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## THE NEW 'STEDMAN.'

The publication of a new text book on ringing, particularly when it is an exhaustive treatise upon the subject dealt with, is a matter of no small interest and importance to the Exercise. Such a work has come from the Press this week, in an entirely new 'Stedman,' which is included in the Snowdon series. Jasper Snowdon, whose vigorous life was cut short in 1885, laid the foundation of a new means of study for the ordinary ringer, when he began to give the Exercise those clear and carefully planned instructional books which the test of half a century has proved to be the most helpful of their kind ever printed. At a time when the art of ringing was beginning to find a new footing and newly formed associations were endeavouring to raise the status of ringers, he seized the opportunity which the ringing journals of that time offered, to publish articles upon the practice of change ringing and the theoretical side of the art. This material he later gathered together and elaborated into books, which of their kind are still standard works. He secured the collaboration of the leading men of the day, who were devoting their attention to the elucidation of many problems which up to then had baffled solution, and upon the result of whose efforts is built a great deal of the knowledge which we have to-day. Jasper Snowdon did not live to finish the work he projected, but the value of what he had planned was so obvious that others were able to carry it forward to completion.

Through the intervening years thousands of aspiring ringers have improved their knowledge of the art through a study of the books of the Snowdon series, and have had their interest stimulated by the historical records which Jasper Snowdon collected and incorporated in his works. Those who followed Snowdon, however, had not necessarily his simple methods of exposition and the volume upon Stedman, which appeared nearly twenty years after Jasper Snowdon's death, suffered somewhat from this defect. The contributors were all able men, who spoke with authority and comprehensive knowledge of their subject, but 'Stedman,' taken as a whole, was rather 'indigestible' for the average ringer; indeed, except for the very serious student, it was both too deep, and, if possible, too comprehensive. Its contents, however, were something that needed to be put on record, for they were the outcome of the work of some of the best minds the Exercise has produced, but the demands of to-day, in the much expanded circle of the Exercise, are for the most part in the direction of something more concise and easily grasped. Ringers want the surface facts that

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will enable them to ring the method and to compose if they desire to do so. They are, in the case of the vast majority, not interested in the deeper reasons upon which the facts rely, and Miss Margaret Snowden, who through her father and mother has succeeded her uncle, Jasper Snowdon, as the publisher of these books, has done the Exercise a service in putting on the market a new 'Stedman' that will meet the present day demand and the modern idea of what a ringing text book should be. In this she has been fortunate in securing the collaboration of Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, who has written, for the purpose, an entirely new treatise on the method. It reveals another of his many-sided gifts as a writer. The work has literary finish as well as clarity of exposition, and will, we feel sure, prove as popular among ringers of all classes as any of the books in this famous series.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 3 VERSION. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... Treble	ROYDON DAVIES ... 6
FRANK E. DARBY ... 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 7
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN ... 3	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 8
WILLIAM H. HRWETT ... 4	TONY PRICE ... 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

*HARRY T. CHANDLER ... Treble	ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... 6
H. FREDERICK MYERS ... 2	WILLIAM HAMLYN ... 7
FRANK VARTY ... 3	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 8
G. HARRY MYERS ... 4	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 9
CECIL L. GUY ... 5	A. WILLIAM MYERS ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

\* First attempt for a ten-bell peal. Rung in celebration of Empire Day and as a compliment to S. O'Shaughnessy on the occasion of his recent marriage.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRANK DUFFY ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
†JOHN BROADBENT ... 2	†RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 6
†WILLIAM BROADBENT ... 3	†FRANK VARTY ... 7
GEORGE HISLOP ... 4	*WILLIAM EDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Liverpool.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.On Thursday, May 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by WM. BIRMINGHAM.

## LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BALDRY ... .. Treble	*JAMES CLAY ... .. 5
ARTHUR W. BIRD ... .. 2	EDMUND G. KETT ... .. 6
MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... 3	RICHARD W. R. COATES ... 7
FREDERICK W. ADCOCK ... 4	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by R. W. R. COATES.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 5
*MISS RENE REDPATH ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\* First peal in the method. H. Hoverd's 100th peal on the bells.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 5
JAMES TOPP ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

## HARWICH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HORACE A. WRIGHT ... .. Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. 5
*MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... 2	†WALTER FELGATE ... .. 6
GEORGE WATERMAN ... 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 7
†FREDERICK C. RAMPLIN ... 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Major.  
A birthday peal for Miss Andrews.

## FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WM. RICHES ... .. Treble	T. W. LOCKWOOD ... .. 5
AUSTIN HEAD ... .. 2	S. W. ARBON ... .. 6
*WM. FOSTER ... .. 3	L. E. ETHERIDGE ... .. 7
ROBERT RAYNER ... .. 4	ROBERT RICHES ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. HURRY. Conducted by R. RICHES.

\* First peal of Major.

## NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*EDWARD HOLT ... .. Treble	H. JAMES TURNER ... .. 5
C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... .. 7
*HARRY W. HASLAM ... 4	EDWARD W. BLAKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal in the method.

## COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*PERCY GREAVES ... .. Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 6
†GEORGE PAYNE ... .. 3	TOM CLARKE ... .. 7
ALEX HUTCHISON ... 4	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. Treble	HENRY W. SHADRACK ... 5
LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. 2	JOHN H. STITCH ... .. 6
MISS ANNIE WHITE ... 3	EDWARD KEMP ... .. 7
ERNEST J. RUNTER ... 4	RICHARD C. CLARK ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

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

## DUNMOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble	*RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
ALBERT WIFFEN ... 4	H. WALTER SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal in the method.

## HAWKHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	*LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 2	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM WENBAN ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	*GEORGE MASKELL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal in the method.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CLAUDE WOODARD ... .. Treble	HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 5
HOBART E. SMITH ... 2	CHARLES G. SHEMMING ... 6
WILLIAM S. KINSEY ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER ... .. Treble	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. WATHEN ... .. 2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 6
*CLEM W. CRACKNELL ... .. 3	ROBERT J. STEED ... .. 7
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 4	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED SMITH ... .. Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 5
WALTER ELSEY ... .. 2	CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 7
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the association.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 6
FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25 cwt.

GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 6
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method. Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, May 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Treble	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 5
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... .. 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6
JOHN S. MASON ... .. 3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... .. 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (No. 21).

Conducted by D. T. MATKIN

\* First peal of Bob Major.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

MRS. JAMES E. DAVIS ... Treble	HERBERT E. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
CHARLES POTHECARY ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 3	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 7
HERBERT TOURLE ... .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

ESORICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Treble	*FRED TERRY ... .. 5
*MISS DOROTHY M. HAWLEY ... 2	*HORACE S. MORLEY ... .. 6
*EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. 3	*WILLIAM TERRY ... .. 7
*MRS. E. BRADLEY ... .. 4	ROBERT H. VIGOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by R. H. VIGOR.

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

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

*W. ALLEN WILLIAMS ... Treble	WALLACE DOBBINS ... .. 5
HAYDEN DOBBINS ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 3	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... .. 7
JOHN T. WILLIAMS ... .. 4	D. ALLEN ROSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal and first attempt. Specially arranged in honour of the visit to Swansea of H.R.H. Princess Royal on this day; also in honour of Queen Mary's birthday.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEOFFREY W. HAIR ... Treble	C. GEORGE SMITH ... .. 4
OLIVER HINES ... .. 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... .. 5
FRANK SHARPE ... .. 3	SIDNEY S. SCATTERGOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Canon H. E. Fitzherbert on the last day of his incumbency of the parish of Seale. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. Peter's Church.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.

