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**FACE THE ISSUE.**

In any controversy where many take part there is always the risk of becoming involved in side issues, irrelevancies and even personalities. The principal issues often become obscured, and it is well that the discussion on peals of Minor and Doubles should be kept in its proper perspective and the real questions in dispute restated at the present moment. This is what Mr. Stephen H. Wood aims at doing in the article which appears elsewhere, and our readers, whether they feel specially interested in the outcome of the controversy or not, may with advantage peruse this restatement of the issues which, not unlikely, may influence the standard of what will be recognised in the future as a peal of Doubles or Minor. There are many who cannot see whither this discussion is leading, and in consequence find little use in it. The side issues introduced are inclined to cloud the main line of the controversy, but actually the real issue has an important bearing upon the manner in which peals on five and six bells may be rung.

'The Ringing World' makes no apology for having raised and re-raised the subject, the object being twofold; first, that nothing shall be done which shall reduce the standard of what is to be recognised as a peal, and, secondly, that the Central Council, if it is to retain its position as the authority in these matters, should keep pace with any forward movement, and, at the same time, use its influence definitely to discourage any tendency to open the door to a lower and cheaper level of peal ringing. At present the Council have certain definitions of what shall constitute a peal; if these definitions do not meet to-day's requirements they should be overhauled and brought into line with present practice as far as that practice represents actual advance and not retrogression. On this matter we would emphasise Mr. Stephen Wood's view that the Council ought not to shirk the onus that is on them to come to grips with the question. The position has got to be faced, or else the Council must abandon its claim to being even an advisory authority on the subject of peals. To have its decisions flouted and then officially to recognise the performances which have abrogated the rules does not add to its prestige. It should take its stand and either alter its rules to include these disputed types of composition, or definitely refuse to recognise them. There is only one other course open to the Council consistent with dignity, and that is to expunge altogether the rules relating to peals of Minor and Doubles, admit that it is incapable of forming a judgment upon the subject and let everyone go their own way. We cannot believe the Council is so devoid of ability that it would be reduced to this latter alternative, and we look to the central body to face the issue at the next meeting.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes

At the PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES ... .. Treble	† REV. F. L. EDWARDS ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 3	* WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 9
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 10
JOHN HALL ... .. 5	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 11
* FRED HAWKES ... .. 6	* ARTHUR J. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells.  
Specially arranged for Rev. F. L. Edwards, his first peal of Caters  
having been rung in the same tower in 1898, conducted by Mr. W. T.  
Pates.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 503 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES ... .. Treble	ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE HAYDEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 8
JAMES G. A PRIOR ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 9
* FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 5	ROBERT MOLTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	* J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 6
* ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... .. 3	WILLIAM CATHERALL ... 8
WILLIAM JONES ... .. 4	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 9
* FREDERICK R. EVANS ... 5	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

\* First peal of Royal.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 7
MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN ... .. 8
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 9
PERCY E. CLARK ... .. 5	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by R. F. DEAL.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

RICHARD WHITE ... .. Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 6
RICHARD A. POST ... .. 2	JAMES NAPPER ... .. 7
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. 8
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 9
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 5	CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

ERNEST WILSON ... .. Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5
DENIS SAYERS ... .. 2	*WILLIAM LAWRENCE... .. 6
GORDON CHECKETTS ... .. 3	REGINALD ELY ... .. 7
RALPH SAYERS ... .. 4	FREDERICK YATES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SAYERS.

\* First peal. The bells were rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mrs. E. P. Thomas, who was interred on this date. Deceased was the wife of Mr. E. P. Thomas, who in 1927 generously gave three new bells, and also had the old ring of five recast in memory of his father, a former Mayor of Worcester. All the ringers belong to the local band, and are regular Sunday service ringers.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

FREDERICK TARGETT... .. Treble	RONALD G. BECK... .. 5
*W. G. W. WARREN ... .. 2	JOSEPH T. DYER ... .. 6
JOHN METCALF ... .. 3	HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 7
REV. E. S. C. LOCK ... .. 4	REV. W. M. K. WARREN... Tenor

Conducted by H. J. SANGER.

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

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew and All Saints,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

LOUIS A. WILSON ... .. Treble	VINCENT SWIFT ... .. 5
ERNEST TRUMAN ... .. 2	HERBERT MARSH... .. 6
THOMAS DAVISON... .. 3	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... .. 7
WILLIAM SWIFT ... .. 4	FRED LAMBETH ... .. Tenor

Composed by HERBERT H. TUCKER.

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Olga Bailey, a member of the local band.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 2	*ALAN M. HICKMAN ... .. 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7
HARRY OVERTON ... .. 4	J. WILLIAM EDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

\* First peal of Stedman. Mr. Harding hails from Bath.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD CHANCE ... .. Treble	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6
HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 3	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War. Thomas Hemming's 100th peal for this association.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... Treble	WILLIAM J. LEE ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. 3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 7
GEORGE MAYERS... .. 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Ten.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

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

F. COTTON'S TRANSPOSITION OF E. B. JAMES' TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CLOUGH ... .. Treble	CYRIL ISON ... .. 5
GEORGE DUDLEY... .. 2	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 6
EDWARD CLOUGH... .. 3	FRED COTTON ... .. 7
PERCIVAL A. OLDHAM... .. 4	GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. John E. Pilgrim, a former churchwarden of this church.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JESSE J. MOSS ... .. Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 5
JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 2	†EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. 6
THOMAS BETTISON ... .. 3	†WILLIAM H. TURTON ... .. 7
*CHARLES MASON ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by J. FLINT.

\* 100th peal. † First peal in method. Rung on the 39th anniversary of the first peal of Surprise Minor by T. Bettison and William H. Turton.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... Treble	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 5
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 6
CHARLES O. MOORE ... .. 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON... .. 7
HARRY GIBSON ... .. 4	JACK WAUGH... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

Rung on the anniversary of the birth of the conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 5
MISS E. DORICE TURNER ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
JOSEPH MARES ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

BADGEWORTH, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Wednesday evening, November 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings): E. Parsons 1, W. Hawkins 2, W. Oakley 3, C. Lawrence 4, G. Kidminster (conductor) 5, C. Parsons 6. First quarter-peal for E. Parsons and for W. Hawkins, a member of St. Mark's, Cheltenham.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT ALLSOP ... .. Treble	JOHN H. PAULSON ... .. 5
BERNARD ALLSOP ... .. 2	JOHN R. TAYLOR ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. BLAGSHAW ... 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
GEORGE H. PAULSON ... .. 4	ERIC DERBYSHIRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

First peal as conductor.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes

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

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROWLAND ELDRIDGE ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5
†CHARLES DENYER ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
†HERBERT ALEXANDER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
†WILLIAM VIGGERS ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 16. Tenor 15½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

*ALFRED J. CLAYTON ... Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... .. 5
†TONY PRICE ... .. 2	*FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT ... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD ... Treble	WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 5
GEORGE W. MOSS ... .. 2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 3	WILLIAM DENT ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE KENWARD ... Treble	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 5
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 6
*EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 3	WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 7
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. W. Spice's 300th peal, and rung on the forty-ninth anniversary of his wedding. Also a birthday peal for his second daughter, Mabel. The ringers extend their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. Spice for their hospitality after the peal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 6
†THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 7
DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Major. † 50th peal.

REDDITCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	HAROLD F. MARTIN ... .. 5
H. JAMES TURNER ... .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 6
C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 3	ARTHUR CHAMBERS ... .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal on the bells since they were restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Quarterly peal for the branch.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK WATTS ... Treble	HENRY WARM ... .. 5
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 2	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 6
HERBERT DEVONISH ... .. 3	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 4	ARTHUR HRAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by HARRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, the Master of the Essex Association.

HUGHENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	*WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 5
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ... 2	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal of Surprise Major away from the treble. Arranged for Howard Freeborn, of Chalfont, and Wilfred Edwards, of Amersham, Bucks.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, October 18th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 52 mins.: B. Holdaway 1, G. Ives 2, F. Wiffen 3, A. Butcher 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, R. Martin 6, B. Redgwell (conductor) 7, A. Wiffen 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.



LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

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

*JOHN S. NEVIN ... .. Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... .. 5
LAWRENCE GREEN ... .. 2	EDWARD IDDON ... .. 6
CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 7
†JOHN H. FOSTER ... .. 4	JOSEPH SWIFT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by P. CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal. † First of Triples.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER AYRE ... .. Treble	THOMAS J. HULL ... .. 5
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. SPICER ... .. 6
JOHN W. MALYAN ... .. 3	HAROLD V. FROST ... .. 7
*GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.  
\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method on a working bell. First peal of Major as conductor. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Parish Church.

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN A. GREEN ... .. Treble	RALPH FODDY ... .. 5
LEONARD A. SMITH ... .. 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... .. 6
HARRY RIDGWAY ... .. 3	ALBERT J. GREEN ... .. 7
*GEORGE J. WHITEHEAD ... .. 4	FREDERICK C. CASE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. All are regular Sunday service ringers at this church, and this is the first peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard,

**A PEAL OF SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 5
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 2	HAROLD CHANT ... .. 6
*WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 3	T. COLIN RYDER ... .. 7
ARTHUR GILL ... .. 4	ALBERT NASH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First in the method by all except ringers of 1 and 3. First Surprise peal on the bells.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

HARRY S. BARKER ... .. Treble	REGINALD G. HARVEY ... .. 4
WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY ... .. 2	HARRY STEBBINGS ... .. 5
STANLEY W. BIGMORE ... .. 3	EDWARD J. HOWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY S. BARKER.

First peal of Surprise by the local band, and their first attempt. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those from this parish who gave their lives in the Great War.

WREXHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Thursday, October 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Mitchell 1, W. Jones 2, J. Clutton 3, F. Evans (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, A. Lea, jun., 5, T. Catherall 6, W. Catherall 7, A. Hodges 8.

CALNE, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wednesday, November 9, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings (4-6-8 covering).

Tenor 26 cwt.

R. SAYE ... .. Treble	R. BARRY ... .. 5
H. BORRY ... .. 2	W. HAINES ... .. 6
HERBERT MARSH ... .. 3	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... .. 7
E. DIXON ... .. 4	C. HAINES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY WILTSHIRE.

First peal in the method by all the band at the first attempt. Rung in honour of the Mayor of Calne, and in celebration of the jubilee of the Guild.

PYCHLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being seven six-scores each of New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

SIDNEY G. MUNTON ... .. Treble	RONALD C. G. COLEMAN ... .. 3
GEORGE S. F. BROWN ... .. 2	GEORGE MIDDLETON ... .. 4

REGINALD WILLIAMSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WILLIAMSON.

The bells were rung half-muffled for the Armistice anniversary.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure, three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANCIS BROMLEY ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... .. 4
*THOMAS HOADLEY ... .. 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 5
ALAN BROMLEY ... .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.  
THE NORTH NOTES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Consisting of three 720's of Oxford Bob and two each of Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER RICH ... .. Treble	MISS G. BURCHNALL ... .. 4
HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 2	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... .. 5
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... .. 3	REGINALD ASHFORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. W. STOCKDALE.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for those who lost their lives in the Great War.

OXTED, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD E. TIDY ... .. Treble	JAMES W. KNIGHT ... .. 4
WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... .. 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 5
H. F. HYLTON TIDY ... .. 3	LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

First Surprise peal on the bells. This peal has all the 5-8's at backstroke.

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## DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT &amp; BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST BENNETT ... .. Treble	HENRY HAYTHORN ... .. 4
*STANLEY ARDERN ... .. 2	SYDNEY HOGGH, SEN. ... .. 5
ADAM T. MARSLAND ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

\* First attempt for a peal. The band wish to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. Arderne for their kind hospitality after the peal.

## GREAT ROLLRIGHT, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 11 callings.

ARTHUR LARGE ... .. Treble	ERNEST HOLDER ... .. 4
WALTER LARGE ... .. 2	HORACE LL. TERRY ... .. 5
WILLIAM COLMAN ... .. 3	FRANK EDGINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE LL. TERRY.

First peal on the bells since they were overhauled by Messrs. T. Bond and Son, Burford, the 'go' of the bells leaving nothing to be desired.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ABEL EWER ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. BLOW ... .. 4
*ALBERT B. HALSEY ... .. 2	† HAROLD V. FROST ... .. 5
JOHN MALYAN ... .. 3	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods away from treble. First peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings.

## COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 120's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JEFFREY TOSSELL ... .. Treble	CHARLES FIELD ... .. 4
*JOHN HOUSE ... .. 2	EDWARD J. AVERY ... .. 5
ERNEST TOSSELL ... .. 3	HAROLD E. BLACKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. E. Salisbury, who has been Rector for six years, and as a welcome to the Rev. Marshall.

## BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*GEORGE ATKINSON, JDN. ... Treble	TOM HALL ... .. 4
GEORGE ATKINSON, SEN. ... 2	*GEORGE DOBBS ... .. 5
MARTIN WALKER ... .. 3	A. W. HOODLESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Chad, the eldest son of the Vicar, who attained his 21st birthday on this date.

## AMERSHAM, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of London, two of Cambridge, and three of Norwich, each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt.

*CHARLES J. CHALWIN ... Treble	*PERCY J. LAPHAM ... .. 4
*LESLIE R. BETTS ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. REDDUP ... .. 5
EDWARD C. AYRES ... .. 3	WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. REDDUP.

\* First peal. First Surprise peal on the bells. First peal by all the hand in more than one method. First peal ever rung by a local band on the bells, all being Sunday service ringers.

## LIFTON, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, November 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings, 4-6-8 covering.

*J. BARRIBALL ... .. Treble	*J. BRNOY ... .. 5
W. BRIMACOMBE ... .. 2	*S. MARKS ... .. 6
F. SANGWIN ... .. 3	W. E. BALL ... .. 7
*S. BOX ... .. 4	*F. DERGES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. SANGWIN.

\* First peal and first attempt. All members of local band except conductor, who hails from Pyworthy, North Devon. Rung to commemorate Armistice Sunday, which was observed in Lifton on that day.

## RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.)

On Wednesday, November 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

PHYLLIS E. TILLET ... .. Treble	JOHN F. TILLET ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 2	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... .. 5
*ROBERT H. BRONDELE ... 3	*WILLIAM TILLET ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal by Phyllis E. Tillet, aged 13, daughter of John F. and granddaughter of Frederick J. Tillet.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 1-6
FRANK LORD ... .. 3-4	*ERNEST BRITAIN ... ..

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

## COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. RASHBROOK,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE RASHBROOK ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM DENT ... .. 7-8

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****RINGERS' SUPPER MOOTED FOR S. AND W. DISTRICT.**

As usual, a meeting of the South and West District, held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, November 12th, proved very enjoyable. Ringing took place both before and after the tea, which was preceded by a shortened evensong in church. An interesting and original address was given by Rev. M. Knight, who dealt with the use of leisure time. So far as could be seen, he said, bellringing was an ideal method of using part of this time. It provided exercise for both brain and body, and at the same time brought men and women together in a wonderful fellowship. Mrs. Sharp, wife of the Vicar, presided at the organ.

