to what bells they should be striking over—more often than not they look the wrong side of the belfry—and are quite ignorant of coursing one another from behind. The consequence is often awful hanging, with no leads, etc. We have here, as you know, a very beautiful peal of bells, but I am told that the people in the vicinity of the church are complaining bitterly as to the noise, both on practice night and Sundays, and propose to take steps to curtail the use of the bells. As one who lives close to the church said, if they would only ring eight or ten on Sundays, and try and strike them, he would forgive them a lot on practice night. I am not writing this in a vindictive spirit, but to illustrate the need there is for instruction in good striking.

I only hope that you will continue through your valuable paper to press this matter on the Exercise, also the point Mr. Elwell spoke about at the Central Council meeting on the desecration of belfry walls with tablets recording a lot of rubbish almost amounting to profanity. I know of more than one peal board I should like to pull down. With best wishes for more success to 'The Ringing World,' and hoping that it will always uphold the best traditions of change ringing, as typified by the group of Burton men (I knew them all), yours truly,

W. GRIFFIN.

47, Eastbourne Street, Walsall.

### WHERE WILL THE MEN AND MONEY COME FROM?

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cave's suggestion for a school of instruction—I think it should be called a school for instructors—is an excellent one, on the face of it, and, goodness knows, the Exercise could do with it. If we could only start with just a few properly trained men, who would go round the associations and show hands how good striking may be attained, we should be doing the cause of ringing a vast amount of good.

But where are the men and the money to come from? That's what puzzles me. Who will want to give up his fortnight's holiday to go to a ringing school, and, even if willing to do this, who will want to spend his evenings afterwards running round the country to try and teach the unteachable, as many of the bad strikers are?

Further, I cannot imagine any ringer being able to afford to do either. Will the associations pay these instructors? If they would do so adequately, men might be found to undertake the work, but the scheme put forward by Mr. Cave, attractive as it is on paper, will need a good deal of consideration before it can become anything like a concrete proposition.—Yours, etc.,

H. SMITH.

### EXCURSIONS IN ESSEX AND SUFFOLK.

A number of towers were visited by St. Peter's Guild, Sible Hedingham, Essex, for their annual outing. Among the places where they rang were Coddensham, Helmingham, Framden and Framingham. After lunch they visited Ufford, where they saw the old parish stocks, admired the beautiful church with its unique font, and rang both on the tower bells and the handbells. Subsequently they rang touches at Woodbridge, Grundisburgh, and St. Margaret's, Ipswich. At the two latter places they met their Leytonstone friends, who were also on tour. A pleasant ride home brought to a close a most successful outing, and thanks are tendered to the incumbents of the respective towers for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeepers for having everything ready.

### WHEN THE YOUNGSTERS BEAT THE 'OLD 'UNS.'

The ringers of St. Peter's, South Croydon, visited Suffolk and Essex for their annual excursion. Leaving Croydon at 7.30 a.m., they made their way through London to Chelmsford where, at the Cathedral, they were met by Mr. Clarke. The twelve bells were rung in rounds, and all the ringers, including the youngsters, had a pull, after which Stedman Caters and Treble Ten were rung. Going on to Braintree they were welcomed by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) and Messrs. Wiffen. Further ringing took place, including a course of Cambridge Major with the help of Mr. Howard and Mr. G. Wiffen. Lunch, which had been arranged by Mr. Howard, was enjoyed at the Nag's Head Hotel, and in this course the youngsters beat the old ringers both in the length of 'changes' and the 'timing.' In the afternoon the party visited Lavenham, where they enjoyed ringing for an hour and a quarter, despite the fact that the belfry was under repair. After tea at Dedham, they went on to Colchester, where they rang at St. Peter's Church, Mr. Bumpstead, the steeplekeeper, having everything in readiness. Some well-struck courses in various methods were rung, and one of the learners then had the nerve to ask the captain to call a touch of Stedman Triples. To the surprise of all, himself included, this was successfully brought round, both striking and conducting being nearly perfect. The return journey was continued by Kelvedon and Witham, and a halt was made at Chelmsford, where the weekly practice was in progress. The visitors were welcomed by the local company, and four of them enjoyed a touch of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve. The remainder of the journey home was enlivened by songs and chorus. St. Peter's ringers take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents and steeplekeepers, and especially Mr. C. H. Howard for the arrangements which he made.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. POPULAR MEETING IN EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

At the recent practice at Amersham, no fewer than fifteen towers were represented by those who biked, hiked and miked (in a bus) from all parts of the globe to one of the most advanced towers in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch. Only one course of Stedman Doubles was rung, the rest being Minor in many methods.



