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PEAL RINGING TOURS.

For those who have the energy and enthusiasm a peal ringing tour is a very pleasant and interesting way of spending a holiday—if 'holiday' is the right term for an occupation which keeps one at work for six hours a day in a belfry. Different people, of course, have different ideas as to what constitutes a holiday; and for those whom an office stool claims for most of the waking hours of the rest of the year the activity of a peal ringing week may be the right corrective for the sedentary life. So, too, it may be the best tonic for those who, having reached the stage when life can be taken easily, find time hanging a little heavily on their hands. But be that as it may, there is, among a number of ringers, the keenest enthusiasm for the excursions which take them for a week or more from tower to tower, with nothing less in view than a peal at each. And the more peals they ring the better they enjoy it. There are some other folks who view this type of ringing as a somewhat selfish holiday, but why should they? It is certainly no more selfish than many other forms of holiday, and it sometimes has the merit of stimulating interest in the art of ringing in the area in which these tours are undertaken. When programmes are filled almost to the limit with ringing and travelling it is not possible, of course, to devote time to helping individual towers, but the general effect in a district thus visited is to stir up interest.

To-morrow a tour in Gloucestershire ends and one in Cornwall begins. This latter has been designed purposely to give a stimulus to Cornish ringers, for while the visiting band will be strong enough to undertake two peals every day on its own account, there are to be three peal attempts on three days in the middle of the week, in order that local ringers may be included in some of the bands. This is a wholly admirable idea and is a departure that might well be developed in the future. Those who go upon these extended tours are usually ringers of considerable ability, and their help and encouragement among local bands must prove, in the long run, of the utmost value. They can not only help to improve method ringing, but also set an example in the standard of striking, which in many districts in the country cannot be said to be very high. In undertaking 'missionary' work of this kind a touring band would inevitably have to come off the 'Surprise' method level in some cases, but Surprise methods should not be considered the only aim in peal ringing. A peal of Grandsire or Stedman Triples in which two or three of the local band take part can easily do more lasting good to the art than half a dozen Surprise peals rung solely by men steeped in little else. And

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there would be nothing lost in prestige either; indeed,
such peals would gain the admiration of those who think
first of the general welfare of ringing. We hope the
example which it is proposed to set in Cornwall may be
followed elsewhere in the future.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. SMITH 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 8
A. STANLEY BOAR 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 9
HOBART E. SMITH 4	CECIL W. PIPE 10
HARRY R. ROPER... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER

First peal of Cambridge Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

JOHN HOYLE Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 6
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 2	GEORGE MARRINER 7
*ERNEST BUDGEN 3	WILLIAM J. WHITING 8
ALFRED H. WINCH 4	ARTHUR H. SMITH 9
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 5	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

* First peal away from the treble.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT E. THOMPSON ... Treble	FRANCIS C. SHORTER 6
HERBERT LANGDON 2	GEORGE W. CECIL 7
LEONARD J. FOX 3	RAYMOND G. COUSINS 8
HENRY A. PINCHBECK... .. 4	JACK A. WAUGH 9
THOMAS G. FOX 5	ARTHUR A. JARVIS... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN E. CLARKE... .. Treble	*SIDNEY COX... .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	*WILLIAM J. ROOT 6
J. LESLIE WILLARS 3	*CHARLES MARSHALL 7
*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

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ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SEDBERGH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD P. ASHBY Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method and rung without previous practice.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	KENNETH W. MAYER 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 6
JOHN WALDEN 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
JOHN FREEMAN 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, August 30, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

*ENID F. BADDER Treble	BERNARD H. NICHOLS 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
†RONALD W. SMITH 3	ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 7
HERBERT BADDER 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal, aged 13 years. † First peal in the method.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JACK DAFTERS Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE H. DAYNES 3	SYDNEY J. HUMPHREY 7
FREDERICK E. PITMAN 4	EDMUND MOUNTNER Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by G. W. SLACK. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

This composition, an equal two-part with only two singles, is now rung for the first time.

CHARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... Treble	JAMES HUNT 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	*GILBERT W. RENDELL ... 6
WALTER H. POOLE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
REV. C. CAREW COX 4	JACK ROY Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal on eight bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
ALAN R. PINK 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3	*REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT 4	DEREK M. SHARP Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (C.C. Collection, No. 164).

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FREDERICK C. ROPER ... Treble	*NOLAN GOLDEN 5
WALTER ELSEY 2	CHARLES W. LOOME 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by WM. E. BASON.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Five-Eight Minutes;

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON... Treble	LEWIS BUSH 5
GEORGE LADD 2	FRED WIGMORE 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3	JOHN W. CARTER 7
JOHN G. AMES 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE LEE Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
FRED HARTMAN 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 6
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 3	HARRY PYE 7
*JOHN BEST 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal in the method.

BARNESLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD CHANT Treble	CLIFFORD ROBINSON 5
*HOWARD SCOTT 2	ARTHUR GILL 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 3	WILLIE GREEN 7
SIDNEY BRIGGS 4	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. D. Potter, who reached his 80th birthday on September 2nd, and in honour of the wedding of Mr. S. Panther and Miss Butterfield, which was solemnised at this church on September 1st.

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LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MORRIS J. MORRIS'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS... ..Treble	J. LESLIE WILLARS 5
*CHARLES MARSHALL 2	ARTHUR CATTELL 6
JOSIAH MORRIS 3	ARTHUR DEBENHAM 7
FREDERICK A. SALTER 4	EDWIN CATTELLTenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Kenneth F. Parsons, M.A.

SIX BELL PEALS.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

G. LOCKTreble	H. WESTLAKE 4
F. LOCK 2	*F. JENNINGS 5
*J. JENNINGS... .. 3	*C. HARVEYTenor

Conducted by H. WESTLAKE,

* First peal, and members of the local band.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD WRIGHTTreble	ERNEST MATTHEWS 4
HARRY BARNETT 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	MELVILLE JORDANTenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

JABEZ PREECETreble	HARRY T. CHANDLER 4
BRIAN ELSMORE 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
THOMAS PAYNE 3	ANDREW W. POWELLTenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Percival E. Rock, who was inducted on August 26th.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARDTreble	URBAN W. WILDNEY 4
*ARTHUR S. BOAR 2	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWNTenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER.

* First peal in four methods with an 'inside' bell.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Reading, six each of Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon's, St. Dunstan's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire, with 32 callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ARTHUR JOHN SCOTT... ..Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 4
†CHARLES H. LATHY... .. 2	HAROLD C. R. VINE 5
†JOSEPH L. GLYDE 3	†WALTER C. POOLETenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. Rung for the recent induction of Canon D. F. Slemeck.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wednesday, August 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM P. GARRETTTreble	GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 4
*WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 5
*ARTHUR S. BOAR... .. 3	*CECIL W. PIPETenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor as conductor.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Munden, Canterbury, Newcastle and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROBERT T. SIMPSONTreble	GEORGE W. PARK 4
WILLIAM OLIVER 2	ROLAND PARK 5
RICHARD BUSBY 3	W. NORMAN PARKTenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Rt. Rev. J. G. Gordon, D.D., Bishop of Jarrow and Archdeacon of Durham, patron of the benefice of Holy Trinity Church.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*VICTOR CHAPMANTreble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	JOHN B. WOOLLEY 5
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 3	FRANK WARRINGTONTenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods on the bells. The conductor's 250th peal.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Newcastle, Carlisle, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED WOODWARD... ..Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 4
JAMES MARTIN 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS 5
JOHN WILKINSON... .. 3	WILLIAM DEANTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DEAN.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells. Rung to commemorate Mr. J. Martin's jubilee as a member of the Lancashire Association.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Cambridge, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble
Bob and Plain Bob.