A tasty tea, prepared and served by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunnisett and family, was partaken of in the Church Hall at the conclusion of the service. Rev. M. Knight, who stayed to tea and to hear some handbell ringing, apologised for the absence of the Vicar, Rev. C. J. Sharp, who was unfortunately indisposed.

The vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. C. S. Bird) both spoke of the loss sustained by the association in general, and Isleworth in particular, by the death of Mr. Henry Edgeley. The deceased gentleman had been churchwarden at Isleworth for 15 years. He was an honorary member and a keen supporter of the association. The company stood in silence as a mark of respect, and it was agreed that the hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) convey their condolences to the relatives.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Ringing Master (Mr. H. C. Chandler) and he attended the famous Harlington bellringers 'Leg of Pork' supper on the previous Saturday. This supper had been held for over three hundred years, and had an interesting history. An unknown lady made a bequest to provide a leg of pork and supper for the ringers each year. It was believed to be the first occasion on which the Middlesex Association had been officially represented. Harlington had always been a stronghold of call change ringing, but affairs had reached such a stage that the Church authorities had invited an association representative to be present at the supper and give a talk on change ringing. This the hon. secretary had done, and in consequence he had been invited to arrange for instruction to be given on the subject. He appealed for support in this worthy object. Subsequent discussion covered a wide field, some irrelevant and some very much to the point! It was eventually left to the hon. secretary ('as usual,' said he) to arrange matters.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Brentford on Saturday, December 3rd, subject to the usual permission being granted.

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**A NEW TURRET CLOCK AT WORCESTER.**

On Thursday evening, November 10th, a new clock, erected in the tower of St. Swithun's Church, Worcester, was blessed and formally started by the Rector (the Rev. W. B. Monahan), before a large congregation.

This clock, of the electrically wound type, showing time on two dials, and chiming the Westminster quarter, replaces a very old clock that has given service for upwards of 300 years. Mr. A. Smith, of the firm of John Smith and Sons, Derby, the makers, was present at the ceremony.

**DEATH OF AN OLD CROYDON RINGER.**

It is with great regret we have to announce the passing away of Mr. James Rumble, sen. (for many years a much respected member of the band at St. John's Church, Croydon), on Friday, November 11th, after a painful illness. The funeral took place on Tuesday, November 15th, both the Croydon bands being represented, and among the wreaths was one from his brother ringers at St. John's and one from the Surrey Association, of which he had been a member for a great number of years.

Mr. Rumble, during his ringing career, had been steeplekeeper at Reddington for several years, and also at Immanuel Church, Streatham. He had rung about 45 peals, his last having been at Epsom in which four fathers and four sons took part. He was a most regular Sunday service ringer, and will be greatly missed by the band at St. John's, Croydon.

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'Still fresh from one supper,' the Hon. Secretary said he had often wondered why the South and West District had not held a supper once a year. He often thought that the opportunity to gossip, etc., was to a certain degree limited at the monthly meetings ('Voice: 'Not at this one!'), and it would, in his opinion, do some good if one meeting was given over entirely to the social side. He therefore proposed, if sufficient support was forthcoming, to arrange a supper and social instead of the usual January meeting. He thought Heston to be most central, and Saturday, January 14th, a suitable date. General discussion ensued, and the idea was enthusiastically adopted. Members and friends are requested to note the date accordingly.

The Hon. Treasurer proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of his bells, to Mrs. Sharp for assisting at the service, to Rev. M. Knight for officiating, and to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunnisett for their kindness in making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

A further visit to the tower concluded a very 'chatty' and informal meeting.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have just completed the re-hanging of the ring of eight bells at Northleach, Glos, and the peal of five at Chilton Foliat, Berks, are also rehanging the octave at Tring, Herts, and the peal of six at Haddenham, Cambs.

Withypool, Somerset, where there is at present a ring of five, is to have a treble added. The work is being done by the Whitechapel Foundry.

Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, the hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, and author of 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

The peal at Stepney last Saturday was rung as a compliment to Mr. F. M. Mitchell on his election to the Mastership of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Half of the members of the band (and the composer) are past-Masters of the society.

Mrs. Deal is the first lady to take part in a peal on these famous bells.

Mr. E. A. Young, who served the Central Council for many years as hon. secretary, and has been a member of the College Youths for 42 years, has been elected senior steward of the society.

Miss Constance L. Clark, who rang the treble to a peal in seven methods of Minor (Treble Bob and Plain), at Gestingthorpe, Essex, is believed to be the first lady in the county to accomplish a peal of this kind, with only eight months' tuition in change ringing.

Windermere Parish Church ringers wish to tender their apologies to the ringers who visited the tower on Sunday evening, November 13th. A quarter-peal was being attempted in recognition of Armistice Sunday. The band try to make it a rule to suffer no interruptions whilst change ringing, and one of the members of the band was under the impression that the interruption came from someone who has been in the habit of interrupting while change ringing is in progress.

'Many happy returns' to Mr. James George, who on Sunday will reach the age of 79 years, and, like another famous gentleman, is 'still going strong.' He has already rung 34 peals this year, which included the 7th to a peal of Stedman Triples on Wednesday of last week, and the eleventh to a peal of Stedman Cinques the next day!

In response to several requests Bristol Surprise Major is now included among the method sheets, to be obtained (price 3d.) from the hon. librarian of the Central Council, the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. William Walmsley, of Macclesfield, is shortly to enter Manchester Royal Infirmary for a rather serious operation. They will wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. Walmsley has been a ringer for over 50 years, most of the time in Macclesfield.

The peal of Double Norwich Major rung at Headingley, Leeds, on November 9th took 3 hrs. 9 mins., not 2 hrs. 9 mins., as printed.

## PEAL RECORD ATTEMPT POSTPONED.

Owing to one of the band being ill, the attempt for the Bob Major record at Kennington, Herts, had to be postponed on Saturday, November 19th.

## PEALS WITH FOUR GENERATIONS.

To ring peals with four generations of one family must be a record, but Mr. Robert H. Brundle, the Ipswich veteran, who is now 81, has just achieved this remarkable distinction. In a peal of Bob Minor at Rushmere, Suffolk, on Wednesday week, the treble was rung by Phyllis E. Tillet, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. John F. Tillet, and granddaughter of Mr. Frederick J. Tillet, who, with the latter's cousin, William, also took part in the peal. Mr. Brundle rang the 3rd, and, incidentally, his first peal of Minor. Many years ago he rang a peal with Samuel Tillet, Phyllis' great-grandfather.

Great credit is due to Phyllis for the way in which she rang the treble throughout the peal, and it is believed she is the youngest girl to ring a peal on tower bells.

## REV. C. D. P. DAVIES MEMORIAL FUND.

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Acknowledged by Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Rev. E. S. Saleby, Mr. P. C. Williams and Mr. E. Guise.