AMERSHAM CHURCH TOWER, seen between old cottages.

Special mention should be made of Spliced Kent and Oxford and Cambridge, London, Biddulph and Norwich Surprise, three ladies taking part in one of the courses of London. The bells are a ring of six, with tenor approximately 19 cwt.



An intimate discussion on the church roof. Spliced Treble Bob was the subject matter.

The slimming merchant was there, but it was noticed that his appetite has not suffered. A snap was taken of the party 'on the roof,' but unfortunately was not a success, as the roof moved.

The secretary still has a few reports, also some copies of Minor Methods for sale.

It is hoped to visit Warfield in August, another place for a good tea.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. JOINT MEETING AT BARNSELEY.

By kind invitation of the Vicar of Barnsley (Rev. Canon H. E. Hone) and the Barnsley and District Society, a special general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 30th, when the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church and the rings of six at Darton and Monk Bretton were placed at the disposal of the visitors. The bells were kept going in a variety of methods until 4 p.m., when a short service was held in St. Mary's Church. The hymns used were, 'We love the place, O God,' and 'When morning gilds the skies,' and a most interesting address was given by the Bishop of Pontefract (Dr. C. R. Hone).

After the service a group photograph of the company was taken on the Rectory lawn, tea being served immediately afterwards. Amongst those present were the Bishop of Pontefract, the Vicar of Barnsley, Rev. C. C. Marshall (president, Yorkshire Association), Canon Sorby (Darfield), the Revs. H. R. H. Coney (Felkirk), F. E. Greenwood (Cawthorne), H. Peverell (Darton), G. H. Stanney (Shelley), Mr. J. Cotterell (hon. treasurer, Yorkshire Association) and Mrs. Cotterell, Mr. F. Cryer (vice-president), Mr. C. D. Potter, Mr. A. Panther (hon. secretary, Barnsley and District Society), Mr. H. Morley (secretary, Eastern Division), Mr. F. Clarke (secretary, Southern Division), Mr. J. E. Cawser (hon. general secretary), etc. As so very often happens at ringers' meetings, many more were present than had intimated their intention of being there, and although only forty-two sent in their names for tea seventy-seven sat down. However, Mrs. Hone and her lady helpers were equal to the occasion, and a bountiful tea was provided. After tea, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by: Mrs. T. C. Ryder 1-2, T. C. Ryder 3-4, A. Nash 5-6, S. Briggs 7-8, S. F. Palmer 9-10.

The general meeting of the association was held on the Rectory lawn immediately afterwards. The Rev. C. C. Marshall (chairman) thanked the Bishop of Pontefract for sparing the time from a very busy life to attend the meeting and for his address.—In reply, the Bishop said first of all he had to express the great regret of the Lord Bishop of Wakefield for his inability to be present, and, secondly, he assured the members that he was really and genuinely glad to be present with them.—As he had another appointment, the Bishop left at this point of the proceedings.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the secretary at this the first meeting to be held since his appointment, and paid eloquent tribute to the many services rendered to the association by Mr. P. J. Johnson, the retiring secretary, during the sixteen years he had held office.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the incumbents and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the ladies for providing tea, and the local company for making the arrangements. In reply, the Rev. H. E. Hone apologised for the absence of his churchwardens, who were business men, and extended a hearty welcome to those present. Although he was aware the bells were in need of attention, there was little chance of anything being done at present, as they were trying to build two new churches to meet the requirements of a growing community.

Mr. D. Whaling, of Barnsley, was elected a member of the association.

The Chairman drew the attention of those present to the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, which is to be held this year at Sheffield on October 8th. Mr. S. F. Palmer (secretary of the local committee) said the dinner would be held at Stevenson's Restaurant in Exchange Street, tickets being 4s. each. He urged all to make an effort to attend, assuring them of a very pleasant evening's entertainment.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding at the meeting, and in his reply the Rev. C. C. Marshall reminded the members that the next meeting was to be held at Knaresborough on September 17th.