FREDERICK MATTHEWS ... Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 4
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	LESLIE HOUGHTON ... .. 5
HORACE TUTTLE ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4
*MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five methods as conductor.

HINTON ADMIRAL, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Consisting of 40 six-scores, with 10 variations of calling and one 240, Morris' arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... Treble	FRANCIS G. BLAKE ... .. 3
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. 4
†ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. 3	

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal on five bells. † First peal of Doubles. The first peal on the bells.



**TETSWORTH, OXFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (SOUTH OXON AND MID BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Five callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.  
 JOHN STONE ... .. Treble | JAMES HEDGES ... .. 4  
 RICHARD LINDARS ... .. 2 | WILLIAM GIBBARD ... .. 5  
 ALFRED PEASLEY ... .. 3 | THOMAS LAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM GIBBARD.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all the band. Rung for the second anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

**TEMPSFORD, BEDS.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, May 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being the extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.  
 Tenor 9½ cwt.

HUGH HARDING ... .. Treble | REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... .. 4  
 ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. 2 | WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 5  
 C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 3 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

**CLIFTON, BEDS.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 of Cambridge, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

\*GEOFFREY W. MAYES ... .. Treble | HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. 4  
 \*EDWIN C. BUCK ... .. 2 | PERCY TOMPKINS ... .. 5  
 JOHN CHURCH ... .. 3 | R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

\* First peal in five methods.

**CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

SYDNEY SMITH ... .. Treble | JOHN SUMMERHAYES ... .. 4  
 HARRY PURCHASE ... .. 2 | ALBERT TURNER ... .. 5  
 CLAUDE TARR ... .. 3 | EDGAR QUICKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.

First peal of Oxford by all, also on the bells.

**STOKE ASH, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 14 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

\*VERA GOODERHAM ... .. Treble | ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 3  
 \*LEONARD LOCK ... .. 2 | \*FREDERICK G. POPPY ... .. 4  
 \*WILLIAM A. LOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. POPPY.

\* First peal. The first peal on the bells.

**WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.**

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being four extents of Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.  
 Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

LOUIS RICHARDSON ... .. Treble | GEORGE WALL ... .. 4  
 JOHN A. BROWN ... .. 2 | THOMAS W. DODD ... .. 5  
 WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 3 | STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

A compliment to the treble ringer on the celebration of his 70th birthday.

**DRAYCOTT, STAFFS.**

**THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.  
 EDWARD STEEL ... .. Treble | NEVILLE HOLLAND ... .. 4  
 WILLIAM PERKINS ... .. 2 | WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. 5  
 JOHN G. CARLIDGE ... .. 3 | ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Holland.

**KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.**

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

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

JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. Treble | \*GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 4  
 HAROLD SMITH ... .. 2 | BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 5  
 \*WILLIAM CURZON ... .. 3 | HOWARD HOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal of Minor in four methods 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

**HARTEST, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Called in ten different ways. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE GARWOOD ... .. Treble | ARTHUR W. ROLFE ... .. 3  
 FREDERICK H. COOPER ... .. 2 | FREDERICK PAYNE ... .. 4  
 STANLEY HONEYBULL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. W. ROLFE.

**STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.**

**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, May 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Seven extents in ten methods: (1) Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Kent Treble Bob; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Double Court; (5) Double Oxford; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb.

WALTER LYCETT ... .. Treble | WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 4  
 THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 5  
 FREDERICK PRICE ... .. 3 | ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in ten methods in the county, by all the band, and for the association.

**TREGARE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, May 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Percy's Pleasure, London, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire.  
 Tenor 8 cwt.

\*WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. Treble | \*CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 3  
 †JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 2 | \*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 4  
 \*JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal of Doubles in seven methods. † First peal as conductor in seven methods. First peal on the bells.

**SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Monday, May 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

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

Being five 720's of Oxford and two of Kent. Tenor 8½ cwt.

H. G. SMITH ... .. Treble | F. WHATLING ... .. 4  
 A. LING ... .. 2 | O. NEWSON ... .. 5  
 J. FORD ... .. 3 | W. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. WHATLING.

## LONDON.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Penge, S.E.,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven differently called extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE W. FOGDEN... .. Treble	†FREDERICK V. CROSSKEY... .. 4
†EDGAR J. BARRETT... .. 2	†NORMAN T. HEXT... .. 5
†DENNIS G. BROWN... .. 3	†PHILIP A. CORBY... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal on six bells.  
The first peal on the bells since they were rehung.

## HITCHAM, BUCKS.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob (rung alternately). Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

*WILLIAM C. WOODLEY... .. Treble	JAMES D. TAYLOR... .. 4
EDWARD T. BARRETT... .. 2	BRYAN O'NEILL... .. 5
†GEORGE J. BERRY... .. 3	CYRIL A. BURGESS... .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. BURGESS.

\* First peal other than Doubles. † First peal in five methods. First attempt to call a 720 by the conductor.

## FLITTON, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

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

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

Being an extent each of London, York, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD... .. Treble	LEWIS H. BYWATERS... .. 4
RONALD J. SHARP... .. 2	FRANK WARRINGTON... .. 5
C. HENRY HARDING... .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

## BARKING SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, May 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

RONALD W. STEWARD... .. Treble	HARRY D. LISTER... .. 4
MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS... .. 2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL... .. 5
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

## LONDON.

## THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Friday, May 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Abbot, Kensington, S.W.,

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

Tenor size 15.

WILLIAM E. JUDD... .. 1-2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 5-6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER... .. 3-4	*ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES... .. 7-8

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal of Major.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): E. Askill (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Draycott 2, C. E. Rayson 3, Mrs. A. H. Beamish 4, J. Ford (first quarter-peal 'inside') 5, J. E. Moreton 6, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 7, J. Gibbons 8. On Mothering Sunday for the family service, 720 Cambridge Minor: J. Ford 1, Mrs. A. H. Beamish 2, J. Gibbons 3, J. Draycott 4, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 5, J. E. Moreton 6.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,312 changes): C. Fenn (conductor) 1, W. Beard 2, H. Worboys 3, E. G. Cottis 4, R. Fenn 5, F. G. Newman 6, C. E. Faulkner 7, F. Freestone 8. Rung on the birthday of R. Fenn.

**PEAL NOTES.**

## FIVE SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.

Five different Surprise Major methods figure in the peal reports in this issue—and they do not include either Cambridge, Superlative or Bristol!

A peal of London Surprise Royal, rung by a band mostly associated with this method at Beddington, Surrey, is another feature of the peals recorded this week. It was rung for the Sussex Association at St. Peter's, Brighton, and, despite the rarity of the performance, there were no 'stars.'

The peal at Chatteris, Cambs, on May 14th, recorded last week, was rung in honour of the recent wedding of Mr. S. Murphy, who has been a member of the local band of ringers for 12 years.

Members of the Shropshire Association scored the first peal in ten methods in the county and by the Shropshire Association when they included four methods in one extent in a peal of Minor at Stanton-on-Hine-Heath on May 22nd.