## LADIES' DAY AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

### MANY VISITORS TO THE FOUNDRY TOWN.

One of the greatest events in the twenty years' history of the Ladies' Guild was the gathering at Loughborough on Saturday, when a meeting, organised jointly by the Northern and Lincoln Districts, was attended by a representative party of ladies, supported by a large attendance of gentlemen. Loughborough, for well-known reasons, is always a popular resort for ringers, and this occasion provided no exception to the traditional hospitality offered to visitors. The party numbered altogether about 130, and included the president of the Ladies' Guild (Miss E. Steel, of Bedford), the hon. secretary (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, of Enfield), the hon. secretary of the Lincoln District (Mrs. A. Richardson, of Surfleet), the hon. secretary of the Northern Branch (Miss N. Cawthorne, of Handsworth, Sheffield), Mrs. D. E. Beamish, of Nuneaton (hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild), Mrs. W. M. Ryder (Rotherham), Mrs. L. Hardy (Leicester), Mrs. H. F. Jacques (Mansfield Woodhouse), Miss I. B. Thompson (Nottingham), Miss G. Burchnell and Miss K. Burchnell (Sutton-on-Trent), Miss L. E. Harrison and Miss K. G. Smith (Barton-in-Fabis), Miss O. M. Sanders (Erdington, Birmingham), Miss G. (Goe and Miss A. Baker (Leicester), Mrs. P. Humphrey (Folkington), Mrs. J. Bray (Burton-on-Stather), Miss Marshall (Gainsborough), Miss Painter (Sursleet), Miss Atkinson and Miss N. Atkinson (Spalding), Miss Varley, etc. Among the specially welcomed visitors were the three Misses Chataway, who, although they no longer ring, were among the first ladies to learn to handle church bells and to learn change ringing. Over forty years ago, when their father was Vicar of Peckleton, Leicestershire, they with other sisters and two brothers learnt ringing at their village church, under the tuition of Mr. J. H. Swinfield, who met them again at Loughborough on Saturday, and there was a happy exchange of reminiscences, one of the ladies recounting how she was saved from what might have been a tragic end when she got a rope round her neck. They were intensely interested in the proceedings.

Among the visitors also present were ringers from London, Leicester, Nottingham, Bottesford, Burton-on-Trent, Sursleet, Burton-on-Stather, Folkington, Erdington, Nuneaton, Handsworth, Treulton, Harlow, Cotgrave, Beeston, Derby, Rotherham, Ilkeston, Peckleton, Kegworth, Cresswell, Shepshed, Sutton-on-Trent, Mansfield Woodhouse, and everybody not only spent an enjoyable day but greatly appreciated the welcome and hospitality extended to them.

### INTERESTING TOUR OF THE FOUNDRY.

During the afternoon the famous bell foundry was, by kind permission of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., open for inspection, and Mr. Colin Harrison conducted parties through the works and gave a graphic description of the whole process of bell founding, tuning and hanging, his 'talks' finding practical illustration in the examples of the various stages of work going on in the Foundry, from the construction of the core of the mould to the finished article represented by, among other bells, the tenor for the recast ring of ten at Ripon Cathedral, the glorious tone of which was much admired. Other bells of this peal were seen in the tuning shop. Modern bellhanging practice was to be observed in the massive frame which has been prepared to receive this ring, as well as in the frames now being constructed for six bells at Norwell, Notts, for a peal of five at Nash, Monmouthshire, and the frame for six, together with the five bells ready to be hung, at Barnby, Notts. Among the many other things of interest in the Foundry were a chime of 13 bells for Australia, a 20 cwt. bell for Canada, a ring of five for Barkby, Leicestershire, and a 5 cwt. bell for Blackpool. The visitors under Mr. Harrison's guidance found the tour of the extensive works both interesting and instructive, while ringing on the light bells in the Foundry campanile, where the treble of the ten is not much bigger than a good sized dinner bell, provided not only interest but, often, amusement.

The noble ring of ten (tenor 30 cwt.) at the Parish Church was, naturally, a great attraction, and the spacious and well-kept belfry was thronged during the afternoon. Touches in a variety of methods were rung, the service touch of Grandsire Caters being splendidly struck by ten ladies: Mrs. Bray 1, Miss Burchnell 2, Mrs. Ryder 3, Miss Steel 4, Mrs. Marshall 5, Mrs. Jacques 6, Mrs. Richardson 7, Miss Cawthorne 8, Mrs. Fletcher 9, Miss Thompson 10.

The Rector (Canon Briggs) conducted the Guild's service, the hymn, 'Praise ye the Lord,' being sung, and a brief silence observed for those comrades of the belfry who have served their generation and gone before.

### THE RECTOR'S WELCOME.

The Rector, in a brief address from the chancel steps, said he had never before had the pleasure of welcoming to that church the Guild of Lady Ringers. It was not a new thing for them to have ringers there—it was one of his greatest privileges to welcome them every year, when they commemorated the dedication of their belfry memorial. There were on those occasions lady ringers present as well as men, but that was the first time they had ever welcomed there lady ringers, as such. He was proud to do so, and he had also been very proud to hear their ringing of the bells just before the service. It was a surprise and pleasure to him to hear the bells rung so well by a band of ladies. Another thing which gave him great pleasure was that they should have asked him to hold that service. He was

very much impressed as he read the prayers which came in their service, because they seemed to him to take the right line. They asked for two things in those prayers. One was that when the people outside heard the bells and were not able, through some duty, or because of sickness, to be present in church, they should feel that the message of the Church was going out to them. He always felt that the bellringer was a minister of the sanctuary. The only difference between him and the clergyman was that the clergyman's voice was limited to inside the church, while the voice of the ringer went outside. They had a different way of presenting the message, but it was the same message. Secondly, they asked in their last prayer that they themselves should be mindful of their sacred calling; conduct themselves reverently in the church and offer up there their own worship. He felt sure that was the spirit in which they asked for and joined the service. He offered them a hearty welcome to that old Parish Church, which they always held in Loughborough to be the very centre of the bellringing world.

A party of about 130 sat down to a bountiful tea in the Fearon Hall, where they were the guests of Mr. F. Denison Taylor, and their wants were supplied by the labours of a band of willing lady helpers—wives, mothers and friends of the Loughborough ringers.

After tea a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by five ladies—Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Ryder, Mrs. Fletcher, Miss Cawthorne and Mrs. Richardson. The Rector then extended a hearty welcome to all the ringers, and especially to the lady ringers. One of the things which impressed him, he said, was the extraordinary number of friends which Mr. Taylor had up and down the country (applause). It was perfectly amazing how many Christmas parties he had in a year (laughter). He thought they all realised how much Loughborough was the centre of the bellringing world, and ever since they had had the beautiful monument in their Parish Church the gatherings seemed to have been larger and jollier than ever. He had always looked upon bellringing as essentially a man's job; he thought the kind of ringing that women did began with a 'w' (laughter), but these were rapidly changing days, and he thought there was real hope for the men (laughter). He could see the time coming when the women would go out and do the work (laughter) and the men would stop at home and look after the house, although he had been told by a woman that the men would be very sorry when they had to do that (laughter). But he thought as it may, ladies were taking a prominent part everywhere, and those who had heard the ladies ringing the bells that day must be proud of their ability. They in Loughborough would not easily forget that visit. He did not know if it was to become an annual event; if it did, they would be very pleased to welcome them (applause).

Miss E. Steel (president) thanked Canon Briggs for holding the service, for his welcome and for permitting them to use the bells. Wherever they went they had been kindly received by the clergy, but she did not think they had ever had any reception so great as that day (applause).

Mrs. R. Richardson seconded, and said the day was one of the most successful the Ladies' Guild had had, and she felt sure they would like to come again on some future day (applause).

