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CREDIT FOR FALSE PEALS?

The revelation of false peals which has just been made, with all the accompanying disappointment and the adjustment of records, both personal and general, has prompted a letter from the Rev. J. Maurice Turner which will be read with interest. Briefly, his contention is contained in the last sentence of his communication, 'If a band have faithfully followed the calling of the conductor and have brought the bells into rounds according to the composition, they should have the credit of the peal, true or false.' It is a suggestion which at first sight may seem to have some justification, but which, we think, on closer examination will be at once discarded by all those who regard 'truth' as the essential standard of a peal. While everyone will appreciate the fact that the ringing of a composition, whose falseness is discovered after its performance, is no reflection upon the actual ringers, throughout its long history the Exercise has never recognised anything but that which is strictly true, both in construction and execution, if we make an exception of trips in ringing which are speedily righted. To depart from this standard would, we are sure, be a mistake.

However well finished the performance might have been on the part of the ringers, a stigma at once attaches to anything that is afterwards proved false, whether it has been the fault of the composer or of the conductor. If an individual cares to delude himself by including false peals in his personal records, that is his affair, although, we imagine, he would fall considerably in the estimation of his fellows if they discovered it. But when it comes to the recognition of these things by associations, whose credit must always be above suspicion, it is another matter. It may not be possible to expunge the printed record of bygone days, but it is possible, and should be the invariable practice, to call attention to and withdraw as far as practicable, a performance which, in its truth, falls short of the recognised standards of centuries, whenever the discovery may be made. An individual can get no personal satisfaction from the knowledge of having rung a peal which was not true, whatever the cause; an association would not add to the honours gained for it in continuing to claim something which was known to be false.

There is also another and very strong reason, in our opinion, why all credit for the ringing of such peals should be given up. Their admission would be more than likely to lead to slovenliness in composition. The standards of to-day require the utmost punctiliousness on the part of the composer, a slackening of the demands would lead careless, not to say unscrupulous individuals to put out work which,

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as long as it could be rung before the discovery of its falseness was made, would receive credit which it did not merit. Moreover, one of the difficulties about false compositions is that of marking them down, to safeguard future ringers. Contemporaries may learn of the failings of a composition, but once it has been printed it seems impossible to take any step which will ensure that the peal will not be called again at some later date by another conductor. And if our correspondent's suggestion were to be adopted, why should not a repetition of the performance under such circumstances be admitted as a peal, just as it was originally, because the fault would be no more that of the ringers than it was in the first case? It may be unfortunate that, after men have expended their labours for three hours or more in ringing, perhaps a perfectly struck peal, they should have to sacrifice the record, but we feel sure that it is the only safe way of preserving to the Exercise the honourable status which is attached to a peal performance. And, as far as we are aware, while those who suffer may feel chagrined, they are ready to accept the position with the best grace they can command.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, August 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt. in D flat.

JOHN W. J. COTTAM	3	REGINALD PAYNE	6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	2	ERNEST WAGSTAFF	7
THOMAS BROTHWELL	3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	8
* NORMAN CHADDOCK	4	T. COLIN RYDER	9
* HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	5	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal on ten bells. Kindly arranged for the conductor, from London, who was on holiday in the district.

NOTTINGHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 27, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER	3	WILLIAM THORNLEY	6
JOHN E. HOBBS	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
FRANK BRADLEY	3	ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH	8
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN	4	RALPH NARBOROUGH	9
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	5	* CYRIL E. LANXON	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER

* First peal of Royal. Arranged for ringers of 4, 5, 7 and tenor, who were on holiday in the district.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	3	* WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT	6
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS	2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	7
* SAMUEL HOUNSLOW	3	* FRANCIS E. MAY	8
* FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	4	† GORDON CAUDWELL	9
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	5	† REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. The conductor's 150th peal.

ASH, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, August 23rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: H. Ogden 1, Miss M. A. Mansfield 2, Mrs. H. Ogden 3, E. Sherwood (conductor) 4, J. Barlow 5, F. Ellis 6. First 720 of Bob Minor by a local band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Monday, August 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
Tenor 12 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. Treble	MRS. DORIS KELLY 5
MISS NORA E. SHORTER 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
REGINALD LATHEBURY 4	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.
This composition, No. 250, was rung for the first time.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT WATTS Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS 5
GEORGE JORDAN 2	ISAAC CAVILL 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	WALTER AYLE Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER AYLE.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Tuesday, August 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 15½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	*HORACE H. HILLIER 5
*HENRY G. OWEN 2	JAMES A. GLASS 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 3	Cecil W. PIPE 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. W. C. Parker, the respected foreman of this tower.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Tenor 7 cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT Treble	JAMES E. LILLEY 5
REV. C. CAREW COX 2	REV. E. V. COX 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 7
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY
First peal in the method on the bells.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**
Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Treble	*HARRY HOSKINS 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	ALFRED G. HILL 7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4	FREDERICK J. COLLUM Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal of Oxford Major. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Tenor 17½ cwt.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	FREDERICK J. COLLUM 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
*THOMAS G. BANNISTER 2	ERNEST BRETT 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector (Dr. O. Hardman), also as a farewell, his last sermon as Rector being preached upon his birthday—August 30th.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
Tenor 19½ cwt.