On the heavy going ring at Colston Bassett, Notts—the tenor is 22½ cwt.—a peal of Bob Major was rung on May 21st. After the ringing the band greatly appreciated the tea kindly provided by Mrs. Creasy.

Tetsworth (Oxfordshire) ringers are to be congratulated upon scoring their first peal. It was the first peal on the bells and the first by all the band, and was rung on May 17th for the second anniversary of the dedication of the bells, a little ring of six with a tenor of less than 5 cwt.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Hawkhurst, Kent, on May 21st, was the first in the method on the bells for the Kent County Association. It was a birthday compliment to Mrs. L. W. Jarvis, wife of one of the Hawkhurst band, who, with Mr. G. Maskell, rang his first peal in the method.

Mr. Claud Woodard rang the treble to a peal of Double Norwich Major at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on May 21st, and thus 'completed the circle' of the tower.

When the King and Queen visited Liverpool on May 19th, a peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the event was rung at St. Peter's, Woolton. Mr. George Hislop, who is 75 years of age, took part and rang his first peal after a lapse of more than 20 years.

Members of the Sunday service band at Stowmarket, Suffolk, rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major on May 21st.

The first peal of Pudsey Surprise Major for the Norwich Diocesan Association was rung at Pulham on May 21st. It was also the first peal in the method by all the band.

## YOUNG BAND'S GOOD PROGRESS.

The bells of Stoke Ash, Suffolk, were augmented to five in May last year. Mr. Ernest Poppy then set to work to build up a band, and so well have his pupils progressed that four of them, with their instructor, rang a peal in three methods of Doubles, the first on the bells, on May 21st. Great credit is due to them for so quickly becoming proficient and for ringing a well-struck peal. It was Mr. Poppy's first peal on five bells.

The 70th birthday of Mr. Louis Richardson, of Whickham, Co. Durham, was celebrated by a peal of Minor on May 21st. Mr. Richardson has been a ringer at Whickham Church since the augmentation of the bells from three to six 50 years ago, and is now the only member of the original band still taking an active part in ringing. Mr. Richardson and members of his family entertained the ringers to refreshments after the peal, and his hospitality was greatly appreciated.

The first peal on the six bells at King's Bromley, Staffs, was rung on May 21st.

Another first peal on the bells was that at Tregare, Monmouthshire, also a ring of five, where 5,040 in seven methods of Doubles was rung prior to evening service on May 22nd.

Tregare is the fiftieth tower in which Mr. J. P. Hyett has conducted a peal.

Miss Daisy Andrews, who is coming into prominence in peal ringing in Essex, rang her first peal of Major on May 21st at Harwich in celebration of her birthday. Horace Wright and Urban Wildney rang their 25th peal together.

A peal of Bob Royal was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on May 24th, in celebration of Empire Day. It was also a compliment to Mr. S. O'Shaughnessy on the occasion of his recent marriage, which took place at Charles' Church, Plymouth. Mr. Frank Varty, of Cheshire, who took part in the peal, was elected a non-resident life member of the Devon Guild.

There were six 'firsts in the method' and the first in the method as conductor in a peal of Double Norwich Major at Escrick, Yorkshire, on May 25th. The band included two ladies.

A peal of Bob Major was rung at Smethwick, Staffs, on May 25th. The last peal on the bells was rung in April, 1926. They are now a very rough going ring and badly need the attentions of the 'hanger' in all ways. The peal was arranged so that several ringers who reside in Smethwick could ring one there before it is 'too late.' 'Swindon James' had not previously rung a peal there, so he, also, added this tower to his collection.

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**A LINK WITH FABIAN STEDMAN.**

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The peal of Doubles rung at Hartest, Suffolk, on May 21st, is of special interest, inasmuch as Hartest was the parish to which the Rev. Richard Duckworth was appointed Rector in 1660.

Duckworth was an Oxford man and a keen ringer. After he went to Hartest he came into contact with Fabian Stedman at Cambridge; between them they compiled the 'Tintinnalogia,' the first book on change ringing, of which Duckworth was the author.

Mr. J. A. Trollope in his 'College Youths' (published by 'The Ringing World,' 5s. 6d. post free) gives some most interesting information on this and other similar historic matters in a chapter on 'Fabian Stedman and his contemporaries.'

The six bells at St. John the Evangelist's Church, Penge, were rehung not long ago, and the first peal on them since the restoration was carried out was rung on May 23rd. Four of the ringers, who belong to the local band and are all under 20 years of age—indeed, three of them are still at school—rang their first peal.

The 'first pealers' acquitted themselves with credit, a high standard of striking being maintained throughout. The treble man, G. W. Rogden, also learned to ring at this tower.

The encouragement which the Vicar, the Rev. B. P. Mohan, has given to the ringers since coming to the parish 18 months ago has been of great assistance, and his kindness in allowing the peal attempt to be made was much appreciated.

The first peal on the bells at Saxmundham, Suffolk, since they were rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, was rung on May 23rd.

In honour of the birthday of Queen Mary and the visit to Swansea of H.R.H. the Princess Royal, a peal was rung at St. Mary's, Swansea, on May 27th.

In the past many peals in Surprise and other methods were rung at Smethwick in the days when 'Joe' Pigott and his talented sisters, Sarah and Kate, were in the news with peal ringing.

A scheme has been 'on the anvil' for having these bells recast, but money at present is required for a new Parish Hall.

The Hertfordshire band who have 'taken up the running' in ringing new Surprise methods have added two more, rung within four days—Kendal Surprise at Bushey, and Hitchin Surprise at Hitchin. Both were rung without any previous practice.

The only difference in the methods, on paper, is that, in the sections when the treble is behind, Kendal has a 6th's place, while Hitchin has a 3rd's place, but the difference 'messes up' the diagram more than a bit.

Both peals were composed and conducted by Mr. Harold Cashmore.

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

The South-Eastern Division held a meeting at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th, 39 members and friends attending from Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Danbury, Fryerning, Goldhanger, Maldon, Springfield, Kelvedon and Brentwood.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. B. Dobnee, who warmly welcomed the ringers to Boreham. The lesson was read by the Divisional Master, Mr. H. J. Mansfield, and the singing was accompanied by the organist.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by the ladies of the local ringers, and at the business meeting the Vicar was elected an honorary member of the association, and Reginald L. Orth, of All Saints', Maldon, Patrick J. Spencer-Phillips and Lewis Castleton, of Great Baddow, were elected ringing members.

The Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, conducting the service and for his address, also to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea, the organist and the organ blower.

The Vicar, in reply, reiterated his welcome and hoped the association would come again soon. He expressed his appreciation of being elected an honorary member of the association.

After a few touches on handbells, a return was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going in a variety of methods until 9 p.m., when another enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

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Before he left Netherseale, Derbyshire, on Saturday, April 30th, Canon H. E. Fitzherbert visited the belfry and wished the ringers success and said good-bye to the local band, who rang a farewell peal.

A conductor who had never previously attempted to call a 720, called a peal in five Minor methods at Hitcham, Bucks, on May 25th. This was Cyril A. Burgess, of St. Peter's Society, Burnham. He and two other members of his society, with three Hitcham ringers, made up the band.

The number of changes in the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung on handbells at Stockport for the Lancashire Association, on April 7th, was 5,056, not 5,024 as published.