ARTHUR REEVE Treble	*REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 4
GORDON BACON 2	ALBERT NORTH 5
WILLIAM PERRY 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN Tenor

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REGINALD WM. COLLIS Treble	LEONARD P. WARD 4
FRANK T. LONG 2	*FREDERICK WATSON 5
GEORGE A. CHARLTON 3	FREDERICK C. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD P. WARD.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a wedding peal for J. Cart, one of the local band.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

BRIAN MCKAY Treble	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	WALTER AYRE 5
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT 3	*HAROLD V. FROST Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor and first 720's in the first four methods.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,160 of Pitman's arrangement and 2,880, with 10 callings.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. E. PITMAN Treble	PETER J. HARLAND SMALL ... 4
*FREDERICK YOULDEN 2	SIDNEY WALTER 5
FRED. G. BRETT 3	JABEZ WALTER Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. BRETT.

* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells and of Grandsire Doubles by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
At HARLESDOWN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN WOOLLEY 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY 3-4	*FRANK WARRINGTON 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

BRASTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At Moorcocks,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 14 in D.

*MONICA J. F. RICHARDSON ... 1-2	*BRENDA M. RICHARDSON ... 5-6
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN 3-4	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First peal.

DORSET AND HANTS PEALS.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Minster Church of St. Cuthberga,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
LOUIS J. LOCKYER 2	HARRY SMALE 6
HAROLD P. REED 3	REGINALD A. REED 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was especially arranged for the patronal festival and was the first Surprise peal on the bells.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 1, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LEONARD KNOTT Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
LOUIS J. LOCKER 2	LESLIE TREMEER 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	HAROLD P. REED 7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

LESLIE TREMEER Treble	LOUIS J. LOCKYER 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART 4	HAROLD P. REED Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

HAROLD P. REED Treble	LOUIS J. LOCKYER 6
*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
LEONARD KNOTT 3	*A. MARTIN STEWART 8
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	LESLIE TREMEER 9
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 5	REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Jarratt Liversidge, of Derby, and Miss Charlotte Mary (Mollie) Brown and for the 25th anniversary of the wedding of the Rev. Canon R. B. Jolly (Rector of St. Mary's, Southampton) and Mrs. Jolly.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Galleywood on Saturday, August 27th, 30 members and friends being present from Great Baddow, Boreham, Chelmsford, Ford End, Fryerning, Galleywood, Maldon, Rettendon, Springfield, Little Waltham, Writtle, Witham and Lavenham.

Ringling took place during the afternoon and evening, and the association service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Roughton), the lesson being read by the District Master (Mr. H. Mansfield).

At the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided, Denis F. Grinham, of Boreham, and Miss Manse, of Galleywood, were elected ringing members, and W. May and G. Frost, of Rettendon, were re-elected.

It was decided, subject to permission being granted, to hold the next meeting at Springfield on October 8th. Mr. L. J. Clark invited the district to hold their annual meeting at Chelmsford on November 26th, it being 25 years since the Cathedral bells were augmented to twelve.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and organist and to Mr. Barrett for making the arrangements for the tea.

Handbell ringing followed and then a return was made to the tower.

PEAL NOTES.

A TWO-PART PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

Mr. G. W. Slack's equal two-part peal of Stedman Triples, with two ordinary singles only, which many composers thought was an impossibility, has been rung at Bushey, Herts, conducted by that inveterate seeker after difficult compositions, Mr. Maurice Hibbert. He has called all sorts of complicated peals in various methods, to which he has added this extraordinary two-part composition. Mr. Hibbert must have an unrivalled memory for this sort of thing.

We referred some months ago to Mr. Slack's production, which is 'like nothing on earth.' It consists mostly of bobbed sixes, in ones, twos and groups of three, four, five or six. Mr. Hibbert describes it as the 'Holt's Original' of Stedman. To us it looks only a nightmare. However, it has been rung and we offer congratulations to the composer, the conductor and the band, who rang it at the first attempt.

The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Brinklow, and it enabled Messrs. Harold Cashmore and J. E. Rootes to complete the 'circle' of the tower. Mr. Hibbert has rung the seventh and tenor at this church each 30 times to a peal.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. recently provided a grand ring of bells, with a tenor of 17 cwt., for Epworth, Lincolnshire, where John Wesley's father was once Vicar. The first peal of Stedman on them was rung on August 27th, when Mr. J. A. Freeman called Thurstans' Four-Part.

SISTERS RING HANDBELL PEAL.

A performance of more than usual interest was the 5,040 of Bob Major rung on handbells at Brasted on Saturday, when 1-2 and 5-6 were rung, respectively, by Miss Monica and Miss Brenda Richardson, the daughters of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who was for many years a leading member of the Central Council and a member, first, of the Cambridge University Guild and, later, of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, of which he was honorary secretary. The peal was conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis, uncle of the young ladies. We look forward to many more peals by the same band.

The Vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester, the Rev. Kenneth F. Parsons, has taken over the living of St. Andrew's, Roker, Sunderland. A farewell peal was rung at St. Margaret's, on the back eight, on Saturday.

Besides being a farewell to the Vicar, it was a compliment to one of the transposers of Parker's famous twelve-part, Mr. Morris J. Morris, of Birmingham, marking his 70th birthday. The peal was rung with Davis 'silencers' attached.

The peal of Double Norwich Major rung at South Wigston on August 25th added yet another to the list of that fine old ringer, Mr. John Clarke. St. Thomas' belfry has long been his ringing home, and only those who have the pleasure of ringing with him fully appreciate his quiet personality. It is interesting to note that during the past three weeks Mr. Clarke has scored peals of Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 'combined,' and now Double Norwich. That's not too bad for three score years and ten. Incidentally the peal on August 25th was the quickest peal of Major on the bells. It was rung in 2 hours 52 minutes.

It was at South Wigston that, in 1904, the 17,104 of Double Norwich, still the record length in the method, was rung, composed and conducted by William Willson, of Leicester.

Seven methods of Doubles were included in a peal, rung at the Dorset tower of Maiden Newton on August 30th, in honour of the recent induction of Canon D. F. Slembeck.

To welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. P. E. Rock), who was inducted on August 26th, a peal of Grandshire Doubles was rung at Eardisland, Herefordshire, on the following Sunday.

A MINIATURE TOUR.

Fresh from his successful tour in Staffordshire and Shropshire, Mr. Frank Bennett partly filled in the intervening days before going on a similar excursion in Cornwall, which begins to-morrow, by a miniature tour in Dorset and Hants last week. Beginning on Wednesday, he rang a peal a day until Saturday, as well as losing another at Fordingbridge on the second day.