SEELFORD SPARROW Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 5
MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY 2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 6
KEITH W. WHITTLE 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.
Arranged as a compliment to Mrs. Phyllis Humphrey, whose birthday occurred on the above date.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY Treble	ARTHUR G. KING 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	WILLIAM J. LEE 6
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 3	CHARLES F. SAYER 7
HENRY TOOKE 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged and rung as a 77th birthday compliment to Richard T. Woodley. The conductor's 300th peal for the Norwich Association and his first as a 'Benedict.'

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Chad,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Tenor 13 cwt.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	ROWE HUXLEY 5
*ALFRED E. BARKER Treble	J. WILLIAM CLARKE 6
ROBERT SPERRING 2	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING 3	EDWARD PRICE Tenor
THOMAS PUGE 4	

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE 5
WILLIAM SPICE 2	WALTER DOBBIE 6
*CHARLES H. SONE 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 78). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE
* 175th peal together. 175th peal as conductor, also his 25th peal in this tower. The band extend their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their kind hospitality after the peal.**TOWER CLOCKS**Weight Driven or Electric by the
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SIX BELL PEALS.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD 4
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 2	† CYRIL E. LAXON 5
* MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of three methods 'inside.' † First peal of Minor. Arranged for ringers of 1, 2 and 5, who are from Truro Cathedral, and 3rd from Exhall, Warwickshire.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter, Fairfield,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of St. Albans Delight, Wragby Delight, Neasden Delight, Sandal Treble Bob, Kingston Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

ARTHUR HIBBERT Treble	ERIC ELLISON 4
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ... 2	KENNETH LEWIS 5
ADAM T. MARSLAND 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect and esteem for Mr. Robert Ashmore, 'father of the local band,' who was laid to rest earlier in the day at this church.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising a 720 each of Netherseale Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

JAMES A. GLASS Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 4
ALAN R. PINK 2	LEONARD STILWELL 5
GEORGE H. GOTTERIDGE ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. William Birmingham and Miss Freda Lock, the ringers wishing them every happiness in their married life.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 28 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Stedman, eight of St. Simon's and ten each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 26 callings. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

HAROLD C. R. VINE Treble	* CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL 4
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 2	† FRANK PRICE 5
* STEPHEN LONG 3	* CHARLES H. LATHEY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five Doubles methods 'inside.' Arranged for Mr. Stephen Long, of Hollingbourne, Kent.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. J. BRAY Treble	MARTIN WALKER 4
CHARLES W. TAYLOR 2	JACK BRAY 5
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 3	ERNEST BRITAIN Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

DARFIELD, NEAR BARNESLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Burton, College Exercise, Norbury, Kingston, Capel and London Scholars (spliced), Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... Treble	ARTHUR GILL 4
* WILFRED TIBBLE 2	HAROLD CHANT 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

* First peal in eight methods.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN THOMPSON Treble	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... 4
JOHN A. BROWN 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

This peal was arranged and rung for the silver wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, whose kind hospitality in entertaining the ringers to supper was deeply appreciated.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven varied 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 4
* JAMES WOODYATT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WALTER H. RAXTER 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for Double Oxford Bob.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

* LEONARD BRAY Treble	* GEOFFREY F. D. PRAIT ... 4
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	ALBERT WOODVINE 5
FRANK MOLE 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal of Minor, also first of Minor as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. T. N. Crowther Green.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY 4
GEORGE LEE 2	ALFRED H. WATSON 5
* RAYMOND PECK 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal on the bells, which were rehung about 10 years ago. The peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. T. Woodley, of Lowestoft, on his 77th birthday. The band wish him 'many happy returns.'

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—On Sunday, August 30th, for matins, 720 Munden Surprise Minor, and for evensong 720 Canterbury Surprise Minor by R. Busby, W. Oliver, G. W. Park, R. Park, W. N. Park and R. T. Simpson. The first 720 in each method on the bells and by all the band.

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*FREDERICK J. MARSH... .. 1	reble	WALTER H. POOLE 4
*TREVOR MARKS 2		WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*DOUGLAS W. RANSOM 3		*GILBERT W. RENDALL Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor.