The Rectory grounds were open to the visitors, and whilst some looked round these others returned to the towers for more ringing, which brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting.

### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. A BANK HOLIDAY MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Branch was held at Whittlesey on Bank Holiday, and was well attended by ringers and friends from Northampton, Peterborough, Coventry, Long Sutton, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Warkton, Raunds, Thrapston and some of the local band. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Andrew's Churches were kept going to methods ranging from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise Major. Service was held in St. Andrew's Church, the Guild form being used, and the Vicar, the Rev. A. T. Newman, officiating. Tea was served at the George Hotel, 28 sitting down.

At the usual business meeting the Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford) presided, and the officers were elected for the year.

A special appeal was made for better support of 'The Ringing World,' and a vote of thanks was accorded to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.



## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## PERMISSION FOR MEETING REFUSED.

A very successful meeting was held at Cottenham on Saturday week. Members were present from Chatteris, Fen Ditton, Fulbourn, Linton, Oakington, Over, Sawston, Somersham, Stetchworth, Sutton, Trumpington, Willingham, in addition to some of the local band. The Rev. A. A. Hancock (Rector) conducted service and also acted as organist, afterwards presiding at the tea, which was served in the Church Hall.

It was decided to hold another by-meeting at Sutton on August 27th, the method chosen for practice there being London Victory or Sutton Delight (page 39 of Central Council Collection).

As the Rev. Duffin has refused his permission for the quarterly meeting to be held at Bourn on September 10th, Mr. Hurry extended a very cordial invitation to the association to visit Sawston, and said he hoped there would be a large gathering, as a hearty welcome awaited every visitor.

It was unanimously decided, therefore, to hold the meeting at Sawston on September 10th, and members are asked to note the alteration.

The Rev. A. A. Hancock was elected an honorary member of the association, and Messrs. H. Ivatt and S. Benton, of Cottenham, and Mr. C. Gimbert, of Sutton, as ringing members. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector for allowing the meeting, taking the service and particularly for playing the organ, also to the ladies who had prepared tea.

During the afternoon and evening various methods were rung, ranging from Plain Rob to London Surprise, thus catering for everyone. Ely Delight was voted very interesting.

## JOINT MEETING AT NEWARK.

## HEAVY NOTTS RING.

The first joint meeting of the North Notts Association and the Society of Sherwood Youths, Nottingham, was held at Newark-on-Trent on Bank Holiday. Ringers from Bristol, Bolsover, Scunthorpe, Lincoln, Rotherham, Treeton, Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, Mansfield Woodhouse, Northampton, Tickhill, Gamston, Sutton-on-Trent, Edwinstowe, Blankney, Ordsall, and a number of the local company took the privilege to have a ring on this excellent peal of ten at the Parish Church. This is thought to be the first time in history that an association meeting has ever been held at Newark, and many ringers visiting the tower made a special object of being present, for never before has either society welcomed friends from such a wide area. The tone of the bells is excellent, but the weight appeared to make things rather awkward, as there are not many peals in the county or neighbouring districts with bells having a 33 cwt. tenor. The ringing throughout the day was good, and ranged from Surprise Royal to Kent Minor.

Tea was partaken of at the Ossington Hotel, and was very refreshing to those who had been putting in hard work in the tower. There was no business meeting, but it is hoped that arrangements can be made for the next joint meeting to be held as early as possible. The cause of the business meeting being cancelled was that the arrangements could not be made between the two secretaries, Mr. F. Blood and Mr. R. W. Stockdale, owing to the former being ill.

Both societies wish to thank the Rev. Kay (Vicar of Newark) for the use of the bells, the local ringers for preparing for the visit, and the steeplekeeper for having the bells well greased, as the 'go' was splendid.

The next meeting of the North Notts Association is to be held at Ordsall, near Retford, on August 27th next, when several teams will again compete for the Crawford silver cup, and the memorial to the late Mr. Herbert Haigh will be dedicated. The association would like to see all of his many friends present at this meeting.

## MANY VISITORS AT LINCOLNSHIRE MEETING.

The half-yearly meeting of the Sleaford District of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Heckington on Saturday, July 23rd. The bells, a beautiful ring of eight, were open from 3 to 9.