The peal at Wimborne Minster was the first of Surprise on the bells, the peal at Wimborne St. Giles, where the Earl of Shaftesbury is one of the local ringers, was the first of Bob Major on the bells.

The final peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at North Stoneham was rung in honour of and immediately after the wedding of Mr. Jarratt Liversidge, of Derby, and Miss Charlotte Mary (Mollie) Brown, only daughter of Mr. Reginald Brown, a member of the North Stoneham band. It was also a silver wedding peal for Canon R. B. Jolly (Rector of St. Mary's, Southampton) and Mrs. Jolly.

The 'tour' was arranged by Mr. L. J. Lockyer, of Wimborne, and the peal at Sherfield English on Friday was made possible by the kindness of Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, who, after the party had met short in the morning, travelled half across Hampshire by car to fetch another man to enable the peal to be rung in the afternoon. In the meantime the six 'remainders' rang a 720 of Cambridge Minor, for the sake of something to do.

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Pulham, Norfolk, on Saturday, was the first in the method on the bells. It was a composition by W. E. Bason, rung for the first time, and the conductor (Mr. Nolan Golden) rang his first peal in the method.

Mr. James Martin, of Christ Church, Bootle, Lancs, has just completed 50 years' membership of the Lancashire Association. He was

elected in the year 1888. On Saturday a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods was rung in honour of the event and was the first of Surprise Minor on the bells.

A push-bike ride of 42 miles 'there and back' makes a peal of Minor well earned. Out of five ringers from Prittlewell who rang in the first peal on the bells at North Ockendon, Essex, on Saturday, two did this cycle journey. The Rector kindly provided tea.

Mr. A. S. Boar, of Milton Regis, Kent, tenders his thanks to Miss Sylvia Bowyer for kindly arranging three peals whilst he was on holiday in his native town of Ipswich. All the peals were successful, including Cambridge Maximus on Saturday. Miss Bowyer called the peal from the 2nd, the first time she had ever called a bob in Cambridge Maximus. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. H. R. Bowyer.

Yet another fresh Surprise method has been rung by the Hertfordshire band, who are vying with the Framlingham company in the number of new methods they are ringing. Sedbergh is the name given to the latest.

Sedbergh is the home of Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, an old Cambridge University Guild member and the inventor of a ringing machine, which he demonstrated at the last meeting of the Central Council at Leeds.

BARNSELY SOCIETY'S VETERAN PRESIDENT.

Mr. C. D. Potter, president of the Barnsley and District Society and a member of the Yorkshire Association for 45 years, reached his 80th birthday on September 2nd and received the good wishes and congratulations of a host of ringing friends.

On Saturday a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in his honour at Barnsley Parish Church and as a compliment to Mr. S. Panther and Miss Butterfield, who were married at the same church on September 1st. Mr. Panther is the youngest son of Mr. A. Panther, vice-president, and formerly secretary of the Barnsley and District Society. The composition of the peal, by Mr. George Lewis, was rung for the first time.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at Henley, Suffolk, on August 31st. A large number of peals of Major have been rung in past years at Henley, where the Rev. W. C. Pearson is Vicar. On this occasion Superlative was attempted, but came to grief, and it was too late for one of the band to start again, owing to his distance from home. Mr. C. J. Sedgley therefore, also, kindly stood out, and seven 720's of Kent were rung, with Miss Sylvia Bowyer as conductor. Three of the band completed the series in the method, from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. James Bennett, calling a peal of Bob Major from the sixth at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley, Kent, on August 31st, 'completed the circle' to peals in this tower.

A peal in seven Surprise Minor methods was rung on August 31st with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Jarrow (Rt. Rev. Dr. J. G. Gordon), who was also Archdeacon of Durham. He was patron of the benefice of Holy Trinity, Darlington, and brother-in-law of the present Vicar. He was one of the patrons of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. The peal was rung on the day of the late Bishop's interment at Durham Cathedral.

Enid Badder, of Oxford, has rung her first peal, one of Stedman Triples, at the age of 13 years.

After meeting short for Triples at Upton St. Leonards, Gloucestershire, on August 13th, a band rang a peal of ten six-scores of Grandshire and 32 of St. Dunstan's.

APATHETIC CONDUCTORS.

If peals are worth recording at all they are worth recording immediately they are rung. Primarily it should be the duty of the conductor to send a report of the peal to 'The Ringing World,' if he wishes it to appear and to be included in the Central Council statistics.

In some few cases, however, it seems to be left to association officials, who have had nothing to do with the ringing of the peal, to send the report for publication. The report of a peal rung at a Somerset church in June has just reached us through the branch secretary.

Mr. Frank Warrington, of Over, Cambs, rang his 250th peal on Friday at Hemingford Abbots, Hunts. Messrs. W. H. J. Hooton, C. W. Woolley and J. B. Woolley, who took part, were in Mr. Warrington's first peal, which Mr. Hooton conducted. Mr. Hibbins, who also rang last Friday, called Mr. Warrington's first peal of Major.

Mr. Warrington has rung 55 peals of Surprise Minor, including 36 of Cambridge, and, out of his total of 250, has called 168.

For the wedding of a Peckleton, Leicestershire, ringer, Mr. J. Cart, on Saturday, a peal of Grandshire Doubles was rung after the ceremony.

Mr. Fred G. Brett, of Canterbury, called a peal of Grandshire Doubles at Wickhambreux on Saturday and thus completed peals in the method from Doubles to Cinques.

The arrangements for the peal of Bob Major rung at Surfleet on Saturday were very kindly made for the benefit of the conductor (Mr. P. A. Corby). Double Norwich was first attempted, but was lost through a shift course after half an hour. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson for their hospitality.

Six of the band who took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Magnus' Church, London Bridge, on Saturday, rang their first peal on ten bells.

The handbell peal of Little Bob rung at Burton-on-Stather, and recorded last week, took two hours 44 minutes, not three hours 44 minutes as printed. The error may, perhaps, be pardoned, as the peal was rung in a 'rest' week, and it was not altogether unreasonable, under the circumstances, to suppose that the ringers may have taken a nap or two 'en route.'

TWO DAYS IN HAMPSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS RINGERS' OUTING.

This year's two days' outing of the St. Martin-in-the-Fields ringers will always be remembered by those who took part for the warm welcome received at each of the places visited, and the members are grateful to all those gentlemen who contributed so much towards making their visit to Hampshire so enjoyable.

Southampton was reached in good time on Saturday, August 27th, and John Faithfull, a youthful guide, led the visitors to St. Mary's Church to sample the ten bells. Here they met Mr. G. Williams, who joined with them in a course of Cambridge Royal.

After lunch a short visit was paid to the noisy eight at St. Michael's Church before going on to Christchurch. In the evening Christchurch Priory twelve were set going to various methods and fully justified their good reputation.

The local hostelry was afterwards the scene of a very exciting 'doubles' darts match, and after a false start owing to the scorer shifting course, George and Jim were safely Steere(d) to victory.

Some of Sunday morning's service ringing was like the weather (?), but a visit to the bells and the view from the top of the tower were too good to be missed, and Mr. George Preston, to whom best thanks are due for excellent arrangements, was kept busy pointing out the places of interest.