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN C. BUCK 1	reble	CHARLES A. BYSOUTH 4
PERCY TOMPKINS 2		WILLIAM H. NORTH 5
LEWIS H. BYWATERS 3		R. THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal as conductor in three methods and 50th peal. Rang after meeting short for Major.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure and ten six-scores of Plain Bob, each with four different callings, and 20 six-scores of Grandville with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

NORMAN A. ONER 1	reble	CYRIL S. WEST 4
*MRS. G. HUNT 2		CHARLES E. BASSETT 5
CECIL C. WRIGHT 3		ARCHIBALD J. GARRETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal in more than one method.

HANDBELL PEALS.

KILMORY KNAP, ARGYLL.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At DUN A BHDILG,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON 1-2		EDWIN H. LEWIS 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4		RUPERT RICHARDSON 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

The first peal in the county of Argyll.

KILMORY KNAP, ARGYLL.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At DUN A BHDILG,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

*MRS. R. RICHARDSON 1-2		WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4		EDWIN H. LEWIS 7-8
		RUPERT RICHARDSON 9-10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' The first ten-bell peal rung by the association.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 21, DEBDEN ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

LEONARD E. PITSTOW 1-2		WALTER AYRE 5-6
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 3-4		*ALFRED L. SIMMONDS 7-8

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand' and first attempt.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.

JOINT MEETING AT ST. ALBANS.

As was anticipated, the joint meeting of the Herts and Middlesex Associations at St. Albans on Saturday was well attended by members of both the organisations. It was estimated that over 60 ringers paid a visit to the Abbey or St. Peter's (or both) during the afternoon. A short but very bright service was held at St. Peter's Church at 5 o'clock, when the address was given by the Rev. W. Smith.

Tea was served in the garden at the Grange Hotel, about thrice as many turning up as had advised the secretaries! In the end, however, all were served. We can only hope the delinquents will think of the secretaries next time. Mr. G. W. Cartmel, who presided, was supported by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president), Mr. A. W. Coles (Master) and Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), of the Middlesex Association, and Mr. W. Nash (district secretary), Mr. W. Ayre (district secretary), Mr. B. Jarman, Mr. H. Goodenough, of the Herts Association, etc. The absence of the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who sent a telegram conveying good wishes, was regretted.

Mr. Cartmel, after apologising for the absence of Mr. Gilbert Debenham, their treasurer, who was on holiday, welcomed the Middlesex Association. He said that the members of the two societies were not only neighbours, but they were friends, and were helpful to each other.

Mr. C. T. Coles replied, and took occasion to welcome several visitors from the provinces, including Mr. W. H. Southard (Truro), Mr. E. Jennings (Preston), Mr. G. Mayers (Norwich) and Messrs. G. L. Joyce and J. Cornford (Hornchurch). Mr. Coles reciprocated the good wishes of the chairman, and congratulated the Herts Association on the recent handbell successes by the Bushey ringers.

Mr. G. L. Joyce, on behalf of the visitors, expressed much pleasure in being present.

Votes of thanks to the Dean of St. Albans and the Vicar of St. Peter's, and to all others concerned, concluded the proceedings. Ringing took place at the Abbey during the afternoon and evening. Endeavours were made to give everybody an opportunity to ring, and rounds, Triples, Caters and Cinques were the order, under the guidance of Mr. H. Goodenough, assisted by Mr. C. T. Coles. At St. Peter's, in the afternoon, Mr. W. Nash and Mr. A. W. Coles looked after everybody, and made the most use possible of the time available for ringing.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT CALVERLEY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at St. Wilfred's Church, Calverley, on Saturday, when between 30 and 40 members availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting this delightful little township. The weather was glorious, and those who found it too hot for ringing were able to enjoy themselves in the beautiful little park, where an exciting cricket match contributed to their entertainment.

The bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m., and ringing continued until 9 o'clock except for a brief interval for tea. Members were present from Armley, Burley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Sherburn, Shipley, Chesterfield and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower at 7.30, and in the absence of the president the chair was taken by Mr. H. Davison, vice-president.

Two new members were elected, viz.: Miss D. M. Roby, of Bramley, and Mr. A. Ashton, of Bradford Cathedral.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and local company was proposed by Mr. W. Jackson, seconded by Mr. F. Rayment.—Mr. C. Pratt, in replying for the local ringers, said how pleased they were to welcome the society to Calverley, and although some of them were now advancing in years, they were still able to enjoy the meetings, which, he said, contributed so much to the advancement of the Exercise.