Mr. Pat Cannon secured another 'first peal on the bells' when he called a 5,040 of Grandsire Doubles at Hinton Admiral, Hants, on May 17th. The bells were cast by Taylor and Co., 1884. The occasion of the peal was the tenth anniversary of the conductor's first attempt to handle a bell at St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, and it was Mrs. F. J. Marshall's 25th peal.

Mr. Harry Hoverd, of Dartford, rang his one hundredth peal on the bells at Crayford on May 20th.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The demonstration of Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's latest ringing machine at a meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association at Giggleswick on June 18th should be a great attraction. The machine can now 'ring' Spliced Surprise Major.

In a printed notice sent out to the members, they are asked to make this meeting into an outing, 'and give a treat to those "ringers' widows" who have waited at home so patiently all the long winter.'

The attraction at another meeting—at Sharnford in the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association—on June 11th is the trial of a set of 'silencers' which have been acquired for the benefit of the outside public on practice nights.

## DIFFICULTIES OF 'ROPE-SIGHT.'

THE ADVICE OF AN EXPERT.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The difficulty of acquiring 'rope-sight' is one that is common to all learners. The reasons are usually twofold:—

1. Altering the focus of the eyes.

2. Gazing too long at the rope one is following.

Let us take the first. The learner usually looks and sees the sally carefully into his hands, then probably to a distance for the next rope to follow. Well, his eyes will not focus quick enough for such procedure.

Keep the eyes as near as possible to a fixed focus, that of the opposite side of the circle, and flash them round as you would in crossing a busy thoroughfare. Your own rope will always come into your vision, but never focus your eyes upon it.

The second difficulty, that of gazing too long at the bell one is following:—

One has only to remember that once a bell leaves the balance, whether it is a good or a bad stroke, it cannot be altered, therefore the time that it takes in its revolution must be occupied in looking out for the next rope to follow.

There is not much difference between 'road-sight' and 'rope-sight.' Going from lead to the back or vice versa is only like crossing a busy thoroughfare. It would be fatal if one used his eyes to see his feet get firmly planted on the ground instead of observing the oncoming traffic.

A good remedy to break one of these bad habits is to write out a plain course or two, with sufficiently large enough figures to enable them to be read from the opposite side of the ringing room. Place this on the wall opposite your own bell. Then with tied clapper and a friend to check, see if you can read and mention the bell you should be following at each pull. Ring your bell in this practice at your ordinary speed. This practice will also help you in learning a method.

G. LINDOFF.

90, Elford Road, S.C.R., Dublin.

## RINGING AT VICTORIA CATHEDRAL.

YOUNG CANADIAN RINGERS' PROGRESS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am enclosing the following news from Victoria, B.C., which I think may be of interest to some of your readers.

On Sunday, April 24th, the ashes of the Very Rev. Dean Quainton and of his wife, Mrs. Quainton, were placed in the wall of Christ Church Cathedral after the morning service, and half-muffled ringing took place immediately afterwards, the method being Grandsire Triples.

On Friday, April 29th, at 8 p.m., the Cathedral bells were rung for one hour to welcome the Very Rev. Spencer Elliott, M.A., on his arrival from England to take up the post of Dean and Rector. Several touches of 168 Grandsire Triples and plain courses were rung and very well struck. Several of the band were young ringers who have only learned to ring since the bells were installed.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Sexton and the new Dean came up into the ringing chamber and the ringers had the pleasure of meeting them. Dean Elliott expressed great interest in the bells and the art of change ringing, and he and his three children climbed up into the belfry and watched the bells while they were being rung.

On Sunday, May 1st, the bells were specially rung before and after the service of institution and installation of the new Rector and Dean. The service was very impressive and every part of the building was filled.

The ringing consisted of touches of Grandsire Triples, the bells also being 'fired.'

Christ Church Cathedral bells are broadcast on short and long wave C.F.C.T. every Sunday evening at 7.15 p.m., and are appreciated by listeners as far as 700 miles away at Banff, in the Rocky Mountains. They were also heard in the Empire broadcast for three minutes after the Coronation procession last year.

The Victoria ringers are very proud of their bells and look forward to the time when they can tell you they have rung the first 5,040.

The scale of the bells is D flat; the tenor 29½ cwt., the actual swinging weight with stock 35 cwt.

E. W. IZARD.

980, Arundel Drive, Victoria, B.C.



**LEADING CONDUCTORS—21.****ROBERT MATTHEWS.**

For 40 years Mr. Robert Matthews has been ringing in Worcestershire, and his services to the art in and around that county have done much to build up the reputation which the Worcestershire Association holds in the Exercise.

Mr. Matthews, who was born at Wordsley, Staffs, began his ringing career at Wollaston, Worcestershire, in 1898, and for many years was attached to this six-bell tower. His first peal was one of Bob Major, rung on March 14th, 1903, at Brierley Hill, and his first as conductor was in the same method, rung at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, in February, 1904.

He was the first Master of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, and held the office from 1910-12. He was Master of the association in 1924-25.

Mr. Matthews has rung more peals for the Worcestershire Association than any other member, and some of them have been notable performances. His peal total is 583, including four on handbells, of which he has conducted 369, including his first on handbells.

He has taken part in 'silent' peals of Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise Major and Cambridge Maximus; and conducted the record peal of 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major at Brierley Hill in 1909, and what was, at the time, also a record, the 9,728 Superlative Surprise Major at Clent in 1910. He has also conducted, from each bell, a peal in seven Minor methods, and in Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

He has called peals of Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques in both Grandsire and Stedman, and rung peals on six, eight, ten and twelve bells in Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, having called a peal in all of these, except Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Maximus.

Mr. Matthews' peals have been rung in 77 towers in seven counties, and they have included the first Surprise peals rung in Herefordshire, Radnorshire and Brecknockshire.

**Next week: Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen.**

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****GUILDFORD DISTRICT WELCOMES NEW SECRETARY.**

A 13th century church (one of the oldest in Surrey), an ancient holy well containing water of medicinal value similar to that found at Lourdes, and a belfry with an extra long draught. These are features of interest in the comparatively isolated Surrey village of Dunsfold, and on Saturday, despite a rainy day, attracted upwards of 36, including the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer of the Guild, to the Guildford District meeting.

The Rector (the Rev. A. E. Hollins) conducted the service, and, dispensing with the orthodox address, gave an interesting discourse on the church.

An old coach house adjoining the Rectory was utilised for tea and for the business meeting which followed.

The Rector took the chair, and at the commencement of the meeting Mr. A. C. Hazelden welcomed the new district secretary (Mr. W. F. J. Cope). Referring to Mr. Cope's forthcoming marriage, he expressed good wishes for the future on behalf of the members.—The Secretary suitably replied, and said he would do his best to follow the high standard set by Mr. Grover (now Guild secretary). He hoped all members would give him their support.

The Guild secretary referred to the recent sad bereavement sustained by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (their former secretary), and the meeting stood in silence.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector, the organist and to those who had assisted with tea.

Further ringing followed, and a number of members also set out to sample the somewhat unmelodious five bells of Hascombe Church.



**MR. ROBERT MATTHEWS.**

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT TADCASTER.****Suggested Chain of Office for President.**

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Tadcaster on May 21st, when, by kind permission of the Rev. R. J. Hall, A.K.O. (Vicar), the splendid ring of eight bells was available. Glorious weather prevailed throughout, and upwards of 140 ringers and friends were present in the course of the afternoon and evening. This is considered very satisfactory indeed, as all the districts were well represented, and it was the first occasion that the association has met at this delightful town.