Bournemouth did not look much like the railway station posters when the party arrived there after lunch, and rain continued to fall during almost the whole of their visit. However, this did not seem to dull anyone's spirits, and one of the party did some dodging on the front, but, being a bit slow at back, he was clipped by a wave, and wet feet were the result. Crowded restaurants because of the rain made tea a little difficult, but the party reaped a reward for their sufferings (?) when they visited St. Peter's tower to try the new peal of eight. They found a warm welcome and a 'de luxe' ringing chamber, and the splendid peal were made good use of. A very generous present in the form of a large basket of mushrooms was handed to the visitors on their departure from Bournemouth.

The homeward journey was uneventful until someone tried to open a metal capped bottle and then one or two of his immediate neighbours had a bath as well as a drink. With touches on the handbells the journey passed quickly, and London was safely reached. Mushrooms were the order for Monday's breakfast.

The methods rung during the outing were Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Bob Royal, Double Norwich, Cambridge Major and Royal, and an excellent course of Superlative on the back eight at Christchurch. Handbell ringing was restricted to Bob Major and Stedman Triples and some 'Queen's' and 'Tittums' Grandsire Triples.

A SCOTTISH RECORD.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT GLASGOW.

An interesting ceremony, quite common in the South, but unique in Scotland, took place on Sunday morning in the belfry of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. This was the dedication of a peal tablet by the Archbishop of Capetown to record the ringing of a peal of Grandsire Caters on the occasion of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

Dr. Darbyshire pointed out that, as this was the first peal of Caters to be rung in Scotland by a local band, the first on the bells and the only peal rung in Scotland on that day, the occasion was one of historical interest in the annals of change ringing in Scotland.

In a simple service of dedication, prayers were included for the King and Queen and the Royal family, the Cathedral ringers and other ringers generally.

The ringers then stood to their ropes and rang a course of Caters.

Those present included the Very Rev. J. G. Murray, Provost of the Cathedral, and Mrs. Murray, Miss Darbyshire and members of the Vestry. An interested visitor was Mr. J. Murray, on holiday from Capetown. He was instructor in the tower 36 years ago, and incidentally took part in the only peal of Triples rung in South Africa some years ago.

Many of the visitors were paying their first visit to a belfry and expressed their pleasure and interest in the art of change ringing, and also at the absence of cobwebs, etc. Some of them, it is hoped, will come again. The members of the Cathedral Society are still trying to keep the handbells going at the exhibition, but last Saturday they were reduced to two plain courses of Grandsire Triples, and this with the assistance of two of the Kelham ringers, Messrs. A. Sargent and T. Brown, but the rain, says our correspondent, 'beat us to it.'

A FEW HOURS IN BRISTOL.

On Saturday a few ringers from the Newbury, Basingstoke and Reading districts paid a short visit to 'the City of Churches,' and rang at Holy Nativity, St. Ambrose's, Temple, St. Stephen's, St. Nicholas' and St. Mary Redcliffe. The methods rung were Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Double Norwich Major, Kent Treble Bob Royal, and Cambridge Major and Royal. Every one of the party was delighted with the visit and the kind welcome they received. 'Old Timer' especially thanks all his 'dear old pals' for getting the towers open and rolling up to spend a few hours with him. He says the ringing was very good all the time, and if he says so—well, it was.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Under the reorganisation of the Middlesex Association this year, Mr. C. T. Coles, who is now sole general secretary, was relieved of the secretaryship of the North and East District. He has, however, quickly found himself back in his old job, for his district successor, Mr. G. R. Goodship, has had to relinquish the office on leaving the county.

The annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths is to be held on November 5th, and is to take place again at the Cannon Street Hotel.

Two well-known ringers from a populous London suburb spent last week-end in the country. They were awakened in the night by unusual sounds. 'What's that?' asked one, 'an owl?' 'No, you ass,' replied the other, 'that's a nightingale. Go to sleep.' Next morning they learned it was a cow in a neighbouring cowshed. They spent the later part of the day with the farmer. But we doubt if their education on rural life was improved a lot.

We are glad to say that Mr. Tom Miller, the Birmingham veteran, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is making good progress towards recovery and hopes to leave hospital in ten days or a fortnight.

The 'Six Bells' is an inn sign frequently met with, but the 'Six Ringers' must, we think, be unique. We read, however, that a copper sign, representing six ringers in the belfry of the village church, the idea of Sir Sidney Wells, Conservative M.P., has been made for the Six Ringers' Inn at Felmersham, Bedfordshire.

What is this we hear? Five Surprise method ringers, some of them Spliced Surprise men at that, last Saturday lost a peal of Grandsire Doubles. Tut, tut; how are the mighty fallen!

Although the completion of the central tower of Guildford's new Cathedral is a long way ahead, the first steps of the spiral staircase leading to the ringing chamber have been built into position, and were climbed on Sunday by some ringers who visited the building now beginning to appear on Stag Hill.

ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

The address of Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris, hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association, is now 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. Those who are preserving our list, published a fortnight ago, should make this amendment.

JOINT MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest your leading article on the value of joint meetings, and there are two points I wish to refer to. I agree with you that whoever first thought of holding such meetings did the Exercise a great service, and I believe the person who should have the credit is a well-known London ringer, Mr. William H. Hewett. There were, I think, one or two attempts before the war to popularise such meetings—I recollect at least one in Sussex—but they did not become general. In 1924, however, on the suggestion of Mr. Hewett, a joint meeting of adjoining districts of the Essex and Middlesex Associations was held at Waltham Abbey. Since then not a year has passed without a meeting between these two societies. Hertfordshire soon joined in, and during the last few years most of the societies operating in and around London have held many enjoyable joint meetings.

The other point is that a meeting has been arranged to be held on October 1st at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, with the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Essex and Middlesex Associations participating. This will, to some extent, meet the suggestion made in your article, and personally I hope it will set an example. I regret I was unable to be present at the very successful meeting which inspired your article, but the date was that chosen by the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society for its annual outing.

C. T. COLES,

General Secretary, Middlesex Association.

CORNISH TOUR BEGINS TO-MORROW.

Seventeen peals have been arranged for the Cornish tour, which begins to-morrow. The object of three peals on some days is to include local ringers in some of the attempts. Headquarters are to be, first at Launceston and then at Truro. The following is the programme:—

Saturday, September 10th: Stokeclimsland (tenor 20 cwt.).

Sunday, September 11th: St. Stephen-by-Launceston (18 cwt.).

Monday, September 12th: Altarnon (St. Non) (11½ cwt.) and Cardinham (St. Menbredus) (17 cwt.).

Tuesday, September 13th: St. Anthony (St. Antoninus) (12 cwt.), Helston (St. Michael) (12 cwt.), Kea (All Hallows) (12 cwt.).

Wednesday, September 14th: St. Mawgan (SS. Mauganus and Nicholas) (7 cwt.), Bodmin (St. Petrock) (15½ cwt.), Lanivet (St. Nyvett) (13½ cwt.).

Thursday, September 15th: Tuckingmill (All Saints) (10½ cwt.), Camborne (St. Martin) (17 cwt.), St. Enoder (St. Enodrus) (13 cwt.).

Friday, September 16th: One to be arranged, Truro Cathedral (St. Mary) (33½ cwt.).