Enquiring members were informed that Miss Olive Renton was making very favourable progress after her accident, and hoped soon to be amongst them again.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

The most popular peal of Grandsire Triples with conductors to-day is undoubtedly Mr. Joseph J. Parker's famous twelve-part. It is a classic, and it has been counted as a virtue that it can be so easily transposed that any bell may be used as the 'observation bell' to suit the physical ringing ability of the conductor. If he wants something bigger than the 6th, which is the fixed bell, in Mr. Parker's published figures, the conductor may call it off the 7th by beginning the peal at a different place; if he wants something lighter than the 6th, he can adapt the composition so that he can make one of the smaller bells the 'observation.'

If a 'conductor' must ring the observation bell, this facility for transposition may be convenient, but in no case is the transposition any improvement. Even the transposition, which was at first known as 'Groves' Variation,' which substituted the 7th for the 6th, and which, incidentally, was the form in which Mr. Parker himself first produced the peal, and which he discarded for what he considered a better form, has nothing to commend it over the original.

The point we are coming to, however, is, why bother about these transpositions when a study of the calling of peals and touches by the bells going into the Hunt or called Before will enable you to call the original Twelve-Part from any bell with very little, if any, extra trouble, and will certainly give you a much more interesting job.

The 6th, the fixed or observation bell, which comes back to its starting point at every part end, is called into only four positions, Before, In, Out, Home; but in eleven out of the fifteen calls in every part it is either Before, In or Out.

Last week we explained how to observe the bell coming Before or going into the Hunt. We need not, therefore, go into elaborate details again, but will remind you, briefly, that when you call a bell Before you watch for it to hunt down immediately in front of the treble and call the bob when it leads. The bell going into the Hunt is the bell with another (the one coming Before) between it and the treble, and the bob is, of course, called when the Before bell leads. The other calling places in Parker's peal are easily marked while ringing, and we will deal with them as we come to them.

Perhaps it will facilitate explanation if we set out the calling of the peal. Except where S indicates calling a single instead of a bob, all the lead ends given are leads where bobs have to be called, and the figure at the right-hand side shows the number of leads since the previous call.

234567 -

672453	2
536247	2
S 275436	1
642375	1
536742	1
S 725436	1
367542	2
* 423756	2
674523	1
426735	3
S 754326	1
267435	2
672435	4
546372	1
465372	4
Plain lead 423765	2

One of the 'beauties' of Parker's twelve-part from the conductor's point of view is the symmetry of the part-ends, which enables them to be easily memorised. The fixed bell, the 6th, of course, retains its place, at each part-end, 7 and 5 turn over, the three front bells transpose themselves, so that we get the following if the substituted Singles necessary to complete the peal are inserted in the 6th and 12th parts:

1. 423 765	4. 423 567	7. 432 765	10. 432 567
2. 342 567	5. 342 765	8. 243 567	11. 243 765
3. 234 765	6. 324 567	9. 324 765	12. 324 567

In addition there is another easy check upon the position of the bells in each part. At the bob Home, marked with an asterisk, it will be seen that the next part-end is produced, except that the 6th and the bell behind with it (either the 5th or 7th) are reversed in their dodging.

And now to the calling. First the 6th is called by bobs In and Out at 2. For the In you watch for it to hunt down with one bell between it and the treble. Just note that that bell is the 7th in the 'odd' parts, i.e., 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc., and the 5th in the 'even' parts. You can be sure of calling the 6th Out at 2, because this bob will bring the 5th In in the odd parts and the 7th In in the even parts.

The next four calls are at the next four consecutive leads, so that you actually have five calls in succession. The four calls bring the 6th Home with a Single, In, Out, Home with a Single. In the odd parts the 7th, in the even parts the 5th is concerned in these two singles, at the first making 3rd's place, at the second going into the Hunt.

The next call for the 6th is Before, and after that Home. You can mark this Home because it brings into the hunt the bell that will be

there at the next part end—this bob, in fact, producing what we may term in 'internal' part-end to which we have referred.

In and Out at 3 comes next. The In you will easily find (it is the next lead after the Home); you will know when the Out at 3 has to be called because it brings back into the Hunt the bell that was called Out when the 6th went in (it is again the bell that will be in the hunt at the part-end).

A single at Home comes at the next lead, and this is always made by 5 and 7, 7 going into the hunt in the odd parts and the 5th in the even parts.

Before, In and Out, Before, the last portion of the calling, should present no difficulty to alert conductors, but here are some points which may help to keep the bells right in this part of the peal. The bell in the hunt at the previous part-end goes into the Hunt at the first Before; the bell in the Hunt at the next part-end goes into the hunt at the second Before.