The bells were going early in a variety of methods, while many availed themselves of listening to their glorious tones on the river side.

A brief service was conducted by the Vicar and was greatly appreciated by the members. An excellent tea followed, to which over 100 sat down. As usual, many more were present than had applied.

The general meeting which followed was presided over by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A., supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. S. F. Palmer), the peal secretary (Mr. W. Barton) and the vice-presidents (Messrs. G. Lewis, P. J. Johnson, F. Cryer and H. Gibson). Arising out of the minutes, the President pointed out that at the last meeting it was decided to hold the next at Knaresborough, but as it had been found inconvenient, it was found necessary to find another place. He was glad indeed that, by the kind courtesy of the Vicar and ringers, they were able to come to Tadcaster instead, and he was sure that if the number present was any criterion, an excellent alternative had been selected. It was gratifying that so many should be present on the first occasion that the association had met at Tadcaster.

Before proceeding with the business, the President drew attention to the great loss the association had sustained in the death of the Southern Division's secretary, Mr. Fred Clark, and, as a mark of respect, the meeting stood in silence.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens. He assured them that the association were very grateful for the kindness extended to them, and congratulated them on the praiseworthy arrangements made.

The Vicar of Tadcaster, who replied, said it was indeed a pleasure to have the association. He hoped that they would make Tadcaster the venue of another meeting, adding that they would be very welcome at any time.

A vote of thanks to the local company and to the ladies who officiated at the tea tables was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who in reminiscent mood told of his early associations with Tadcaster. (A voice, interposing: The brewery?) He also made some pointed remarks to those who did not send in their names for tea, adding that it often caused considerable embarrassment to those who were voluntarily doing their best to cater for the members' comfort.—The motion was seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer and carried unanimously.—Mr. W. Hick, in reply, said he was very glad indeed to see so many present, and assured them that it was a pleasure to the Tadcaster ringers to have contributed to the success of the meeting.

It was unanimously agreed to try and arrange the next meeting, to be held in September, at York, or, failing that, at Beverley.

The President drew attention to a circular which had been received from the president of the Lancashire Association inviting subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a memorial stained glass window to the late Canon H. J. Elsee. It was agreed that the committee's recommendation of subscribing three guineas be endorsed.

A notice of motion to amend Rule 2 was then debated, and on the proposition of Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. G. Lewis, it was decided to amend the rule in accordance with the terms embodied in the notice of motion.

Messrs. H. Jackson and G. W. Fletcher were elected out county members of the association.

The President next made a statement relative to the Central Council meeting, which is to be held in Leeds on Whitsun Tuesday. He pointed out that the sub-committee had almost completed arrangements, and extended a hearty welcome to any members who cared to avail themselves of these arrangements. An itinerary had already been published in 'The Ringing World,' giving particulars in full.

Mr. F. G. Sherwood raised a point relative to the office of president. He felt it most fitting that the president should have a chain of office.

A lively discussion ensued, and it was eventually decided that the matter be again raised at the next general meeting, on the grounds that it was not desirable to take a decision until the members had had sufficient time to fully consider the matter for themselves.

Mr. S. F. Palmer reminded the members that the next Snowdon Dinner would be held in Sheffield on October 8th, adding that they had been fortunate in obtaining excellent premises, and that the cost of the dinner would be only 4s.

This concluded the business, some visiting the tower for further ringing, others preferring to debate quietly which was best; Sam Smith's Surprise, or John Smith's Treble Bob. Bus and train time arrived all too quickly, bringing to a close a memorable and well patronised meeting.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. FESTIVAL AT LYME REGIS.

### A Successful Year.

The annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Lyme Regis, Dorset, on May 21st, and despite the fact that the venue was in an extreme corner of this large diocese, which includes almost the whole of two counties, there was an attendance of about 180, including many old members. Service was held at midday in the Parish Church, of which one of the best known clerical ringers, the Rev. C. Carew Cox, is Vicar. The Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Guild, conducted the service, Canon W. Jacob, R.D., read the lesson, and in the course of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four of the Lyme Regis ringers, including the Vicar.

In his address the Vicar said one could not help feeling sorry for the parish which never heard its bells, either because they had no bells or no ringers, because bells did more than people realised to maintain the real English atmosphere of the countryside. They were a heritage of the past, and it would be a real disaster if parishes were to lose them.

A collection of £2 2s. is to be devoted towards diocesan memorials to the late Archdeacon Carpenter and the late Canon Christopher Wordsworth.

At a luncheon which followed in the Church Hall, the Rev. R. H. Gundry, Master of the Guild, who has recently recovered from a long illness, presided, and he was supported by the Mayor of Lyme Regis (Alderman W. J. Emmett), the Rev. Canon Hellins, D.D., of Marnhull, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, the Rev. C. F. Urquhart (Rector of Chideock), Messrs. H. J. Ramsbotham and C. H. Sutton (Lyme Regis churchwardens), and others. A message was received from Lord Shaftesbury, president of the Guild, regretting his inability to be present.

### MAYORAL WELCOME.

The Mayor welcomed the Guild to Lyme Regis and said he was particularly pleased to be present, as he was a ringer at one time.

Lyme Regis to-day, he added, was fortunate in having one of the few clerical ringers in the diocese, in their Vicar. Under his able instruction, scientific change ringing had progressed and peals of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples had been rung by the local band.

It was a great pleasure to him last year to unveil a peal board erected in the belfry to record a peal of Stedman Triples, rung in honour of the Coronation. It was the first peal of its nature rung by a local band in Dorset.

At the annual business session, the chairman (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) was unanimously reappointed Master. Other officers were re-elected as follows: Hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. F. L. Edwards; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. F. Green, Devizes; hon. auditors, the Rev. R. D. G. Newman, Gillingham, and Mr. W. Hinks, Kington Magna. The committee was re-elected, with the addition of Mr. E. G. Coward. Mr. Martin Stewart (Ferndown) was added to the list of vice-presidents, and Mrs. Wooldridge (Long Burton) was made an hon. life member.

The hon. secretary, in his annual report, made mention of several notable events in the past year, foremost among them being the Coronation festivities, in which the ringers of the Salisbury diocese fulfilled their important function in the national celebrations with a good will, and the bells of the parish churches paid their loyal tribute with jubilant acclaim. Five peals were successfully accomplished on Coronation Day and four more during the three days following. To celebrate the Coronation, also, the eight bells at Poole were augmented to ten, so that Dorset now possessed two rings of ten. The year 1937 also witnessed the jubilee of the first peal ever rung in Salisbury—Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Thomas Blackburn at St. Martin's on September 3rd, 1887. To mark the fiftieth anniversary, a peal in the same method, conducted by F. W. Romaine, was rung in the same church on September 4th, 1937. Mr. Hewlett, of Puddletown, was congratulated on completing half a century as a ringer.