About 35 ringers attended, including visitors from Belfast, Bolsover, Boston, Bourne, Hough-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, Rotherham, Surfleet, and Wymondham, as well as members from towers in the district.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Richards). A short business meeting followed tea in the Temperance Hall, Mr. Rupert Richardson, Ringing Master of the Guild, being in the chair.

Mr. Richardson made an appeal to all the ringers present to take regularly 'The Ringing World,' and stressed the importance and value of the official organ of the art.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Sleaford on January 28th.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address, to the organist, and to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

## RINGERS' VISIT TO 'CHEESE VALLEY.'

BY L.F.C.

A fine day plays a great part in making an 'outing' jolly. Such favoured us—the St. John's (Surrey Road) bellringers and friends—when we deserted Bournemouth for our annual ramble. Passing through some of the most picturesque country of Dorset, crossing the border into Somerset (not forgetting to view the 'old stocks' at Templecombe), we arrived within a short time at Evercreech, where light refreshment 'made a good welcome,' in the course of which 'handbells' added much charm. Then we strolled to the Parish Church to try 'our skill' on its fine peal of bells.

Leaving Evercreech, with the day still in its youth, we journeyed through the Mendip Valley into Wells to find a tasteful lunch awaiting us at a noted restaurant in a corner of its ancient market square. Having done justice to this, we could not go away without a visit to the Cathedral, where the quarter-jack was the important attraction. However, some thought there was still more to be seen, and it was very pleasing when the tower entrance was discovered; this caused much 'merriment,' as a start was made from one to another of the numerous steps, and the continual winding which at that moment appeared endless. But, by the time our aim was achieved, this 'merriment' became somewhat 'mingled' with a few 'aching limbs.' Nevertheless, a view of this quaint city from the height of its magnificent Cathedral gave us the opinion that our efforts had been rewarded.

Now we commenced our final stage to Cheddar, and as we glided down its famous gorge the vivid rocks could make no other impression than 'entering a wonderland.' On arriving at its artistic church we were greeted not only by the local ringers, but by Mr. Wm. Cave, whose scientific ringing and popular personality has made a familiar name for him wherever change ringing exists. Various 'touches' were rung, and then tea was partaken of nearby, after which we spent an interesting time visiting Gough's caves, where the guide transferred our attention from 'bobs' and 'singles' to 'stalactites' and 'stalagmites,' and as we gathered for our homeward journey it appeared that the 'noted cheese' was by no means forgotten.

On approaching Glastonbury, most appropriately we joined a carnival procession which was taking place on behalf of local hospitals. Then in the peaceful village of Bishop's Caudle we made a halt. The day was ebbing to its close, and the handbells sounded melodiously as the more experienced ringers rang final touches.

Bournemouth was soon reached. 'That's all,' a day well spent, and as a member made reference to the splendid arrangements throughout may we show further appreciation through the medium of this paper in expressing thanks to Mr. H. R. Bennett and Miss Marcia White, who devoted much consideration to this event, and also to those who assisted in making such an 'outing' possible.

## SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5,120 CHANGES.

## A PEAL IN TWO TO FIVE METHODS.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456	B. H. Methods.	34256	B. H. Methods.
35264	— — SLYS	45362	— — SYYS
35642	— — CYYP	45623	— — CYYP
35426	— — PYYC	45236	— — PYYC
52364	— — SLLS	53462	— — SYLS
26543	— — CYYP	53624	— — CYYS
64235	— — SYYS	53246	— — SYYC
43652	— — SYYS	34562	— — SLLS
43526	— — PYYC	34625	— — CYYP
32465	— — SLLS	42356	— — PYYC
32654	— — CYYP	25463	— — SLLS
32546	— — PYYC	25634	— — CYYP
Repeat; omit last bob for 3425678.		25346	— — PYYC
		54263	— — SYYS
		54632	— — CYYP
		54326	— — PYYC
		42563	— — SYLS
		42635	— — CYYS
		23456	— — SYYC

The methods to be rung are (S) Superlative, (L) Lincolnshire, (Y) Yorkshire, (C) Cambridge, and (P) Pudsey.

Yorkshire may be rung at any lead instead of Lincolnshire. Superlative may be rung at any lead instead of Pudsey. Superlative may be rung for Cambridge, but to ensure the truth of the peal, should this method be rung for Cambridge at any of the 'home' leads, it should be rung at all. This also applies to the other leads of Cambridge. Thus this peal may be rung in two to five methods, Superlative and Yorkshire for two methods, adding the other methods as shown if desired.

## WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, July 30th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, in 18 mins., 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Clarke 1, R. Abrams 2, H. C. Beard (conductor) 3, G. Boon 4, F. Mead 5, E. Hall 6, E. Lathall 7, J. Mapley 8. Rung for the wedding of the daughter of the ringier of 7th with brother of ringier of the tenor.



**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RINGERS GO SOUTH.****AN EIGHTEEN-HOUR TRIP.**

Another very successful outing, arranged by the Irthlingborough company, took place on August 2nd. Leaving Irthlingborough at 7 a.m., the party proceeded to Finedon and picked up the first 'pair' of visitors. On to Wellingborough, where one more was added to the number, thence to Wollaston for Amos (family and Co.), and one more at Bozeat, then 'all aboard' for 'Oxford, first stop.' Oxford was reached about 9.45, and soon the remarkable eight at St. Ebbe's were merrily sounding Stedman, Kent, Cambridge and London. The ladies and cripples in the meantime enjoyed a walk among the fine churches and colleges, especially the splendid Saxon tower of St. Michael's. A little after 11.30 the party were en route for Reading. The delightful scenery on the journey was admired by all. A hearty welcome awaited them on arriving at St. Mary's, and well-struck touches of Stedman and Bristol were rung, followed by an excellent lunch at Palmer's Restaurant. Leaving Reading at 2.45, the next stop was Maidenhead. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung on Boyn Hill bells, while the ladies admired the pretty coloured brick and stone interior. A short run then brought the party to Slough. At St. Mary's Church Stedman, Superlative, and a course of Irthlingborough Surprise were rung, the striking being excellent throughout. The tea interval was enjoyed by all, and about 6.45 a start was made on the long 'trek' to Woburn, reached, after a most delightful drive through splendid scenery, at 8.45 p.m., too late, unfortunately, to do much ringing. Thanks, however, to old Woburn friends, the bells were 'up,' and three courses of Grandsire concluded the ringing. This lovely peal of bells was much admired by all, and regret was expressed that the lateness of the hour prevented a course of Irchester Surprise from being rung, thus completing six Surprise methods in the day.

An adjournment was then made to the Magpie Hotel for liquid refreshment. The brothers Herbert gave the visitors a very hearty welcome, and kindly lent their handbells for a few well-struck touches of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major. A reluctant farewell was said at 10.30, when the 'homeward bound' signal was given. Dropping the 'visitors' in the reverse order, Irthlingborough was reached about 1 a.m.

Thanks are due to the various ringers and steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness and good order, the incumbents for permission to ring, and the excellent arrangements made by the secretaries, which contributed so largely to a most successful and enjoyable outing.

T. R. H.

**A BUSY HALF-DAY.****NORTH LONDON RINGERS' EXCURSION.**

On Bank Holiday, a party of ringers from Woodford and district invaded East Hertfordshire and visited some of the prettiest villages in this corner of England. Although the trip did not commence until well into the afternoon, an ambitious itinerary had been prepared by the pilot, and between 3 o'clock and 9 p.m. no fewer than six towers were visited and touches rung in the standard methods. Commencing at Standon, where, in addition to ringing on the harmonious six bells, the beautiful interior of the church was inspected and admired, the party proceeded to Great (or Much) Horstead, where the left-handed ring of six caused many anxious moments during the first touch. The next stop was at Anstey, a pretty little village, with its cruciform church standing on a hill and commanding a wonderful view of the unspoilt countryside. Here also, touches were brought round on the musical peal of six. A curious feature of this church is that the ringers stand in the nave, the tower being built in the centre of the church. A move was then made for Barley, where the needs of the inner man were satisfied before the light ring of six were set going to various methods.

The party then retraced their steps, calling at Parkway and ringing on the beautiful and easy-running peal of eight. Here Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were successfully brought round, as were Bob Major and Grandsire Triples at Braughing. The only regret was that time did not permit of a longer stay at the last-mentioned place, as the grand tone of the 19 cwt. Miles Gray tenor struck an answering chord.