### THE FIRST LADY RINGERS.

Mr. F. Denison Taylor said they were very pleased to see so many lady ringers in Loughborough. Loughborough regarded it as a great honour that the Ladies' Guild should want to hold a meeting there. It was the first time they had been so favoured, and he extended to them a hearty welcome. He trusted the endeavours to make the visit an enjoyable one would meet with success in the hope, as the Canon had said, that it would not be very long before Loughborough was again chosen as the rendezvous of the Guild. They were menfolk wished to express their thanks for being invited to be present at that gathering, a gathering that possessed many charms. In his young days, Mr. Taylor continued, a lady ringer in a belfry was almost unheard of. He remembered his brother telling him that at the reopening of, he believed, Lewisham bells after rehanging, a lady had taken part in a touch of Grandsire. That must have been about 40 years ago. He considered it such a remarkable occurrence that it made a great impression upon him. It was not long after this, however, before a lady took a rope in a peal, for in 1896 Miss White, of Basingstoke, rang in a 5,040 Grandsire Triples. He believed Miss White was the first president of the Ladies' Guild. After this the intricacy and charm of the bellringing science fascinated the fair sex more and more, and was widely taken up by ladies. When the manhood of the country was called away to the war and thousands of ringers left their homes, the ladies came in still greater numbers to keep the church bells ringing. The first peal rung entirely by ladies was, however, rung before the war. Mr. Morris, in his wonderful book on the History and Art of Change Ringing recorded it as having been achieved at Cubitt Town on July 20th, 1912, a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples. They were proud to welcome that day three members of that peal band (applause)—three ladies who had done so much for the Exercise: their excellent president of today, Miss Steel; the distinguished conductor, Mrs. Fletcher, who, in addition to her activities on behalf of the Guild, had done such splendid work for the Central Council (applause); and Mrs. Hardy, the gifted daughter of a talented father. After this peal, interest in the science extended so widely among the ladies that they formed

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their own Guild in October of the same year. He was, therefore, happy to be able to congratulate them on the completion of twenty years of active and useful life (applause). He was sure they would go on from strength to strength, and that they might possibly look forward to seeing recorded in their valued paper, 'The Ringing World,' not only compositions in various methods, but also new methods by lady composers. Further, he hoped to see peals of Cinques and Maximus rung by their Guild (hear, hear). There would be a good opportunity for this when they had, as they shortly would have, a light ring of twelve in the home town of one of their members, whom their Guild and the whole Exercise held in the highest esteem (applause). They were delighted to see her with them, and also her stalwart husband—he need not say he referred to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, of Surfleet (applause). They were told that Socrates once said that woman, once made equal to man, becometh his superior. He did not quite know what that meant (laughter), but mayhap the great philosopher had in mind the lady ringers of today, who were bidding fair to become the equal of men, and possibly in the future to out rival them. Continuing, Mr. Taylor said they were pleased to see with them that day the enthusiastic secretary of the Northern District of the Guild, Miss Noel Cawthorne, and also the first secretary of that district, Mrs. Jacques. He was sure they would also feel it an honour that the editor of 'The Ringing World' and Mrs. Goldsmith had found time to be present, and they welcomed them very heartily (applause). They must not forget either the assiduous Miss Thompson, of Nottingham, another good friend of the Guild, and they thanked her for all the trouble she had taken in making the arrangements for that meeting and ensuring its success (applause).

Mrs. Fletcher said Mr. Taylor began his speech by saying that Loughborough felt honoured by the visit of the Ladies' Guild; she could assure him that the ladies felt honoured that they had been allowed to visit Loughborough. They could not have wished for a better meeting than they had had that day, and they were very pleased to see so many gentlemen present (laughter and applause). They were always pleased to see the gentlemen, because if they met at a place where the bells did not go very well, they could put them on the back end, while if they did go well they suffered them on the front end (laughter). That was her first visit to Loughborough, and she would take away very pleasant memories. The Guild had had a life of twenty years, and during that time they had met with a welcome in every place they had visited, but they had never received a warmer welcome than they had had that day. It was her pleasant duty to thank Mr. Taylor for his kind hospitality, and also to thank the ladies who had prepared the tea for them (applause).

Miss Cawthorne seconded, and Mr. Taylor, in reply, said he hoped it would not be long before they saw the Guild at Loughborough again.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, on behalf of the 'mere men,' expressed their thanks to the Rector, Mr. Taylor and to the Ladies' Guild for permitting them to be present and sharing in the pleasures of the day.

Miss Thompson thanked Mr. C. Harrison and Mr. D. Collins for all the work they had done to make the meeting the success it had been.

After this the ladies retired to another room, and each of the districts represented held a business meeting, in the course of which Miss Baker, of Leicester, was elected an honorary member and Miss C. Gee, of Leicester, an ordinary member.

A meeting is to be held at Basford, Nottingham, in February.

Later, there was further ringing at both the Parish Church and at the Bell Foundry campanile.

### THE LATE MR. WALTER EDWARD BRYANT. A LINK WITH OLD BIRMINGHAM WORTHIES.

As briefly reported in our last issue, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, lost another old member in the passing of Mr. Walter E. Bryant, who died at his home on Monday, November 7th, aged 76 years.

'Walter,' as he was known to all his friends, lived as a boy under the shadow of Bishop Ryder's church, and with his old friend, Mr. Tom Russam, attended the Sunday School attached to the church. When the first peal of eight bells was put in 63 years ago both these boys came under the late John Bannister, who had been appointed towerkeeper and instructor, and so commenced ringing.

Walter was a fairly good ringer of the standard methods on tower and handbells, and was also a very good 'four in hand' tune player. He did not keep a list of his peals, but he rang quite a fair number on 8, 10 and 12 bells. Many years ago he obtained the post as towerkeeper of Edghaston Parish Church, which office he held for 30 years, when he retired. He had done no ringing for some years.

He was laid to rest at The Uplands Cemetery, Smethwick, on Friday, November 11th. His widow, five sons and daughter were the chief mourners, while the St. Martin's Guild was represented by Messrs. S. Fremantle, H. Withers, John Jaggar, A. Walker and J. Neal, the four last-named ringing a course of Triples over the grave.

Thus another link has been severed between the St. Martin's ringers of to-day and those who were contemporaries of the late William Chattell, of St. Philip's, and the late Henry Johnson, of St. Martin's.

A. W.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****SPECIAL PRACTICES FOR HIGHER METHODS.**

The November quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Pendlebury on Saturday, November 19th. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and was carried on until 4.30, when a short service, conducted by the Vicar, Canon Cooper, was held. During the service, which was attended by 23 members and friends, including the president of the association, Canon Elsee, the Vicar, gave a very interesting address on 'Belfries, the uses of church bells,' and what he referred to as the 'ancient and honourable office of bellringer.'

Tea was partaken of in a nearby cafe, after which the assembly adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

The meeting was held with the branch president (Mr. C. Ollier) in the chair. At the outset the members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. A. W. Whitnall, Muxton, and Mr. H. W. Wilde, Pulford, Cheshire.

Six new members were elected, all belonging to the Pendlebury tower.

A proposition was put forward that the secretary should send reports of branch meetings to 'The Ringing World,' thereby making known the activities of the branch.

Suggestions were made that the branch should try to arrange an annual social, and also a special practice night, to be devoted solely to the practice of higher methods. The former suggestion will be further discussed at the next meeting, and the latter will be tried during the coming quarter.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, Miss Jackson, and to Mr. Wallwork and the other local ringers for their services in making the meeting a success.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN DIVISION RECOMMENDS CHANGE OF NAME.**

Despite the dreary November weather there was an excellent gathering of ringers at Braintree on Saturday, November 12th, on the occasion of the annual district meeting, at which 25 towers were represented. Ringing commenced at 2.30 with a well-struck touch of Cambridge Surprise Major. At the service Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) read the lesson, and the Vicar, the Rev. R. S. Eddlestone, gave the ringers a very warm welcome, and said, although he was not a ringer, he appreciated the bells and ringing as much as anyone in Braintree.

A collection in aid of the association's bell restoration fund amounted to £1 1s. 10d.

Seventy sat down to an excellent tea in the Vestry Hall, provided by Mr. Howard, the Vicar being in the chair, supported by the curate, the Rev. G. R. Woodhams, the Rev. Stroud (Greenstead Green), and the churchwardens.