The first Before brings the 7th in the odd parts and the 5th in the even parts to course the 6th, and this coursing order is broken at the last Before by interposing the other of the pair, putting the 5th after the 6th in the odd parts and the 7th after the 6th in the even parts.

The part-end comes up two plain leads after the last bob, and the Single, which has to be inserted in the 6th and 12th parts, is called instead of a bob at the place marked with the asterisk.

As long as you have the capacity to memorise the part-ends, or to transpose them as you go, there should be no difficulty in the young conductor calling Parker's masterpiece in its original form, without having to bother about transpositions.

If you must call a transposition and select, say Groves', what we have said about the original can equally well be adapted to your transposition by substituting the 7th for the 6th and beginning from the 'internal' part-end.

GAVE HIS LIFE FOR FRIEND.

TEYNHAM RINGER DROWNED IN ATTEMPTING RESCUE.

The Teynham band of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association has lost one of its most promising young members as the result of a tragic accident.

On August 16th, Douglas Boorman, with his brother and a friend, was swimming when the friend, a fellow-chorister, got into difficulties and called for help. Douglas Boorman went to his aid, but, unfortunately, lost his life in company with his friend.

Boorman's younger brother tried to help both, but had to give up as he was also in danger of being drowned.

At the inquest the Coroner praised Douglas Boorman's pluck in going to the assistance of his friend, and in giving his life in an attempt to save him. He said no blame could be attached to the brother in having to give up.

Douglas Boorman had only been a ringer for 18 months, but was showing great promise.

The funeral took place at the Parish Church on Thursday, August 20th, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. B. Purser), and attended by the choir and ringers.

The bells were rung half-muffled on the following Sunday evening, when, in the course of his address, the Vicar spoke of the work in the church of both the youths, who had been members of the choir, while one had also been a ringer.

Much sympathy has been expressed to the parents of both boys, and in this, we are sure, our readers will join.

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PASSING OF MR. A. J. ROSE.**SUDDEN DEATH OF WYKE REGIS RINGER.**

It is with deep regret we have to record the passing of Mr. Alfred John Rose, captain of the Wyke Regis, Weymouth, band, whose end, at the age of 65 years, was tragically sudden. 'Alf,' as he was known to all his friends, rang both for matins and evensong on Sunday, August 23rd, when he was in his usual happy spirits. He did his usual day's work at his trade as a carpenter on the following day, Monday, at the end of which he walked home steadily, with his workmates. Arriving indoors, he was greeted by his wife, sat down and passed away immediately.

Mr. Rose had been a ringer at Wyke Regis Church for 45 years. When the present peal of eight was dedicated in May, 1891, he was one of the ringers who formed the new band, and had carried on faithfully ever since, only missing ringing twice every Sunday when illness prevented it. He was captain of the band for about 25 years and a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for about 33 years. He rang in the first peal—Grandsire Triples—on the bells at Wyke in September, 1905. Every Friday he looked forward to his copy of 'The Ringing World.'

The large number who gathered at Wyke Regis Church on Thursday week at the funeral was evidence of the esteem in which Mr. Rose was held. The Rector (the Rev. E. de Bassett Thurston) conducted the service. Representatives of the Foresters, deceased's fellow-workmen, members of the choir and servers and his brother ringers were present. The Wyke Regis ringers were represented by practically the whole band, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild by the Master (the Rev. H. R. Gundry), Messrs. G. T. White, J. T. Godwin, J. W. Smith and L. J. Noakes (St. Peter's, Dorchester) and the Dorchester Branch secretary. There were no flowers by request. Following the funeral service and again in the evening, half-muffled touches were rung on the bells he loved so well.

COLCHESTER RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred at Colchester on August 19th of Mr. William J. Schofield, who was 63 years of age and had been for many years a member of St. Peter's company of ringers.

On Tuesday, August 25th, at the funeral service, his brother ringers rang with the bells fully muffled the 'whole pull and stand.' Those taking part were Messrs. H. T. Pye, R. Cadamy, G. M. Rashbrook, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Dent, R. W. Stannard, W. Chalk and E. P. Duffield. At the graveside a short touch on handbells was rung by Messrs. Rashbrook, Dent, Chalk and Duffield. Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, was also present.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATED.**RINGERS' SOCIAL EVENING AT NETHERTON.**

On Saturday last, upwards of 20 members of the Dudley and District Guild met at the Bird in Hand for supper to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Green, of Old Hill, also the birthday of Mr. John Goodman and the wedding of Miss Mildred Sheppard and Mr. Don Secker. A bountiful repast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Prestidge (the host and hostess) in their usual satisfactory manner. After the tables had been cleared, the rest of the evening was spent in conviviality, Mr. John Goodman, jun., being unanimously chosen to act as chairman.