**SOMERSET RINGERS' EXCURSION.**

The ringers of All Saints', Castle Cary, their wives and friends had their annual outing on July 21st, when they made a tour through the New Forest to Bournemouth by coach. They first stopped at Berwick St. John to ring on the peal of six, then went on to Ringwood, where the fine old peal of eight were found to go well. Going on to Christchurch, they had the privilege of having a pull on one of the latest rings of twelve, recently augmented by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The visitors received a most friendly welcome from the keen and enthusiastic Mr. George Preston. From Christchurch, the party then journeyed to Bournemouth, where tea was partaken of. The return journey was made via Blandford, Cary being reached about ten o'clock, after a delightful journey, favoured with excellent weather. The visitors wish to convey their very best thanks to those who granted permission to ring and who had everything ready for them.

**THEY ALL WENT DOWN TO 'ZUMMERZET.'****SWINDON RINGERS IN THE COUNTY OF FINE TOWERS AND HEAVY BELLS.**

The members of the Swindon Parish Church Guild with friends, to the number of nineteen, went down to Zummerzet for their annual outing. The journey was made by train to Trowbridge, where the party transferred to a motor coach for the rest of the tour. They first called at Bruton, with a noble church and beautiful bells, where they rang for a short time and then went on through the beautiful Somerset lanes to Castle Cary, pleasantly situated on a hill. On the musical peal of eight at the Parish Church, (Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major were rung. From Castle Cary to Sherborne many interesting places were passed, including Queen Camel, where the bells are reputed to be the finest six in all England. The tenor, weighing 37½ cwt., was cast by the celebrated Richard Purdue, a native of the district. The bells are stated to be unsafe, so that permission could not be obtained to ring them. Going on to Sherborne, the visitors, after a look round the old-world town and the magnificent abbey church, partook of dinner at the Half Moon, and then proceeded to the Abbey ringing room, where the heavy bells were raised (the tenor here is 46½ cwt.) and short touches rung, the ringing finishing with a course of Cambridge Major which sounded well. Other visitors afterwards took over the bells.

The next place of call was Yeovil, with its grand old church and magnificent peal of ten bells, the tenor being close on 42 cwt. The bells have recently been rehung and the trebles recast, the restoration reflecting the highest credit on Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who were entrusted with the work. Two touches of Stedman Caters and a course of Cambridge Royal were brought round. The ringing room, a model of what such places should be, is well lighted by four fine windows. Continuing the journey, the visitors next stopped at Milborne Port, an interesting old village, having a fine church and a grand ring of eight bells, the tenor being 28½ cwt. Here short touches were rung, and the return journey commenced, the only call being at Zeals, where the light peal of six were rung to Doubles and Minor. After leaving Zeals, the party made for Trowbridge via Maiden Bradley and Longleat, the delightful seat of the Marquis of Bath. Arriving at Trowbridge, the party spent a pleasant hour at the White Swan, a hostelry well known to ringers, and the genial host, Mr. Sam Hector, was at his best.

The thanks of the ringers are heartily tendered to the incumbents of the various churches visited, and to the local ringers who met them and did all they could to contribute to their enjoyment.

The weather, somewhat dull at the start, turned out brilliantly and added much to the pleasure of the outing. The country through which the tour was made is noted for the beauty and variety of its scenery, and nature really seemed at its best.

**BRISTOL RINGERS AMONGST THE 'MOONRAKERS.'**

The St. Ambrose (Bristol) Guild of Ringers and friends had their annual outing on July 23rd, when they travelled by motor coach to Calne, Marlborough, Savernake Forest and Devizes. A start was made about 1.15 p.m., the route being through beautiful country to Calne via Marshfield and Chippenham, Calne being reached about 2.45 p.m. Arrangements had been made for ringing here, and the fine peal of eight were soon set going to a touch of Stedman. The lady ringers, who have only recently been taught, put up a very creditable performance, especially taking into consideration the long draft of about 70ft. A move was then made to Marlborough, over the fine stretch of Wiltshire Downs through Cherhill and Beckhampton. On arrival at Marlborough the party sat down to a very nice tea at the Cross Keys Hotel. At St. Mary's Church a very hearty welcome was accorded to the visitors by the Vicar and captain of the local band. Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob and Treble Bob Minor were well struck and successfully brought round on the peal of six. The journey was then continued through the famous Savernake Forest and Pewsey Valley to Devizes, where they were met by Mr. S. Hillier, an old ringing stalwart of that town, and they were also joined by 'an obliging sort' from Bristol. After parking the charabanc, the beautiful peal of eight at St. John's was made good use of from rounds to Double Norwich, and later the company sat down to supper at the Elm Tree Hotel, the meal being thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After the usual votes of thanks, etc., a start for home was made about 10 p.m., Bristol being reached about 11.15 p.m., everybody being in good mood, the weather having been all that could be desired, and all having spent a jolly and well filled half-day. The writer takes this opportunity to thank the incumbents for the use of their bells, and the local bands for having had everything ready.