Saturday, September 17th: Lanlivery (St. Bryvyth) (16½ cwt.), Lanhydrock (St. Hydrock) (14½ cwt.).

LEADING CONDUCTORS—35.

GEORGE H. CROSS.

The present Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Mr. George H. Cross, began his ringing career at a very early age, and was peal ringing before he was sixteen. He came right into the forefront of Norfolk ringing, and among a number of youthful enthusiasts put up some interesting performances.

Mr. Cross was born in Norwich on November 9th, 1893, and rang his first peal at St. John de Sepulchre's Church, in September, 1909, and his first as conductor in May, 1910, at the same church. This was a peal of Bob Major with the bells half-muffled for the funeral of King Edward VII. It was only his third peal, and he called it at a few hours' notice. He had already turned his attention to composition, and the second peal he rang was the first of his compositions to be rung. It was the first peal conducted by his late brother, Fred Cross. By the time he was seventeen George Cross called one of his own compositions for the first time, and with this peal finished the circle of the tower at St. John de Sepulchre, having rung a different bell on each occasion and having called four of the eight peals.

Another early exploit was the calling of a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Mary's, Saxlingham, in June, 1914, in which the average age of the band was only 18½ years. It was then the youngest band to ring a peal on eight bells, and all of them resided within nine miles of the church. That was in 1914, but two years before that Mr. Cross had conducted handbell peals of Bob Major and Royal, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, each of them the first 'in hand' by all the band.

After the war, as Master of St. Peter Mancroft Guild, Mr. Cross got the ringing going again in this famous tower and revived some of the interest in peal ringing in the county. In 1920 he composed and conducted 7,136 Double Norwich, rung at St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich, which was then the longest peal in the method rung in the county of Norfolk. In 1921 he conducted the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by a local company at St. Peter Mancroft, and in 1923 composed and conducted a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal at Aylsham, the first peal in the method by all, and rung without previous practice. This was the first peal in the method, rung in the county of Norfolk, since the peal rung on the old ten at St. Peter Mancroft in 1769, which was the first ever accomplished in the method.

After coming to London, Mr. Cross conducted the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major by the Hertford County Association (the first in the method by all the band); the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung by the Middlesex Association, which was also the first in the method rung in Essex: the first peal of Pudsey Surprise Major rung by the Middlesex Association, which was also the first in the county of Hertford; and the first peals of Yorkshire and Pudsey rung by the Royal Cumberlands. All these he also composed. He conducted the first peal of Rutland Surprise Major, and composed and conducted the first peal of Premier Surprise Major by the Kent County Association, the first in the method by all the band. He conducted the first peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' for the Kent County Association and by the Royal Cumberland Youths. He composed and conducted the first peal of Erith Little Bob Royal, which was rung on handbells, and the first peal of Bob Maximus 'in hand' rung by the Kent County Association by a band resident in Kent. He also composed and conducted the first peals of Double Norwich Major and Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung by the Kent County Association.

He took part in the first peals of Superlative Maximus and Cambridge Maximus rung for the Norfolk Guild, and the first peals of Cambridge Maximus for the Royal Cumberland Youths and the London County Association. He took part in three non-conducted peals, Double Norwich Major, Superlative Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Major, and in two 'George' peals. He has called one hundred peals of Double Norwich Major on tower bells, many of which have had qualities out of the usual. All these peals (with the exception of one which was composed by Robert Hardy at the age of 14, a ringer whom Mr. Cross assisted in teaching) he composed himself.

(Continued in next column.)



MR. GEORGE H. CROSS.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION'S BIG AREA.

The Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held a quarterly meeting at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton, on Saturday, and although the weather was not very promising, there was a fair attendance, about 40 members travelling from a wide area. As Earlsheaton is situated in what used to be known as 'the heavy woollen district' and is within easy access of numerous towers in that area, the support from the neighbouring towers can only be termed as disappointing. The Western Division covers a very wide area, embracing over 80 towers, so there must, of necessity, be a lapse of several years between the periodical visits of the association. The meetings are taken into each section of the division in turn, and members should consider it a matter of duty to support the meetings in their own area.

A splendid tea was provided by the local company in the Church Schools, at which over 30 members sat down. At the business meeting which followed, Mr. P. J. Johnson occupied the chair, supported by the association president (the Rev. Canon Marshall) and the Vicar of Earlsheaton (the Rev. H. M. Doidge-Harrison).

The Chairman, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for kindly granting the use of the bells, spoke of the great traditions of the Earlsheaton ringers, when they were famed throughout Yorkshire for the excellence of their striking.—This was ably supported by Canon Marshall.

The Rev. H. M. Doidge-Harrison, in replying, said it was a great privilege to welcome the association, and although he was quite bewildered and mystified by all he had seen and heard regarding change ringing, it was really a most curious but intriguing vocation. He was sure that it was part of a great tradition inherent in our English character, and it was that part of our English freedom which allowed the development of our various traditions which so mystified visitors to this country. He hoped the association would go on from strength to strength, developing this side of our English character, and that they would hand down their keenness to the new generation and endeavour to keep the spirit of comradeship alive.

Canon Marshall, in voicing the association's thanks to the local company for their splendid arrangements and to the ladies for waiting at the tea tables, said it was almost like coming home, as part of his early ministry was in the neighbouring districts. Everyone had made great efforts to entertain the association, and they were indeed very grateful for all that had been done to make the meeting so successful.—This was seconded by Mr. Traymor, of Mirfield.

Mr. Hemingway Dransfield, in acknowledging the thanks, spoke of the pleasure which they all had in entertaining the association, and said there would always be a hearty welcome at Earlsheaton for anyone interested in ringing. Although they were having a difficult time, they were doing their utmost to maintain a full company of ringers and would try and keep up the good example of those gone before. Speaking for the ladies who gave their services at the tea tables, he said that, although not actually connected with ringers, they had all enjoyed themselves and it had given them real pleasure.

Seven new members were elected as follows: Stanley H. Dobbie and Walter H. Dobbie of Sittingbourne, William Walker, of Ossett, Peter Aspinall, Philip Aspinall, Philip Moorhouse and George Kellett, of Lindley.

As it is some years since a meeting was held in the Bradford district, it was proposed to arrange the December meeting at Calverley, if possible, where there has never been a meeting of the Western Division.

A brief announcement regarding the Snowdon Dinner at Sheffield on October 8th, and a ladies' meeting at Bedale on September 17th, brought the meeting to a close.

While some of the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing, others enjoyed touches on handbells in Minor, Major and Caters methods. On the whole, a very successful meeting was enjoyed, and full use was made of the bells, which go extremely well. The towers represented during the day were as follows: Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bradford Cathedral, Brighouse, Denholme, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Elland, Northowram, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Huddersfield, Keighley, Leeds, Lindley, Mirfield, Ossett, Ripponden, Rothwell, Shipley and Sowerby.

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Altogether Mr. Cross has rung 540 peals, of which he has conducted 354. Among these he particularly values a peal of Double Norwich, conducted by A. G. Warnes, at Eye, in which no word was spoken other than the calls made by the conductor; a peal of Bristol Surprise Major, which Mr. Cross conducted at Framden, of which the last three-quarters of an hour was rung in darkness, and a peal of London Surprise at Helmingham, the first by all the band with the exception of himself.