### 'CANNED' BELLS.

One branch of the Guild, continued the report, had unfortunately been inactive during most of the year, but the officers recently selected have made a good beginning, and it was hoped that the current year would produce gratifying results. The records of the other seven branches all tell of good, steady work, and the variety of methods rung at some of the meetings testified to a marked degree of enterprise and progress. Two meetings of the Dorchester Branch were very largely attended, and the annual meeting attained historic importance through the discussion that took place on the substitution of gramophone records for real bells. The vigorous protest of Dorset ringers against 'canned bell music' as one of the latest eccentricities of this mechanical age attracted wide attention in the public press, not only in this country, but even in America. Although in the particular instance that gave rise to the discussion the circumstances were such as to justify the use of record and amplifier, it is devoutly to be hoped that such artificial substitutes for the real thing will be severely confined to quite exceptional cases.

The peal record for 1937 showed several features of interest. The eleven rung to celebrate the Coronation included a peal of Stedman Triples at Lyme Regis, believed to be the first in Dorset by an entirely local band. A peal of Stedman Caters at Wimborne Minster was the

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## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### YOUNG RINGERS AT BOLTON BRANCH MEETING.

Another very successful meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday last.

Here there is a grand peal of bells, with a tenor of about 19 cwt., the tone and 'go' of which are all that is desired. The Vicar, the Rev. Bailey, and his daughter, together with Mr. Potter, were present to welcome visitors, and very early in the afternoon the tower was packed with ringers and remained so until 9 p.m.

Apart from representatives of many towers in the branch, there were visitors from Prestwick, Stretford, Worsley, Preston, Middleton, Wigan, Standish, Upholland, etc.

Again the younger members turned up in large numbers, and some showed a definite advancement since the last meeting held a month ago. The older members have answered the call, with the result that many benefited in the higher methods, and the striking throughout the meeting was very good.

It was decided to alter the place and date of the next meeting from Blackrod, June 25th, to Bolton on June 18th. The Ladies' Guild are holding a meeting at Bolton Parish Church on that date. It was also decided, owing to such large numbers turning up, to have two towers open for ringing.

An expression of sympathy was passed with the editor of 'The Ringing World' in his recent bereavement.

The Vicar brought a lady visitor from America. She was shown the bells working up in the bell loft and handbell ringing, and methods and bell tuning were briefly explained. She was greatly impressed and very interested in the subject.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Bexhill on Saturday, May 21st, when members attended from Eastbourne (St. Mary's, St. Saviour's and Christ Church), Hastings (St. Clement's, All Saints' and Christ Church, Blacklands), Waldron, Northiam, Hailsham, Brede, Battle, together with Mr. H. J. Eldred (Barnet), Mr. T. H. Taffender (Streatham) and members of the local band.

Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. B. W. Dinison), who gave an interesting address. The Rector being unable to attend, the tea and business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. T. H. Taffender. One new member, Miss Betty Rayfield, of Christ Church, Eastbourne, was elected. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service.

Excellent practice was held both in the afternoon and evening in the standard methods, and several members rang their first touch in a fresh method. It was very gratifying to see so many young members present.

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first Masonic peal in Dorset, rung as a welcome to Bishop Lovett, himself, like their president, a distinguished member of the Order. A peal of Grandsire Caters at Trowbridge was rung in honour of the Duke of Kent's visit to open the Agricultural Show, while the year's record was completed by one of Stedman Cinques at the same tower on New Year's Eve to commemorate the centenary of Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of the well-known shorthand system, who was a native of Trowbridge.

The band of ringers at Marnhull, after completing over 40 years of united service, had suffered their first loss by the passing of Alfred Drew. Amongst other losses inflicted by death, one had been taken from them, who was, to the best of their knowledge, the oldest member of the Guild: Canon Christopher Wordsworth had subscribed to the Guild as an honorary member for 38 years and passed away at the venerable age of 89.

The report concluded with an expression of sincere appreciation of the good work done by the officers of the Guild throughout the diocese and warmest thanks to the hon. members for their generous support.

### RESTORATION GRANTS.

The balance sheet showed contributions from the branches amounting to £39 14s. 6d., subscriptions from hon. members and associates £15 9s., life members £1 10s., and £1 18s. 3d. from sale of badges and certificates. The expenditure was £60 17s. 9d., including grants of £6 6s. for bell restorations, and the balance in hand £64 7s. 4d., a reduction of £2 6s. on the year.

The balance sheet was adopted, and it was decided to make grants to the parishes of Chiseldon, Wyke Regis and Hilpertton for the renovation of their bells.

Dr. Hellins thanked the local Guild, of which Mr. J. E. Philbrick is hon. secretary, for the arrangements for the day, and the organist (Mr. Pocock) and choir for their services.

The Rev. Carew Cox said that Mr. F. Price, a local ringer, would be attaining his 50th year as a ringer soon, and he wished to offer congratulations to him.

A message of sympathy was sent to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, editor of 'The Ringing World,' in the bereavement suffered by the death of his wife.

Subsequently the ringers visited towers at Bradpole, Bridport, Whitchurch, Canoncorum, Chideock, Burton, Bradstock, Evershot, Symondsburry, Litton Cheney, Loders, Netherbury, Hawkechurch, Uplyme, in addition to the Lyme Regis tower, and in all these places made good use of the bells.

**HARTHILL AND ITS BELLS.****MEETING OF NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

A glorious summer afternoon heralded a good meeting of the North Notts Association at Harthill, near Sheffield, on Saturday, May 21st. This village, although in a mining area, is as typically rural as any village could be; the fine church dominates the scene, and the bells are a credit to its tower. The octave, tenor 19 cwt. (approx.), was recently recast and rehung, and this was the first official meeting of the association since the rededication. About 45 ringers were present from the surrounding district, including the new band and most of those who have trained them. The bells are a little noisy from the ringing chamber, but run very well, and touches of Minor, Triples and Major in a variety of methods were brought round, although attempts at some methods had to be abandoned.

Tea in the Parish Room, hard by the church, was followed by the business meeting. The Rev. H. R. Everson took the chair and very heartily welcomed the association. His church, he said, had the best peal of bells anywhere, and the village was the finest in England. He did not know where all the ringers' homes were, but they were definitely in not such a grand place as Harthill (laughter).

Arising from the minutes of the Everton meeting, recording the appreciation by the Vicar of that village of his ringers' services, the Rev. H. R. Everson said how much he appreciated the hard work his ringers had done in becoming efficient and ringing the bells regularly.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Gamston, near Retford, on June 11th.

All the ringers at Harthill were elected members, these numbering twelve, and the Rev. H. R. Everson and Mr. H. Garbutt were elected vice-presidents.

At the Rector's request, Mr. Garbutt, who was largely responsible for the reinstallation of the peal, made a short speech. The old bells, he said, were, without doubt, among the worst in the country; the tone was very bad and they were almost unringable. Three years ago a public meeting was held to decide whether they were to be allowed to remain in that condition or whether a new peal was to be hung. The vote was in favour of raising the necessary £600 for a ring of eight. The population of 1,000, many of whom were dependent on the coal pits for a livelihood, showed that tremendous effort would be required, but by means of pageants and donations this sum was raised to remain in that condition or whether a new peal was to be hung. He was grateful for the support by outsiders, who realised, as he did, that the ringing of bells was a very real part of church life, and he was very pleased to see so many ringers present.

Suggestions as to mitigating the noise of the bells in the ringing chamber were made by ringers who had had previous experience of similar conditions; sawdust in a false floor, felting and wool slag were some of the recommendations for the Rector to consider.

After the meeting some of the ringers returned to the tower, while others visited the Rectory garden, a grand 'old-fashioned' garden of a type now so seldom seen. More ringing until about 9 p.m. brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close.