The only toast given was that of 'The health of Mr. and Mrs. Green,' with good wishes for many more years of health and happiness. Mr. Green suitably replied.

Mr. Prestidge announced apologies from Mr. Churchwarden Cole, who regretted being unable to be present; also from Mr. Samuel Shaw, an ex-warden of Netherton Parish Church, who was unable to be present owing to continued illness.

Hope was expressed that he would soon be restored to his usual health and be amongst them again. Mr. Prestidge was asked to convey this message to Mr. Shaw, with the sympathy and respect of the company.

It is interesting to learn that Mr. Prestidge has just completed 36 years as a member of Netherton band of ringers, for several of which he has been captain and towerkeeper.

Several members of the party made good use of the handbells during the evening by ringing changes and playing tunes upon them. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Goodman for ably carrying out the duties of chairman, to Mr. and Mrs. Prestidge for the excellent way they had catered and to the ladies who assisted in making the evening a happy and enjoyable one.

DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES IN HERTS.*To the Editor*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from Mr. H. J. Tucker, published in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' regarding a peal of Darlston Bob Triples rung at Ware on August 8th last, I regret that a false claim was made for it, but as this method, seldom rung, was then first rung for the Hertford County Association, I naturally assumed it was the first in the county. The peals mentioned by Mr. Tucker, although rung in Herts, were under the auspices of the Essex Association.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

I think you will find, writes Mr. W. A. Cave, that the handbell peal in the train, to which you referred last week, was rung between Paddington and Stroud (not Bristol) on the occasion of a visit of the Royal Cumberland Youths to Painswick. I should like to add to yours my congratulations to the six-bell bands that are making history in the ringing of spliced peals.

The first peals in the county of Argyll were rung on handbells at Mr. E. H. Lewis' Scottish residence last week, when Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson paid a short visit to the Western Highlands. Other ringing visitors were the Central Council Librarian and one of the handbell wizards from Oxhey.

Between the arrival of the Master of the Lincoln Guild and his wife on Monday afternoon and their departure early on Wednesday, peals of Bob Major and Bob Royal were rung, and when they left 34 fish went with the peals into the Surfleet bag.

Mr. Richard T. Woodley, of Lowestoft ('Young Woodley' we believe his friends still call him), celebrated his 77th birthday last Saturday. He has created a record by ringing in a peal on his birthday for the last six successive years, and, incidentally, on the same bell. Yes, he is still 'Young' Woodley.

Mr. Nolan Golden, who conducted the birthday peal, has rung his 300th peal for the Norwich Association for the second time! Since he recorded it on the first occasion a peal at Salle has been withdrawn by the conductor, Mr. C. H. Kippin.

In the report of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at King's Norton on August 22nd, the name of the ringer of the 6th should have been William A. Stote, not Stone as printed; and Mr. Stote's name should also have appeared, instead of Stone, in the report of the peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Chilvers Coton on July 27th.

The 'bachelors' party,' with two or three married men to keep them in order, are spending an enjoyable week in Somerset in quest, principally, of peals.

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It seems to me most unjust that a band of ringers, after working hard for three hours at a peal, tapping splendidly and delighting the ears of the listeners with good music, should suddenly be robbed of the honour, perhaps years after, because some 'nosey parker' has discovered the peal is false.

It makes one doubt whether any record of a peal can be accepted as true, and one feels like endorsing that modern beatitude, 'Blessed are they who are never found out.'

It is true the accepted definition of a peal is 'the true performance on bells of a true composition in any method of change ringing of not less than 5,040 changes,' but if a band have faithfully followed the calling of the conductor and have brought the bells into rounds according to the composition, they should have the credit of the peal, true or false, and claim the tablet.

J. MAURICE TURNER.

Moulton Vicarage, Northants.

VILLAGE BELL RESTORATIONS.

HOW BARRON BELL TRUST COULD HELP.

A Suffolk correspondent, who is also a churchwarden, writes expressing agreement with the leading article which appeared in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' with regard to bell restorations in needy parishes. He mentions instances in his own area, a poor agricultural district, of bells badly requiring restoration, where help would have encouraged local effort and make the carrying out of proposed schemes possible. As it is, the full burden of the cost is too great to be undertaken by the parishes concerned.

Our correspondent also complains of the conditions which are sometimes imposed upon Church authorities in having to preserve an ancient bell in the church; failing which the restoration cannot be carried out. Often, he says, these bells are cracked and have nothing to recommend them as ornaments, but because a parish cannot raise sufficient additional money to purchase a new bell, instead of recasting the old, the peal of bells in the tower has to remain in a neglected state, or retain a bell which absolutely spoils the effect of the rest, and often makes the restoration almost valueless.