Mr. Cross has served as hon. secretary of the Norwich District of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and later, under the changed title of the Norfolk Guild. Since coming to London he has been Master of St. Clement's Youths, and is now Master of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Society. He has been a member of the Central Council since 1930, first as a representative of St. Clement's Youths and afterwards the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

ORIGIN OF ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The St. James' Society was not founded, as so many people suppose, as a means by which the members of the two leading London societies could meet and practise together. If they had desired combined practices there was no earthly reason why they should not have held them, except the universal tradition which forbade any ringer to belong to more than one society, which in effect meant to more than one band. The definite rule of the College Youths, which forbade the members to belong specifically to the Cumberlands, and the corresponding rule of the other society, do not appear in the old codes of rules. I cannot say when they were first formally passed, but I believe it was not until long after 1850, so they have not (as is usually supposed) the sanction of long usage, although, of course, the spirit which prompted them is as old as the Exercise itself.

When the new Church of St. James, Clerkenwell, was built in 1791, a ring of eight bells was hung in the tower, and the belfry, for very many years, was the principal meeting place of the Society of Cumberland Youths. One of their leading members was John Hints, who was either the steeplekeeper or had a good deal of influence in the tower. He got together young men to teach them and to practise on nights when the regular ringers did not meet. Some of his pupils turned out good ringers, and as early as 1797 the St. James' Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Edmonton. There probably was no regular society at that time and the name was taken merely for the peal. In 1800 Hints formed a band which called itself the Westminster Youths, and rang several peals. Finally, in 1827, the St. James' Society was established as a regular company with officers, and, under the leadership of Thomas Tolladay, became the most active peal ringing band in London, though nearly all the performances were Grandsire Triples.

In all this the College Youths had neither part nor lot, but some years later, when Cox, Haley, Cooter and some other young members of both the old societies wanted to ring peals of Stedman on handbells and Double Norwich on tower bells, they found it convenient to ring them as St. James' Society peals. But neither the College Youths nor the Cumberlands recognised the St. James' Society as an equal, nor did either of them ever treat it as an opportunity for joint practice or intercourse.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

'JAMES GREEN' ON THE ROAD.

'CAUGHT OUT' AT FARNHAM.

The gentleman who describes himself at James Green, coming from an address at Leominster, Herefordshire, whose methods we exposed in our last issue, had a surprise on Friday.

Earlier in the week he had succeeded in imposing on the charity of one Guildford Guild official. On Friday morning he called upon another at Farnham.

He began by saying he was from Leominster, Herefordshire, which place he left early on Thursday morning, and was making his way to Fareham, where he was getting employment in some printing works. Asked his name, his answer was 'Green, but I do not expect you would know anything about me.'

Then came the bombshell. 'Yes, I rather think I do, but not much to your credit,' was the reply, and 'Mr. Green' was then confronted with the paragraph in 'The Ringing World.' He was not, however, entirely at a loss and had the impudence to say he was not the man referred to, who must be another 'Green.'

His attention was then called to the place he said he came from and that he had the promise of employment of the same kind at Fareham instead of Horsham. However, when he still protested he was not the same man, the ringer he was interviewing told him he had had 26 years of police service and that had made him a pretty good judge of impostors. Mr. Green took his leave without even saying 'Good day.' Needless to say, he got no assistance from this source.

In case Mr. 'Green' adopts another name in other places, it may be added to his description given last week that he has got only two teeth in the front of the top jaw, both, apparently, eye teeth. These are very prominent and discoloured.

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

HOPED FOR RESTORATION OF RIPPONDEN BELLS.

The monthly meeting of the Huddersfield and District Association took place at Ripponden on Saturday, August 27th, when members attended from Lindley, Halifax Parish Church, All Souls' (Halifax), Sowerby, Brighouse, Elland and Ripponden. There was only a small attendance, but the meeting proved most successful and was most enjoyable despite the very bad state of the bells.

The local ringers are making arrangements for an appeal for the restoration of the bells, and they are going to run it on the same lines as did the Lindley ringers when the latter raised that prodigious sum of over £300 almost unaided in a very short space of time.

At the business meeting, when the Rev. T. Mathieson took the chair, the practice meetings for the ensuing month were arranged. The Stedman practice, which had enjoyed a remarkable success at Lindley, was transferred to Huddersfield Parish Church, and the Treble Bob practice at All Souls', Halifax, which had to be discontinued, will be resumed at Halifax as a Stedman practice.

A SHROPSHIRE RESTORATION.

FIRST OVERHAUL FOR OVER 100 YEARS.

The bells of Chetton Church, Shropshire, have been restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough Bell Foundry. The work included the recasting of the fourth as well as tuning and rehanging the rest. The money has been raised mainly through the efforts of the Rector, the Rev. Southwell, over £200 having been obtained towards the total cost of the restoration.

The dedication of the bells took place in the presence of a large congregation, and the bells were rung before service by ringers from St. Leonard's and St. Mary's, Bridgnorth.

In his address in the course of the service, the Rector gave an interesting account of the history of Chetton bells, whose records date back to 1599. Their bells, he said, had been heard that day for the first time since their return to the tower—after some years' partial and some weeks' total silence—after a complete and high-class restoration, the first, so far as they knew, for over 111 years. It had been a somewhat personal endeavour on his own part, especially as two brothers—Bishop Southwell and Lionel Southwell—were at Chetton. Each bell (the tenor weighs 13½ cwt.) bears the date 1827, a time when they were sent to Gloucester to the foundry of Rudhalls, a firm extinct over 100 years, but incorporated in a firm that still exists and was well known. There did not appear to have been any work of restoration other than that of a very minor character since 1827 until this year.

The tower was rebuilt in 1826, and the work carried out by Rudhalls was probably the recasting of six bells out of four previous ones. After quoting items from old church accounts from 1599 onward, it was obvious, continued the Rector, that inasmuch as no known work of importance had been carried out since 1827—a space of 111 years—it would naturally suggest that much of the work must have deteriorated, and an examination by experts of the belfry several years ago showed that that was the case, and a subsequent examination led to their having to stop ringing. Nothing was done, and that was why at last he decided to make an effort, and now that beautiful peal was such that all should be well for a generation to come. The work had been admirably done, and he had reason to hope they would obtain the maximum grant from the Church Building Society. The work done included the recasting of the fourth bell and retuning all, and while the framework was in excellent condition, it had been strengthened with angle-clamps and rods, and the bells now run on ball bearings. The fourth bell was cracked and had to be recast. On it, according to old custom, the names of the Rector and churchwardens for the time being are placed, and the new inscription reads: 'Praise the Lord that these bells were restored and this one recast in 1938.'

In conclusion the Rector welcomed the visiting ringers and hoped others would come in due course.

After the service, ringing took place, the ringers present including Messrs. B. Head, sen., W. Overton, J. Elcock, H. W. Overton, B. Head, jun., W. Head, J. Middleton, W. Hayward, H. Thomas, T. Tyler, S. Greatwich, J. Newsome, G. Tibbey (all of Bridgnorth), G. E. Oliver (Lichfield), W. Dudley (Chelmarsh), W. M. Jones (Chetton), W. Short (Clent), J. Bass, P. Richards and B. C. Ashford.