**HOME FROM AMERICA.**

Mr. I. J. Attwater, who has been engaged in teaching change ringing at Kent School, U.S.A., where Messrs. Mears and Stainbank installed a peal of ten bells, is home on holiday in England. On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, he conducted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Bacchus 1, I. J. Attwater 2, A. A. Hughes 3, F. Shorter 4, S. Stonard 5, G. Murrell 6, G. Moody 7, E. Owen 8.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.**

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Offley on August 13th. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Green Man Inn. Mr. L. Fidler, 11, Victoria Road, Hitchin, will be in charge of ringing and tea arrangements, so will those persons requiring tea please note his address and send a card? Bus service from Luton and Hitchin every 20 mins.—Don Mears, Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Tilbury (nearest station Low Street, old L.T. and S.) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me, in order that adequate arrangements for tea can be made? —E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at Holt's Cafe at 5 (1s. per head). All welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Cross Stones on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Brief service at 5 p.m., with tea to follow in the Church Hall. Bells of St. Mary's (8) also available in the evening. A good attendance is requested. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The annual branch meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Election of branch officers.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Great Barford on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and encourage the 5-bell ringers.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Eaton Bishop on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than August 17th.—A. Gwynne, District Secretary, Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—An invitation meeting will be held at Ardleigh on August 20th. Bells available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar and Mr. Newth. Will all those who can attend please notify the secretary as soon as possible?—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Little Chart on Saturday, August 20th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 120, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.** — Swindon Branch.—The monthly practice will be held at Blunsdon on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A card for tea will assist me with arrangements, please.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. George's, Mossley, on Saturday afternoon, August 20th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Schoolroom. Attendance at service will be greatly appreciated. Important business. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. E. Garside, 61, Lees Road, Mossley, by Tuesday, 16th inst.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Eight Bells Hotel (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, August 16th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, August 20th. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at the King's Arms. Ringing during the afternoon and evening. Those requiring tea please advise me early. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar. For tea please notify Mr. J. Leather, Potter's Lane, Halebank, near Widnes. Please make a special effort to attend to support the new Vicar. Crosville buses half-hourly from Liverpool.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District and Lincoln Ladies' Guild.—A combined meeting will be held at Elsham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) ready 1 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head. Business meetings to follow. Numbers for tea to Mr. G. Elsom, Elsham, Brigg, by the Wednesday previous. Roll up. All welcome. — Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, and H. T. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting of districts of these associations will be held at Enfield, Middlesex, on Wednesday, August 24th. St. Andrew's bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea at A.B.C. or Lyons at 5.30. St. Mary's bells from 6.30 to 8. All ringers welcomed.—H. Wacey, W. H. Lawrence and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

**DODDERHILL CHURCH,** Droitwich, Worcs. — Dedication, by the Lord Bishop of Worcester, Thursday evening, the 25th inst., at 7.30, of peal of eight bells, tenor 18½ cwt. (6 recast and 2 new bells added by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough). All ringers welcome.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, August 27th. Six bells, ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look up your methods.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Old Limpsfield on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, August 23rd? All ringers welcome. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Hellingly on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head), business meeting to follow. Will all members intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, the 24th.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Old Town, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Michael's, Blackburn. Bells available from 2 p.m. at St. Michael's and Cathedral. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively in St. Michael's Institute, and social at 7 p.m. Tea 1s. 9d. each, social free, to all who notify Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, not later than Friday, August 26th. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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At Sherborne Abbey, Dorset, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 54 mins.: J. J. Pratt 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, E. T. Griffin 3, E. Hancox 4, W. H. Coles 5, W. C. Shute 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, H. W. Pope 8.

Messrs. J. J. Pratt, E. Hancox, F. Corke and W. H. Coles were on a visit from Hillingdon, Middlesex.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCH.

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