**A TRURO FESTIVAL.**

The Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild held their spring festival at Kenwyn on Saturday, May 21st, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon F. Thomas. Kenwyn has one of the best rings of eight in Cornwall, and is very beautifully situated, overlooking the city of Truro and the River Fal.

The ringers were welcomed by Canon Thomas at 2.30 p.m. Later he conducted a very impressive service and addressed the ringers on the important duty of service ringing. Seventy ringers were present at tea, and ringing was resumed during the evening, when the bells of the Cathedral were also available. The methods were Grandsire and Stedman, while call changes and rounds were also rung.

Those present included the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Southeard), the general secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trewheila), the peal secretary (Mr. C. Laxton), the vice-president (Mr. W. Woods) and Mr. Pick, of Kingston-on-Thames. The towers represented were the Cathedral, Kenwyn, Kea, Perranzabuloe, Gwennap, Redruth, St. Gluvias, Mabe, St. Stephen's-in-Brunnell, Gulval and Camborne.

The Ringing Master presented medals for competence in method ringing to two young members of Kea tower.

**WANTAGE BELLS.****A RESTORATION SCHEME.**

Wantage Parochial Church Council recently asked Mr. R. White, of Appleton, to inspect and report on the condition of the bells in the Parish Church. His report has now been received. He recommends among other things rehanging the bells on ball bearings. The cost of the repairs will be £108. The Church Council have accepted this estimate, and the work will start as soon as possible. Towards this amount the North Berks Branch at their annual meeting on Saturday, May 21st, granted £5 5s. An application will also be made to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the ringers are going to get busy with money-raising schemes.

A timely reminder of the urgency of the matter occurred on the following Sunday evening, when, during the service ringing, the clapper of the 7th broke off and fell to the floor. No further damage was done.

**A COOL RECEPTION.****SURREY ASSOCIATION'S DISAPPOINTMENT AT CARSHALTON.**

Seldom do ringers receive such a cool reception at the hands of local church authorities as that meted out to those who attended the North-Western District meeting of the Surrey Association, held at Carshalton on Saturday. The authorities at Carshalton do not believe in wasting time on bellringers, whom they regard as people apart from the essential business and purpose of a church, with the result that the local ringers receive little, if any, encouragement from the Vicar and churchwardens.

Ringings commenced at 3 o'clock and continued until 5.30 p.m., when some of those present attended solemn evensong, set to Plainsong, with full Catholic ritual. There was no address or words of welcome.

However, the deficiency of the authorities was in part compensated by the local ringers, who had made all arrangements for the catering for, and entertainment of, the visitors, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Leonard Reece, the local secretary, and his helpers for their kind hospitality.

Thirty-three members and friends sat down to tea in the Parish Room, representing Banstead, Beddington, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Leatherhead, Ealing, Ruislip and London.

At the commencement of the business meeting, presided over by Mr. D. Cooper, the District Ringing Master, the members stood for a moment in silence as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Edgar Baker, of Wimbledon, who passed away on April 30th, and who was a member of the association.

Mrs. Diserens, of Balham, was elected as a ringing member.

It was decided to hold the next mid-week meeting at Ewell, on Wednesday, June 22nd, if possible in conjunction with the Ladies' Guild.

As no further ringing could take place at Carshalton owing to illness near the church, Mr. O. H. Kippin offered the use of Beddington tower for the evening. The meeting, therefore, adjourned to Beddington, where the bells were kept going to a variety of methods till 9.15 p.m. Mr. Kippin's action was much appreciated by everybody, for it provided a happy culmination to a meeting which would otherwise have ended in disappointment. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his kindness before the members left the tower.

**DEATH OF MR. GEORGE FEW.****LOSS TO ISLE OF ELY.**

It is with much regret we record the death of Mr. George Few, of Sutton, Ely, Cambs, many years captain of the St. Andrew's company. 'Big-un,' as he was known to his colleagues, with Mr. Russell Knights (now at Cambridge), did much in recent years to maintain Surprise Minor practice in the district.

The interment took place on Saturday, May 28th, about 300 people being present, including Mr. A. J. Abrams, Mr. W. Seekings (Chatteris), Mr. H. Cole, Mr. Godfrey (Ely), Mr. R. Knights, Mr. W. Faux (Cambridge), Mr. H. Collins, Mr. J. Lawrance, Mr. W. Markwell, Mr. W. Thulbon (Haddenham), Mr. H. Sharp, Mr. G. Markwell, Mr. S. G. Shipp (Wilburton), Mr. F. Warrington (district secretary, Central Branch of the Ely Association) (Over), Mr. G. Howard, Mr. C. Gimbert, Mr. A. Faux and Mr. C. Thulbon, of the local company. As the coffin was lowered into the grave the bells, with muffled clappers, commenced to ring.

On Sunday, before matins, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by deceased's friends: C. Thulbon 1, J. Lawrance 2, H. Collins 3, G. Howard 4, C. Gimbert 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. During the service the Vicar, the Rev. Canon A. L. Woodard, made mention of the untiring devotion of George Few to the church. F. W.

**DEATH OF AN ESSEX RINGER**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Amos R. Gardiner, of Saint Osyth, Essex. He passed away rather suddenly on May 23rd after a short illness. Mr. Gardiner was a 'stone' ringer for nearly 40 years, but since taking up change ringing had made good progress, and at his death was a good and a safe ringer in several methods. He will be greatly missed in the district, where he was beloved and respected by all who knew him.

The funeral took place at St. Osyth on Saturday, May 28th, and the bells were rung for a short time fully muffled. A muffled 720 Bob Minor was rung for the morning service on Sunday, May 29th, by C. Page 1, Mrs. E. Blyth 2, A. R. Andrews (conductor) 3, E. Blyth 4, — Lindoff 5, J. Mills 6.

**A HALF-PEAL.**

At Bere Regis, Dorset, on Saturday, May 28th, in an attempt for a peal of Minor, four 720's were rung in 1 hour and 42 minutes, viz., one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: R. Wake 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshall 2, W. C. Shute 3, E. T. Griffin 4, W. E. Cheater 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6 (tenor 18½ cwt. in D, said to be the lightest 'D' bell in the country). During the fifth 720 the 5th bell became absolutely unringable, although it had been going fairly well up to then. This is the longest length on the bells, which are of excellent tone.