Following tea on the Rectory lawn, Mr. W. Jones expressed thanks to the Rector for what he had done for the Church and all that afternoon, and for entertaining the visitors.

The Rector expressed his thanks to all who had helped him in his task, and said how pleased he was at the response to his effort.

That the money had been well spent and the work carried out in excellent manner were the expressions of all the ringers present, and Chetton's parishioners have much to be grateful for and can now feel they have an excellent peal of bells—a thing which should encourage the younger generation to take up this fine art.

FAMILY JOY BELLS.

The wedding of Miss Doris Spice, only daughter of Mr. W. Spice, jun., of Tunstall, Kent, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Spice, sen., which took place on August 20th, was unique. The organist, the choir and the ringers, who took part in the ceremony, were all ringers. Touches rung for the occasion included 720 Cambridge Minor, 224 Cambridge Major, 224 Superlative Major, two courses of Double Norwich, several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. A quarter-peal of Stedman was attempted, but this did not materialise. Those taking part in the ringing and singing were W. Spice, sen., W. Spice, jun., P. J. Spice, G. H. Spice, Mrs. G. Spice, J. Spice, Miss B. Spice, H. Spice, Mrs. E. H. Spice, W. J. Unwin (son-in-law) and B. Spice. The oldest and youngest members of the family were respectively 77 and 14 years of age.

SITUATION WANTED.

KEEN RINGER, 8, 10, 12 bells. Young married man seeks job, any capacity; experienced gardener, groundsman, or nursery work.—Box R., 'The Ringing World' Office, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey.

A PRINCIPLE OF METHOD CONSTRUCTION

A SIMPLE EXPLANATION FOR BEGINNERS.

The study of change ringing is not confined to practice on the bells in the tower. A great deal can be learned by using pencil and paper. Here is a simple explanation of one of the principles of method construction written for the instruction of beginners, which those interested in the subject may find useful.

The plain hunting course can be produced on any number of bells; but for a moment let us look at it on five. With five bells, changes are produced by moving two pairs at a time. For example, first the two front pairs and then the two back pairs, which will give this sequence:—

Two front pairs	12345	
	21435	
	24153	Two back pairs
Two front pairs	42513	
	45231	Two back pairs

and so on until the bells come round after ten changes.

In addition to changing the pairs alternately, two in front, and two behind, it is also possible to change the pair in front and the pair behind, leaving the bell in the middle, or, as it is called, in 3rd's place, lying still for a whole pull, just as, when the two front pairs change, one bell remains a whole pull in 5th's place (or behind), and when the two back pairs are changed, one bell has to continue leading for a whole pull.

Methods of Doubles are constructed by the use of this 3rd's place. It changes the coursing order of the bells; that is, it alters the sequence in which they hunt up or down. Look for a moment at this:

12345
21435
24153
42513
45231

If, however, No. 1 makes 3rd's place, the treble, instead of going up behind, turns round and hunts back to lead.

12345
21435
24153
42135
41253

The 3rd's place can be made between any two rows, but here is a little problem which you may like to work out. Write out as many variations of the plain hunting course of ten changes as you can, inserting a 3rd's place between the 1st and 2nd rows (that is by producing the first change by 3rd's place), the 3rd and 4th, the 5th and 6th, the 7th and 8th, or the 9th and 10th, and also by using as many combinations as you can. Of course, you will not get rounds at the end in every case, but that does not matter.

When you have written out several of these courses and studied them carefully, you will begin to realise that there are some things which must happen. You will find that if you make 3rd's place between the first and second rows, that is, if you begin like this:—

12345
21354

you cannot make 3rd's place between the second and third rows, for if you do the bells will come round at once.

Similarly, if you make no place at all between the first and second rows, but do make 3rd's between the second and third rows, you cannot make 3rd's place between the third and fourth rows.

You will next notice that some of these 3rd's places are made at handstroke and some at backstroke and that when the handstroke 3rd's is made it causes the two hind bells to dodge, but that when the backstroke 3rd's is made it causes the two front bells to dodge.

Now there are two sorts of methods rung on five bells, one (like Grandsire) where the treble plain hunts continuously, and the other (like Stedman) where all the bells work alike. If you keep the treble a plain hunting bell you will find that there are only two positions where you can make a 3rd's place, one when the treble is hunting up and the other when the treble is hunting down. You can make either—

12345	or	12345
21354		21435
23145		24153
32415		42513
34251		45231
43521		54321
45312		53412
54132		35142
51423		31524
15243		13542
12534		15324

or you can make both places. Similarly, below the treble there are two positions where you can make 3rd's place (this time at backstroke).

There are 15 ways in which one or more of these places can be included in a lead. Write them all out and study them carefully. You will find that if you make all the four possible places, the bells will run round at the tenth change, that some of the combinations do not affect more than three of the bells, in which case a row will be produced which will repeat twice, and that some of the combinations

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TWO MORE SURPRISE METHODS.

Below we print two more Surprise methods rung for the first time under the conductorship of Mr. Harold Cashmore. Apsley was rung at Bushey on April 30th, and Sedburgh at Aldenham on August 27th.

APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR. SEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR.

12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
12346857	12463857
21438675	21648375
24183657	26143857
42816375	62418375
24186735	62143857
42817653	26418375
24871635	24681357
42786153	42863175
47281635	24861357
74826153	42683175
47862513	24863715
74685231	42687351
47682513	46283715
74865231	64827351
47682531	68472531
74865213	86745213
47862531	87642531
74685213	78465213
47658123	87645123
74561832	78461532
75468123	87465123
57641832	78641532
75614823	76814523
57168432	67185432
75618342	67814523
57163824	76185432
51736842	71684523
15378624	17865432
51738264	71856342
15372846	17583624
15738264	17856342
13578264=Bob	15786342=Bob

5,280 Changes
by H. G. Cashmore.

23456	B	M	W	H
54632	—	—	—	—
35642	—	—	—	—
64352	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
52643	—	—	—	—
45623	—	—	—	—
62453	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	—
32546	—	—	3	—
43526	—	—	3	—
52436	—	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

5,024 Changes
by H. G. Cashmore.

23456	M	W	B	H
43652	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—	—
26543	—	—	—	—
45362	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
56342	—	—	2	—
36245	—	—	—	—
42563	—	—	—	—
64523	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	3

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affect four bells, in which case a row will be produced which will repeat once.

You have now got all the material out of which pure Doubles methods can be formed, and it includes both what are called plain leads and bob leads.

The plain leads are those in which the treble and one other bell are not affected by the places, and, by custom, that other bell is always the one which is coursing next after the treble (i.e., the second in the plain course). When we examine the leads we have written out we find that there are two of the 3rd's places which do not affect the treble and second—the first at handstroke when the treble is hunting up, and the other at backstroke when the treble is hunting down; so that either or both of these will give a plain lead. The first is Grandsire, the second is Reverse Grandsire and the third is Double Grandsire.