The Vicar apologised for having to leave early, but before he went Mr. Howard thanked him for the arrangements made for such a large gathering, also the curate for his valuable assistance.

At the business meeting Mr. Howard presided, and the district secretary read a report of the work in the division during the past year. Five meetings had been held, he said, with an average attendance of 42. A ringer's festival was also held at Dunmow, when 50 ringers were present, and at a dedication service at Witham on September 17th, ringers and friends present numbered 104. Thirty-two peals had been rung on tower and handbells, while one hon. and 21 ringing members had been elected.

Mr. A. A. Saunders was re-elected District Master, and thanked all those present for the honours again conferred upon him.

The district secretary, Mr. F. Ridgwell, was also unanimously re-elected. Mr. Ridgwell said how gratifying it was to have their confidence. He thanked the correspondent of each company for the valuable help that had been given to him, and said as long as that good feeling existed he would do all he could for the association (applause).

Ten new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Halstead on January 21st.

The following resolution was then put forward: 'That this meeting of the Northern Division recommends to the annual general meeting that the name of the Essex Association be changed to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild.'

The resolution was carried without a dissentient.

A proposition was put forward by Mr. W. Keeble that a peal be rung at each eight-bell tower in the division during the year, one in each month to commence in January next, the local company to arrange the peal and have what outside assistance they required.—This was agreed to.

Mr. Howard thanked all present for attending the meeting, also all those who took part in peals the previous Saturday for his birthday. He hoped he would be spared a good many more years to help on the good work of the association.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Howard for his generosity in providing the tea.—Mr. Howard, in reply, said the excellent attendance fully compensated him for what he had done.

Booking bells, in addition to Braintree, were available during the evening, and touches in various methods up to London Surprise Major were rung.

## THE MINOR CONTROVERSY.

## POINTS AT ISSUE.

BY STEPHEN H. WOOD.

When a few weeks ago I opened my 'Ringing World' one Friday morning and read the report of a 'one-part peal' of Oxford Treble Bob Minor which had been rung on handbells at Ealing, I realised that the inevitable sequel would be a renewal of the periodical discussion about peals of Minor and the meaning of the Central Council's definition of what shall constitute one; and as I looked back on the years 1923-29, which covered the last and, perhaps, the fiercest bout of what has come to be known as 'The Minor Controversy,' and thought again of those dozens of letters on the subject which appeared in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' and the long hours of discussion at the Central Council meetings at Hereford and Chelmsford, I could not help being struck by the singularly small amount of progress which was achieved towards bringing the matter in any way nearer to a satisfactory conclusion. The plain truth is that after the Chelmsford meeting in 1929 the whole thing was left in a worse state of chaos than it was before. And the reason is not far to seek. If anyone will take the trouble to turn up his old 'Ringing Worlds' and read through once more the letters and discussions of those hectic days, he will realise at once that with so much arguing at cross purposes, so many red herrings being drawn consciously or unconsciously across the track, so much of a personal and often totally irrelevant nature being allowed to creep in, any attempt to reach a satisfactory decision was bound from the first to end exactly as it did—in dismal failure. And unless we make up our minds this time to come down to 'brass tacks,' to find out what is the real crux of the argument and stick to it, this discussion which has just started will assuredly end in just the same way.

Now it has been urged in some quarters that as the whole thing is still so much in the melting-pot, and as the Exercise as a whole has so far found itself unable to come to a unanimous agreement on the subject, the Central Council would be wise to leave things as they are, in the pious hope, I suppose, that sooner or later they will sort themselves out of their own accord. This is an opinion to which I cannot possibly subscribe. Times change and opinions change with them, but if things move fast the Central Council can at least make an attempt to keep pace with them. It is surely much less undignified for the Central Council to make frequent (if necessary) alterations in its rules and definitions than to put up any longer with having its existing ones regularly and flagrantly broken—and this by associations which have recently been asked, and many of them agreed, to add to their rules a clause saying that they will 'loyally abide by the Council's rules and decisions.'

I want, therefore, in this article to explain as clearly as I am able just what are the main points which the controversy centres around, and on which such conflicting views are held, because I know quite definitely that there are a great many ringers who really want to take an intelligent interest in this discussion, but who are so puzzled at the moment by the many conflicting statements and suggestions that have been made, not to mention the numerous different interpretations that they are asked to give to what was originally a perfectly simple and straightforward rule, that they are feeling a bit 'fed up' with the whole thing. The first thing to get clearly into one's head is that there are two entirely different questions under discussion. They are:—

(1) What does the Central Council's definition of a peal of Minor mean, and do certain compositions come within its scope?  
(2) Is it desirable that the rule should be altered so as to embrace certain compositions which at present do not conform to it? It is quite essential to realise that these are two absolutely separate problems; it is the failure to differentiate between them that has been responsible for a great deal of the muddled thinking and waste of time in the past.

With regard to the first problem, the meaning of the Central Council's definition of a peal of Minor. Up till 1928 the main portion of this definition was 'at least seven true and complete 720's, the bells striking round only once at the end of each and immediately going into the next.' Now great ingenuity has been used by certain of the cleverest men in the Exercise in giving this a meaning which suits their own views, but surely the obvious straightforward meaning is simply seven separate 'extents,' true (i.e., containing no repetitions) and complete (i.e., containing the whole 720 rows, starting from some point and coming back at the end to the same point). This is what an 'extent' has always been taken to mean, and there can be no doubt at all that this is what the definition was originally intended to convey. Before we can hope to get any further, it is essential that we should all agree to accept this as the straightforward and logical meaning of 'seven true and complete 720's.' I am not saying that the rule is a wise one, or that it is adequate for the needs of the Exercise at the present time; I am saying that that is what it means, and that if it is not adequate we must alter it.

Now in 1928 the rule was altered to read 'seven true and complete 720's, rung without "rounds" or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720.' That to my mind was a blunder of the first order, and it turned what was already confusion enough into real chaos. It was stated recently that this alteration was an attempt to include Mr. Bankes James composition of Cambridge

Minor and similar compositions. I do not know if that was actually the case, but, if so, I cannot see that it has succeeded in its object. The Bankes James composition consists of blocks of 720 rows, beginning with 123456 at backstroke and finishing with 143285 at handstroke. The 720 rows are all there, and they are true (i.e., all different), but they do not come back to the point they started from, and they cannot therefore be classed as 'true and complete 720's.'

It is clear, therefore, that the Bankes James composition does not conform to the Central Council's present definition of a peal of Minor, nor to any previous one.

We now pass to the second and much more difficult question of whether the rule should be altered, and, if so, how and how far? It is on this point that opinion is so divided. Those members of the Exercise who are seriously interested in this discussion may, I think, be divided up into four groups. There are:—

(1) Those who hold the view that a peal of Minor should continue to consist—as it does officially at the moment—of seven separate 'extents.' What they say is, do as much splicing as you like within each extent (provided that you keep them true, of course), but keep the extents themselves separate; i.e., start from 123456 and ring the 720 changes, coming back to 123456 at the end. This is the first extent, then immediately go off into the second, and so on.

(2) The second group feel the same as the first as regards the general principle of the thing, but they feel also that the Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge Minor is not only an extremely ingenious composition in itself, but that it does meet a very definite need in that it enables them to ring a 5040 with all the 5-6's at backstroke and without having to ring the same 720 (or variations of it) several times. On these grounds they would like to see the rule amended in such a way as to include the Bankes James arrangement (without any doubt or ambiguity), provided that in so doing they did not also let in certain other compositions which have been advocated in some quarters, but for which they feel there is not the same justification or need.