He quotes the case of his own church, where there are four bells, but the second (undated) is so badly cracked as to be unusable. The fourth, a pre-Reformation bell, is nearly as bad. At present the parishioners hear, 1 — 3, cracked 4. 'Can you imagine the effect?' he says.

Quite recently a former Rector died and left £100 to be spent on the bells. But the authorities decline to allow the fourth, about 8 cwt., to be recast. If it is not left in situ, it must be preserved in the church, so a scheme to make the third the tenor, recast the second, recast the fourth into two trebles and make a ring of five is frustrated, as the provision of the additional sum required to provide the two new bells is too big a job for this small parish to embark upon.

In cases like these the Barron Bell Trust could be of immense help.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOUR.

BUSINESS BEGINS IN CO. DURHAM.

BY W. H. FUSSELL.

The peal columns of 'The Ringing World' last week reveal 14 successful attempts made in a programme of 15 towers that were visited in Durham and Northumberland during the octave August 15th to 22nd. It was practically 'Bennett's annual' ringing tour, with several old ringing friends making up the holiday party of 'twelve apostles' of the Exercise. Early in the year inquiry was set afoot in the area covered by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, when kind offers of welcome to the North were fully confirmed by the happy experience of the whole party on the tour.

Thanks to the assistance of Major F. A. Yorke and Mr. C. L. Routledge, respectively, the Cathedral authorities of Durham and Newcastle placed their towers at our disposal. Thanks also to Messrs.



DURHAM CATHEDRAL TOWER.

Peals in this noble tower are rare. The tourists rang the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells, after a narrow escape through the rope being jerked out of the tenorman's hands.

W. H. Barber and W. J. Davidson, a fine list of belfries to be visited was planned, and the latter gentleman further contributed to the success of the tour by kindly supplying each member of the party with a detailed programme that saved many anxieties and doubts as to 'where and when' and how to get there?

Day by day the routine went through without any serious incident—no broken rope, no absent towerkeeper and no interruption for wedding or funeral.

On several occasions during the week a telephone call from Jesmond Road inquired, 'How did you fare to-day?' and the usual reply was '100 per cent. up.' I began to think the whole team would return to their homes like the famous Cock o' the North.

Private cars from Wycombe and Shadwell Heath carried seven men and the railway the remainder, the whole assembling at headquarters, the Queen's Hotel, Newcastle, between 6 and 7 p.m. on Friday, August 14th. After the long ride through half a dozen counties (276 miles from London), we sat down to supper at 8 o'clock. The local Press had reported our coming in the 'Evening News,' and referred to men of '1,000 peals' and the Australian tourists that were with the team.

Mr. C. L. Routledge hoped we would enjoy our visit and provided refreshment, and was supported by Messrs. Keen, Barber, Davidson, Adam Deas and R. and J. Anderson. They kindly formed a 'quorum' so that eight of our visitors could be proposed for life membership of the Durham and Newcastle Association. The fees paid and copies

of the annual reports were exchanged and the election 'clinched' with a pair of Newcastle longs, as the hotel poker was too short to handle. After this business was completed there was mutual conversation ending only by threatening to send some of the new members 'home' for breach of training regulations. However, beds were taken by eleven o'clock.

On Saturday, breakfast at 8, away at 9, to Sunderland, which was reached at 10 a.m. We were met by the clergy and Mr. J. W. Parker, Messrs. Patterson, Taylor and the verger. The first peal attempt was successful, not without some risk of a failure, caused by two interruptions; first a note for the ringers was brought to the belfry. Was it illness? Were we to stop? Next two pressmen came anxious to interview the ringers in the midst of ringing Surprise Major! Those not ringing went to Whitburn Bay for a couple of hours and saw a huge cargo vessel, the 'Birkley,' stranded high and dry on the rocks, after a recent gale, and likely to become a total wreck.

A NARROW ESCAPE AT DURHAM.