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6). Tower open 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. A peal tablet will be unveiled by the president of the association at this time.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prescot Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, for which a charge of 6d. will be made. Business meeting follows in the Parish Room. — G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amphill Road, Liverpool 17,

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Market Drayton (8 bells), Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. For tea please notify W. Weatherby, Church Street, Market Drayton.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual contest for the Crawford Silver Cup will be held at Edwinstone, near Ollerton, on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at 3 p.m. Ringing for non-competitors after tea; this is open to all ringers.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Bedfordshire friends are cordially invited.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Basford, Nottingham, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) ready 5 p.m. All come and try this handy peal, by Taylor's. Subscriptions are now over due. — E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston Seymour on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—In co-operation with the East Grinstead and District Guild, a by-meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service at 4.30. — Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Kent County Association (Tonbridge District) and the East Grinstead Guild will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Sept. 10th. For details please see Kent County Association notice in these columns. Guild members are especially asked to see that the East Grinstead Guild is well represented at this meeting. All ringers are welcome, but don't forget to remind Mr. A. E. Richardson about that tea!—B. Saunders, Hon. Sec., 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield. Sussex.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. —A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winwick on Sat. Sept. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ringing after tea at St. Peter's Church, Newton-le-Willows.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—The new bells by John Taylor and Co. to complete the ring of 8 will be dedicated at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11th, by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Right Rev. Francis Underhill, D.D.). The bells will be open to visitors from 2 to 3 p.m. and from 3.45 to 4.30 and at 5.30.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for Evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, Sept. 11th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. — Norman Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — A practice meeting will be held at Steep on Wednesday, Sept. 14th. Bells (5) available from 6 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LADIES' GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable, by Thursday, Sept. 15th. Will London District members who are coming please communicate with Mrs. Fletcher, who will send time of departure?—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Wiveton on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Bell Inn 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please do your best to attend. You are all welcome, but don't forget that card to Mr. W. R. West, The Mill, Glandford Holt, Norfolk, or Mr. H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. To members in the Norwich District: A bus can be arranged for this meeting if enough names are forthcoming by Wednesday, Aug. 31st. Fare, approximately, 2s. 6d. Write to the branch secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business at 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool S.S.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sowton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m., also Honiton Clyst (8). Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Sept. 12th. — R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in Church at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head. Business meeting immediately after tea. For tea, please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by the 15th. — J. J. L. Gilbert, Div. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9.

LADIES GUILD (Northern Section) AND CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Bedale on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8, tenor 24 cwt.) available for ringing. Tea at the Royal Oak Hotel at 5 p.m. Notification for tea to be sent to J. Reed, 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks, not later than Sept. 15th. All ringers and friends are welcome.—L. Kathleen Bowling, Vice-President; J. Reed, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The meeting at Hawley on Saturday, Sept. 17th, has been cancelled. Next meeting, Yorktown, Nov. 19th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. H. W. Smith, 11, Causeway, Dunmow, Essex, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 14th? All ringers welcome. Don't miss this opportunity of a ring on this very fine peal of eight.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rotherfield (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea Wednesday prior to meeting, please.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Harborne on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service in Church 4.15. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting, at which next year's officers will be elected. Please send names for tea to me by Wednesday previous.—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Cross-Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Names for tea (in School) by Tuesday, Sept. 13th, to Miss R. A. Bell, 496, Halifax Road, Springside, Todmorden. Everyone welcome.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Harrold on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea not later than Sept. 14th. All ringers very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at St. Paul's, Chippenham, on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 o'clock. St. Andrew's bells will be open. Service 4.45. Tea after; early notice for tea requested.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Dronfield, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea notify Mr. B. Marples, Green Dragon, Dronfield, Sheffield? Subscriptions are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Burton District are revisiting the picturesque village of Lullington on Saturday, Sept. 17th. The beautiful toned bells will be available at 2.45 p.m., and a very short service will be held at 4.20, followed by tea at 4.45 p.m. Private transport will be arranged from Overseale Church for those who apply to me by Thursday, Sept. 15th. Ideal opportunity for members of the N.U.T.G. and members of other districts and associations should not miss this treat. P.C.'s for tea by Sept. 15th.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be held at Bulkington (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—Book this date, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Annual dinner of East Derbyshire and Notts Association. The quarterly meeting will be held at Crich on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested. Please send number requiring tea to me by Wednesday, Sept. 14th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

BERRIEW, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.—The ring of six bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be reopened on Sunday, Sept. 18th, at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for September, at 7.30 p.m., *St. Paul's Cathedral, 13th; St. Magnus', 15th; Southwark Cathedral, 20th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 27th; St. Magnus', 29th. *Business meeting after.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Rd., Reigate, Surrey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells), on Wednesday, Sept. 21st. Ringing from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. David). Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Bramley and Wonsers on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells of both towers available from 3 p.m. Service at Bramley 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. Mitchell, Pine Cottage, Liners Wood, Bramley, Surrey, not later than Sept. 21st?—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next general meeting will be held at York on Saturday, Sept. 24th, when the ring of 12 bells (tenor 60 cwt.) at the Minster will be available from 2.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The ring of six at SS. Philip and James, Clifton, will also be available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Dean of York, the Very Rev. H. N. Bate, D.D., extends a hearty invitation to Evensong in the Minster at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the Feasegate Cafe and Restaurant, Feasegate, at 5 p.m., and all who require same *must* notify Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by the first post on Thursday, Sept. 22nd. The general meeting will be held immediately afterwards on the same premises. As the agenda will include very important business, it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting at Wirksworth, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available all afternoon. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea and general meeting 5 p.m. Fuller details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Harphood, near Sidmouth, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Epworth on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available 2.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. (except during service, tea and meeting). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at a moderate charge, to those who inform Rev. O. Mordaunt Burrows, The Vicarage, Epworth, near Doncaster, by the Wednesday previous. Come and try this fine peal.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 6 p.m. *prompt*. Chairman: The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Tickets, 3s. each, obtainable from branch master and secretaries, Dinner Committee or general secretary until Tuesday, Sept. 20th. Will holders of tickets please make return of number sold by first post Wednesday, Sept. 21st? Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), Claines (8) and St. Nicholas (6), all 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgberrow, Evesham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Epsom Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and again in the evening. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. P. T. Cooper, 62, Station Road, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 21st. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Townsend Blake. Tea (1s.) at the Fox and Hounds Inn at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, 20th inst. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—All members are invited to be with us at Starston on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Norwich. Tea 5.15 p.m., at King George's Hall, Harleston. Meeting follows. Special evening attraction (after meeting), Redenhall bells (8) and Pulham St. Mary (8). That tea card I did *not* receive last time, please, by 21st. Roll up again, Suffolk friends, we are on the border.—A. G. Harrison, 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

IMPORTANT.—Preliminary Notice.—The third annual dinner of the Surrey Association will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, next, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Cost 5s. 6d. per head. Please make a note of the date. Full details later.—Edward G. Talbot, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The first annual dinner will be held in Crewe on Saturday, October 15th. Tickets, 3s. each, obtainable before October 8th from H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire.

ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE, E.C. — Owing to holiday season the Monday practices are suspended until Oct. 3rd.—James E. Davis, towerkeeper.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. J. R. Mackman is now Elloe, Birtley Rise, Bramley, near Guildford, Surrey.

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