(3) The third group want to go a little further than this and let in certain compositions which have been produced and which, like the Bankes James' arrangement, contain each row seven times, but which, unlike the Bankes James' arrangement, do not consist of seven successive blocks of 720 true rows.

(4) Lastly, there is group four, which consists of those people who want a peal of Minor to consist of any composition which contains each row seven times. I do not believe that there can really be many people in this group—that is, if they fully understand what it entails. If this is to be the criterion of a peal of Minor it means that we should have to accept not only the various compositions that have already been rung and published as 'peals,' but also such atrocities as the following:—

(a) The old 720 commonly known as 'the Grandfather,' and rung in this way: Call the first course (W, H), then ring six plain courses, then call the next course (W), then ring six more plain courses, etc.

(b) Any true 720 with each row rung seven times before going on to the next.

These, of course, are exceptional examples—(b) would not be change ringing at all—but they just show what could be done; they both quite definitely contain each row seven times.

I have tried to show as clearly as possible, and without expressing any personal opinions, just what this controversy is all about and what are the crucial points. I think it would help in future discussions if everyone who writes to 'The Ringing World' on this subject would first state what his views are and in which of the above four groups he finds himself, and then proceed to give any constructive arguments he can in support of those views.

## '5,040 TREBLE BOB MINOR.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner asks my opinion of his figures labelled 'Kent'—although why Kent any more than Oxford?—either in sarcasm or sincerity. I give him credit for the latter. Inter alia he says, 'I fail to see how a 720 can be true unless rounds is the 720th change,' and asks, 'Is this a freak peal?' Well, seeing that 'Rounds' does not come up at all in the first 720, while four leads, 35264, 56342, 45623, and 64523, all repeat, also the handstroke of the 5th lead repeats with the backstroke of the 23rd, all in the first 720, is there anything to say? Is it a 'freak'? Echo supplies the answer. In my opinion it is a waste of good printer's ink to admit any false composition while true ones can be got.

Your other correspondent, 'Peal Ringer,' should not assume that I or anyone else wishes to detract any prestige from the five and six-bell men. Far from it. My assertion that a peal of 5,040 Minor or Doubles did not exist was made for a special reason. I could say also with truth that 'a peal of 5,040 Triples does not exist,' but that is not the point. If we are to admit any hash-up of figures, because they make up 5,040, then there is an end of any dignity and honour in ringing. We are making change ringing too cheap. I would raise, not lower, the standard. Only by that can we conserve our heritage and hand it on to posterity unimpaired.

W. WILLSON.



### DEATH OF MR. ERNEST E. FERRY. EX-PRESIDENT OF THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Ernest E. Ferry, ex-president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. He was taken ill with pneumonia about three months ago when visiting his brother at Barkwith Rectory, Lincoln, and died there, after several relapses, on Friday last. He resigned the presidency of the association only last September. He joined the association in 1896, and was a member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild. He had something like 200 peals to his credit.

### DEATH OF MR. F. J. DAVEY.

#### FORTY YEARS A RINGER AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

On Thursday, November 17th, Mr. Frank James Davey, an active and popular member of the Devonshire Guild, passed to his rest at the age of 65 years after a long illness brought on by overstrain on the heart. Mr. Davey had been a member of the Guild since April, 1887, being attached to St. Sidwell's, Exeter, subsequently captain of the St. Edmund's band, and from 1898 to 1931 Ringing Master at St. David's, Exeter. He had been a ringer at Exeter Cathedral for 40 years, and held the position of captain of the Cathedral band for 16 years, from 1915 to 1931. He was chiefly instrumental in the formation of the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club, which, by visiting outlying towers in the diocese, did much missionary work during its existence from 1903 to 1911. He was always ready to help learners, and spent considerable time instructing young bands. He was a useful ringer on the heavy end, and ambitious as a conductor. His peal performances comprised Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Cinques 2, Grandsire Caters 6 (conducted 1), Plain Bob Major 6, Kent Major 1, Grandsire Triples 74 (conducted 20, and one peal non-conducted), Stedman Triples 13, Bob Minor 3, Treble Bob Minor 2, and Grandsire Doubles 10 (conducted 8). Total 119, of which he conducted 29.

The funeral took place at the Higher Cemetery on Monday, November 21st, preceded by service in St. David's Church, conducted by the Rev. C. E. Burkett. Many of deceased's ringing friends were present, including the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell, Messrs. Laver, Richardson, Gardner, Glass, Monkley, Townsend and Quick. Wreaths were sent from the Cathedral band, St. David's Society, and the president and general secretary of the Guild. A course of Grandsire Doubles was rung on handbells at the graveside. A knell was rung on St. David's bells in the evening and on the Cathedral bells on Tuesday, in honour of a highly respected comrade whose death all deplore.

### A JOINT MID-WEEK GATHERING.

Another successful mid-week meeting was held at Cheshunt on Wednesday, November 16th, under the auspices of the Herts and Essex Associations. Grandsire, Stedman, Superlative and Cambridge were rung before service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Creed Meredith, M.A., who, after giving the association a warm welcome, delivered a helpful address.

The Vicar presided at tea, at which a vote of thanks was passed to him for his hearty welcome, for his address and for the use of the bells.

The meeting also expressed its earnest wishes to Mr. W. H. Lawrence for a speedy and complete recovery from his recent accident, and best wishes for his and his wife's happiness and prosperity. Thanks were also accorded to the local band for foregoing their usual practice to enable the meeting to be held.

After tea Kent, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise were among the methods rung. Ringers were present from Walthamstow, Waltham Abbey, Sireatham, St. Albans, Romford, Lewisham, Ilford, Harlow Common, Edmonton, Enfield, Dunmow, Bishop's Stortford, Broxbourne, Brockley and the local band.

### MEETING AT HERTFORD.

A very enjoyable time was spent at Hertford on Saturday week, when a meeting of the Eastern District of the Hertford County Association was held. The beautiful peal of ten at All Saints' Church were open, and were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The Vicar (Rev. Llandulph Smith) gave a splendid address, and the organist kindly gave his assistance, making a very bright and hearty service. Forty members and friends attended.

### YOUNG STEVENAGE RINGER'S DEATH.

The Stevenage ringers have lost a valued colleague by the death, after a short illness, at the age of 28 years, of Mr. George P. Johnson. He began his ringing career seven years ago, and will be greatly missed in Stevenage belfry. He had rung two peals of Minor and one of Doubles.

The funeral took place on Thursday of last week, when a plain course of Doubles was rung on handbells over the grave, followed by a fully muffled touch on tower bells, while in the evening a muffled peal of Doubles was rung.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### A JOINT MEETING WITH THE LADIES' GUILD.

Saturday, November 19th, in the locality of Guildford was one of those days which puts joy into the hearts of the sprat fisherman and despair into the souls of bus drivers. However, in spite of the fog and the possibility of having some difficulty in getting home, over thirty ringers attended the joint meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild and the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, at West Clandon. Visitors (including the usual array of youth and beauty from the western extremity of the diocese) and members attended from Pirbright, Haslemere, the Guildford towers, Aldershot, Farnborough, Godalming, Chiddingfold, Seale, Worplesdon, Shere and the local band.

The Guildford Guild's form of service was conducted and the address given by the priest-in-charge, the Rev. Wilson. In the course of the address he rather created the impression that none of his ringers goes to church. As, however, the majority of the local band do attend fairly regularly, the error must have arisen because the preacher, who has been priest-in-charge for several months, has not yet found time to meet his ringers and know them.