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**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at West Hoathly (6 bells recently augmented) on Saturday, June 4th. 'Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, followed by meeting.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, June 4th. St. Michael's bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. and St. Stephen's (6) after tea. All welcome, especially those who come prepared to ring or call a new method.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Eckington (8 bells) on Saturday, June 4th. For tea please notify Mr. G. Graham, 5, Pipworth Lane, Eckington, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. James', East Crompton, Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please come along and make this meeting a success.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Service ringing, June 5th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10 a.m. Practices, St. Clement Danes', June 13th and 27th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary, Lambeth, 28th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN, ST. GILES'.**—The bells will be dedicated on Whit Sunday at 3.30 p.m., by the Bishop of Lincoln. Ring of eight tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Rhyl on Whit Monday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea (1s.). Will those requiring tea please notify me by the Wednesday previous? All ringers welcome.—W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Cullompton, Devon, on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Half Moon Hotel at 12.45 p.m., followed by the business meeting, non-members 2s. 6d. each. Bells available: St. Mary's (10) throughout the day.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Whit Monday, June 6th. Central committee meeting at 10.45 a.m. at the Church Hall. Service in All Hallows' Church at 12 noon, when the address will be given by the Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. C. M. Blagden. Lunch at 1 p.m. at the Gloucester Hall, Church Street, followed by the meeting. Bells available: Wellingborough (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day; Earls Barton (8) and Irchester (8) after the meeting; Irthlingborough (8) and Finedon (8) from 5 p.m. to 7; Wallaston (6), Mears Ashby (6), Great Doddington (5), and Wilby (5), after the meeting, but visitors to these towers are advised to make up a band before going to them.—R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday (June 6th) at Hereford. 3 p.m. service in Cathedral, with address by Rev. Preb. Winnington-Ingram. 4.15 p.m. tea at Booth Hall, followed by annual general meeting. Following bells available: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6) from 12 noon, Cathedral (10) from 1 p.m., Holmer (6) 12 to 2.30. Tea 2s. 6d.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Hon. Sec., Burghill Vicarage, Hereford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 59th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in the Cathedral 11.30 a.m., followed by meeting in the Chapter House at 12.15 p.m. Lunch will be arranged at the Golden Fleece at 1.15 p.m. (approx.) for those who notify me by Friday, June 3rd. Members 1s. 6d. Non-members 2s. 6d. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (12), Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (8), Little Waltham (6). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—L. J. Clark, 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for June, all at 7.30 p.m.: \*St. Mary-le-Bow, June 7th; St. Magnus, June 9th and 23rd; St. Giles', Cripplegate, June 14th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, June 16th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, June 21st; Southwark Cathedral, June 28th. \*Business meeting.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**'HERE WE ARE AGAIN.'**—Combined practices for June: Knebworth, Tuesday, June 7th, 7.30 to 9; Offley, Wednesday, June 15th, 7.30 to 9; Hitchin, Monday, June 20th, 7.45 to 9; Barkway, Thursday, June 30th, 7.30 to 9. Please cut this out and attach it to the notice board in the tower, as it will *not* appear again. Do your bit and make a real effort to come.—Don Mears, Northern District, Herts County Association.

**CHAWLEIGH, NR. CHUMLEIGH, DEVON.**—Re-opening of the bells on Saturday, June 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Special preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Crediton. A ring of 6 rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. The presentation to the late District Master will be made at this meeting, and it is hoped as many members as possible will be present. Will those intending to be present please advise me by Wednesday, June 8th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.



**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 8th?—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bilston, Staffs, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, June 7th. Business meeting afterwards. Please let us have a gathering at this meeting. — Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Summer meeting at Ripple ('twixt Upton and Tewkesbury) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business. Glos. ringers very welcome. Tea is being kindly provided gratis so be sure to send word by June 7th please.—George E. Large, 1, Windmill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St John's, Stanmore, on Sat., June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Special method, Double Oxford Bob Major. Please advise me by June 9th.—G. R. Goodship, Hon. Sec., 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, Middlesex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selborne on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at Queen's Hotel 5. Business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 8th? Please make an effort to attend. — C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, free to all who notify Mr. A. Mawdsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirk, by Wednesday, June 8th.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**ST. GILES' CHURCH, LINCOLN.**—Ringers' Day, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8, tenor 18 cwt.) retuned, new fittings and rehung in new frame by John Taylor and Co. (these bells previously hung in St. Peter-at-Arches Church). Garden fete in aid of Bells Fund in Parish Hall Grounds, Wragby Road. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Names for tea to H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Bradford Abbas on Saturday, June 11th. Service 4.30. Visitors welcomed. — W. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—A meeting will be held at Ripley, Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Own arrangements for tea.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please send a card if you require tea. All ringers welcome. — F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting at Seale on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 in Jubilee Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea can only be provided for those who notify me by the previous Thursday (9th). All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. All welcome, but would like a card if you are coming for tea.—C. W. Cook, Newton, Cambridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Yalding (6 bells) on Saturday, June 11th. Usual arrangements. Everybody welcome. Please notify Mr. H. Mills, High Street, Yalding, so that arrangements may be made for tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at Portishead on June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 8th? — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Fairwarp on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Will all who require tea please notify by the 9th? — B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**BELL SILENCERS.**—On June 11th the Hinckley District of the M.C.A. will hold a meeting at Sharnford (6 bells). Ringers will have the opportunity of testing the effect of a set of silencers on the sound of the bells. These silencers have been acquired for practice nights, etc. The bells will be available from 3.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30. Tea, at a moderate charge, will be arranged at the Rectory at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Friday, June 10th. All welcome—but don't forget that p.c.—W. A. Wood, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester.

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**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 11th. Eight bells (tenor 19 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.), available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. On bus route from Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Lanchester on Saturday, June 11th. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please advise Mrs. Rutter, King's Head Hotel, Lanchester, Durham, not later than Thursday, June 9th? On this occasion tea cannot be guaranteed unless the caterer is notified.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting June 11th. Ringing at Great Ness (6 bells) 3 to 5 p.m., Bicton (6 bells) 6 to 8.30 p.m. Tea and transport between towers arranged. Please notify W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**BISHOP HATFIELD, HERTS.**—The bells will be rededicated on Thursday, June 16th, at 7.30 p.m. Ring of ten tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Ticknall on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Methods suitable to all, but don't forget Cambridge Minor and your postcard re tea to be sent to me by Wednesday, June 15th. Special invitation to Derby District members.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield Societies and the above association will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, in the New Rectory Rooms, 1s. 3d. each, at 5 p.m. For teas please notify Mr. D. Smith, Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, June 15th.—S. F. Palmer, Hon. Treasurer, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

**RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.**, Saturday, June 18th. Ringing from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea interval 5.45. Herts Association.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Heswall (5 bells) on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. We hope to have a good attendance of members.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, with tea after. Please let me have numbers for tea by June 15th.—A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, June 18th. Towers open: Horsham, 2.30 to 5.30 and after meeting; Warnham, 2.30 to 5. Service at Horsham 5.30, with address by the Rev. R. W. D. Lee, M.A. Tea (2s. 6d., 1s. to members) at the King's Head, Car-

fax, 6. Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members. Those wishing to be present at tea must notify me by Wednesday, June 15th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—The 127th ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Old and new friends (both sexes) welcome.—S. H. Symonds, Towerkeeper.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Atkinson, 28, Cope Bank, Bolton, by June 16th. Snap out of it and be loyal to the Ladies' Guild.—E. Dorice Kelly, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A joint meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Usual travelling allowances will be paid at this meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A district meeting will be held at Saxmundham on Saturday, June 18th. Six newly hung bells. Benhall (6), Kelsale (8). Tea (9d.) at Albion Hall (near the station) at 4.30.—W. Smith, Farnham, Saxmundham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Akeld's, Giggleswick, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Short service in Church at 4.30, to be followed by tea, provided FREE to those only who send in names to Mr. W. M. Silverwood, 20, Marshfield Road, Settle, by Thursday, June 16th. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has kindly consented to demonstrate his very latest ringing machine at this meeting. Do not miss this opportunity. All welcome.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual commemoration Dinner will be held at 'Ye Olde Castle Restaurant,' Exchange Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at 6 p.m. Please book the date. Further details later.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec.

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