A local churchwarden, Major C. W. G. Ince, occupied the chair at the Guildford District's business meeting held in the Rectory Hut after tea.

Mr. W. Melville (Ringing Master), Mr. G. Grover (secretary) and Mr. C. Hazelden (auditor), were renominated as district officers for 1933. Messrs. C. N. Burdock, R. Whittington, S. Peiter and W. Thorne were nominated as ringing member representatives, and Mr. S. Marshall as honorary member on the executive committee.

The Secretary explained the position with regard to the proposed memorial to the late Admiral T. P. Walker and the executive committee's proposals in relation thereto, and a resolution was passed pledging the district to support the scheme as approved by the executive committee and outlined by the secretary.

In the ordinary course the service at the annual meeting of the district, to be held in January, 1933, should have been at the Cathedral Church, but as the Holy Trinity Parish Hall would not be available it was decided to arrange for the service at St. Nicolas' Church and the tea and meeting at St. Nicolas' Hall.

The bells at West Clandon (recently augmented from six to eight) and which, on the authority of the evening paper 'with the largest circulation,' are the best peal of eight in Surrey (no correspondence is invited or will be answered on this subject), were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

The ring of six at the neighbouring tower of Merrow was also rung in the afternoon.

Mrs. Whittington presided at the business meeting of the Ladies' Guild, at which two new members were elected, viz., Miss J. Angwin and Miss Willoughby, both of Truro.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Ottershaw, if possible, in February.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, November 20th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major in 45 mins. by the following: J. Preston 1, Miss O. M. Sanders 2, G. F. Swann (conductor) 3, W. J. Meers 4, R. C. Ingram 5, F. W. Rishworth 6, W. Davies 7, F. Price 8.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, November 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,270 changes): F. Ward 1, G. Ward 2, A. Ward (conductor) 3, C. Hart 4, E. H. Clarke 5, G. Freebrey 6, P. Tate 7, H. Ince 8, A. Braines 9, T. Ward 10. Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Louisa Clarke, daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

### DEATH OF A LIVERPOOL RINGER.

#### OVER FIFTY YEARS OF SUNDAY SERVICE.

A link with the past has been severed by the death of Mr. George Fisher, of Liverpool. Mr. Fisher was, until the last year or so, a member of St. Nicholas' tower, and rang regularly for Sunday service for a period of 50 years. His health had not been good of recent years, but almost up to the last he took part in the ringing of the bells at the Municipal Offices on the occasion of public rejoicings, such as the Lord Mayoral elections and royal birthdays. He had taken part in this particular ringing for 42 years, having latterly been in charge of the bells, of which there are five.

Deceased had rung in 17 peals in the standard methods, his last peal being one of Oxford Treble Bob at St. Luke's in 1898.

His death occurred on November 15th, and he was laid to rest in Anfield Cemetery on Saturday, November 19th. He was carried to his last resting place by four of his fellow-ringers. Among the ringers at the graveside were his son, Mr. Walter Fisher, Messrs. T. Hammond, E. Jones, T. W. Gilmour and J. Martin, and Mr. Claude I. Davies, Liverpool Branch secretary, representing the Lancashire Association. Among the floral tributes was a wreath from St. Nicholas' ringers.

Much sympathy is extended to the widow and family in their sad bereavement. Deceased's son, Walter, is the present towerkeeper at St. Nicholas' Church. The passing of Mr. Fisher is deeply regretted, by the ringers of Liverpool and district, by whom he was held in high esteem.



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**PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.**

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild propose to provide two treble bells for Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James. Subscriptions are invited from all who desire to be associated with the memorial, and contributions should be sent either to the National Provincial Bank, Spalding, payable to the 'Bellringers' Memorial Fund to the Rev. H. Law James, or Mr. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Master of the Guild.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale) 5.30. Business meeting to follow. — Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division. —The annual district meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (12) 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea and meeting 6 o'clock, at Mr. Hicks', High Street. I appeal to all ringers of this division to attend this meeting.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division. —A joint meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, the Sheffield and District Society and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Please note alteration of date from Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. each.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting following. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 4.45 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1/- per head) at 5. Business meeting immediately following tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Address by Vicar (Rev. Canon Keith, R.D.). Tea, Church House, 5.15. Usual business.—C. A. Phillips Hon. Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nail Street, Milnrow.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wymondham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. The bells will be available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at Messrs. Street's Restaurant, Brunswick Road, at 1s. 3d. per head. Local secretaries kindly let me know early how many to expect from their respective towers.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells ready at 2.30.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey to-morrow (Saturday), Nov. 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met 20 times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at the \*Coffee Pot on the 29th (8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on Dec. 1st, 15th and 29th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th (8 p.m.), \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting 6. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Whimble (6 bells) on Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4 o'clock. Tea (free) at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, please, by Monday, November 28th to M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George Rectory, Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (£) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me by Thursday, December 1st.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Rd., Chadwell Heath.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30., tea and business meeting (including nominations of District Officers) to follow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 29th.—H. Hancock, Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Rd., Ottershaw, Chertsey.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Meat tea provided at 1/6 per head, to all who notify me not later than November 29th. Gentlemen cordially invited. Cheap fares available.—M. L. Cross, Dis. Sec., 9, Beverley Rd., Barnehurst, Kent.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, December 3rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1/3 per head), business meeting to follow. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know before Wednesday, November 30th.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carm., on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Nov. 29th certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**SUTCOMBE**, near Holsworthy, Devon.—The ring of three bells restored and augmented to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 11.30 a.m. by the Bishop of Crediton; service in the afternoon at 3 p.m.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3.30. Tea at 5, free to those who let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 30th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at St. Nicholas-at-Wade on Saturday, December 3rd. The Vicar of St. Nicholas has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea at the Village Hall after the service. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr W. Laws, Forge House, St. Nicholas, Birchington, not later than Thursday, December 1st.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thornby on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (5) available 2.45. Usual arrangements. Tea in the Reading Room, 1s. each., for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 29th. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. St. Benedict's bells available at 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by business. Further ringing until 5 o'clock. Bells at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs 5 to 6, St. Mary the Great 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Doyle, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (1s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Brentford, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea (opposite the church) at 5.30 at 9d. each. Please pay outstanding subscriptions as soon as possible.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, address by the Vicar (Rev. Lindsay Bartlett). Meat tea, Greyhound Hotel, at 5.15. Meeting to follow. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock (6), Symondsburry (6) and Lodres (6). Lodgers only from 2.30 till 3.30. Notification for tea to the secretary not later than Wednesday, Nov. 30th.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. and Treas., 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Coppul on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. The finest ring of 6 in Lancashire. Roll up and enjoy them.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells from 3. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided, for which a small charge will be made. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A., at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, Dec. 1st?—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, Hants.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance desired. All ringing visitors welcome. Those requiring tea please notify in good time.—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert St., Bletchley.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea in Schoolroom at 5. The bells of Holy Trinity (8) will be available for ringing during the evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe Parish Church on Dec. 3rd. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to all who notify E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, before Dec. 2nd. Ringing after tea.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. To assist in the arrangements for tea it is important that you kindly advise me not later than Dec. 6th how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Darke Street, Minehead.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Dec. 10th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Dec. 5th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow at the Cadena Café, Wine Street. The bells of St. Michael's will be rung half-muffled during the evening in memory of the late vice-president.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 3. Tea and meeting at 5.30. All those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Dec. 7th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Colchester St. Peter's on Dec. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me on or before Dec. 8th?—James R. Sparling, Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Third annual dinner Saturday, Jan. 14th, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. Tickets 5s. 6d. each.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. W. H. Lambert is now Nairn Villa, Benenden, Cranbrook, Kent.

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