Luncheon at Newcastle, and then to Durham Cathedral, reached about 4 o'clock (ten men in two cars). Mr. James Shepherd had cycled from Newcastle and had already 'kissed' the tenor before we arrived, but Mr. Simpson came late (delayed train service), and showed his affection for her in a more vigorous manner. I wonder how many 'fairy tales' these two men could tell us about some of the big bells they have tackled? We received a welcome from the Bell Major, Mr. H. Oliver, the steeplekeeper, and Major F. A. Yorke. And what a climb to the belfry of this noble Norman tower! And what a man's job to ring the back bells—on ball bearings—tenor 30 cwt., hung in a swaying mass of stone! Messrs. Patterson and Simpson, who have each turned her in to Major, do not seek to repeat the task. This was a good performance for striking, marred by a few blows, some half-hour before the end, caused by the tenor rope folding over the sally guide and wrenching the rope out of the ringer's hands. This he recovered in a marvellous manner and soon had the bell righted. On leaving the tower we were invited to the County Hotel for refreshment by Major Yorke, and were joined by Messrs. Barber, Keen and Pickering and our 'unemployed' four men. They were all highly amused to hear of Mr. Bennett's emulation of the Coldstream Guards after two hours' ringing. When the braces gave way he looked every bit a 'braw laddie' without the sporran. We sympathised with him in his efforts to hitch up the trews and carry out the 'full work in front' in Cambridge—very much Surprise—Major. The County was left at 9, the Queen's reached at 10, beds by 11 p.m. and our first day's work was done.

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'Thy pews have seen an everchanging life,
Yet on them, still, the chequered sunlight falls,
May vandals touch thee not, but keep thee whole,
That men unborn here, too, may find their soul.'

(Chester-le-Street Parish Magazine.)

Service ringing 10 to 11 and Cathedral service 11 to 12 occupied our Sunday morning. In the ringing room was a strong muster of ringers, the local men courteously standing down for the twelve visitors to ring Stedman Cinques. Other touches followed in which all took some part, conducted by W. H. Barber.

There is a bourdon bell of 5 tons 18 cwt. for the clock hours, erected in 1891, when the bells were restored and the old eight bells replaced by a heavier peal of ten. The trebles added in 1912 make an excellent job of the whole. An early peal record, printed on silk, is framed and dated December 8th, 1848: 'Rung on the eight splendid bells of this magnificent tower in 2 hours 55 minutes, being the quickest peal ever recorded, tenor 36 cwt.' This was composed by Thurstan, of Birmingham, and conducted by Stephenson, a pioneer of change ringing in Newcastle. It was the first peal on the bells since the Jubilee of George III. A similar peal was conducted by John Cox, of London, in 1842. I wonder what took him to Newcastle?

In the afternoon a pleasant drive to St. Margaret's, Tanfield, where the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major in County Durham was rung. During the journey the country scenery was 'relieved' by mountainous piles of coal slag, the accumulation of years, resembling in the distance Mount Vesuvius. We came to the conclusion that it would not be wise to send coals to Newcastle. Three hundred years ago these fields supplied the City of London, carried by sea, and one of its citizens, when leaving a charity to the poor of St. Olave's parish, specified the best 'Newcastle' coal. Who knows? Perhaps the Great Fire of London was started by a little piece of Newcastle?

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ON THE TYNE.

Don't be late in the morning was an unnecessary overnight request, and with a big day in front of them everyone turned out early on Monday morning. Breakfast at 8, garage, near Central Station, 9, and away by train and car to North Shields. Opposite our garage is an hotel named the 'Durham Ox' in large gold lettering. As Simpson happened to be beside me, I inquired if he felt envious? 'Not now. . . .' Arriving at Christ Church, we were met by local friends, who had nuzzled the bells in readiness for our peal of Cambridge Royal, and here I had the unique privilege of 'trebling' to the famous quartette of 'Georges,' elbow to elbow, in the peal. The Gofton band came here one practice night, scored the plain course

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LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL TOWER.

PROBABLY FIVE YEARS BEFORE IT IS COMPLETED.

The skyline of Liverpool Cathedral, writes a correspondent in the last issue of the 'Sunday Times,' has undergone a great change. A 250ft. temporary steel tower containing a passenger lift for the use of workmen has been completed alongside the unfinished vestry tower. The large single crane, which for years lifted the huge red stones of the tower into position, has disappeared, and in its place are two smaller cranes perched on top of the belfry.

The Vestey tower, named after the family who gave £250,000 towards its cost, has reached a height of 190ft., and the steel 'bridge,' which has to take the Cathedral's peal of bells, has now disappeared behind its rising masonry.

While the upper part of this tower piles skyward, workmen are engaged on the central space beneath. There is much work to be done on the western part of the interior, and 18 months or two years may elapse before it is possible to pull down the temporary wall that divides the part of the Cathedral now in use, the choir, the northern and southern aisles, and the north-east and south-east transepts.

When the present portion of the Cathedral is completed, it will be possible for 2,000 to be seated facing east, and hundreds more worshippers will be able to find seats in the four transepts. It is 32 years since the foundation stone was laid by King Edward VII. It will probably be five years before the tower is completed.

In anticipation of the installation of a ring of twelve bells, of which it is expected the tenor will weigh 4 tons, a reinforced concrete frame has been built into the structure.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S 'WEEK.'

The Cambridge University Guild's annual gathering is in progress this week. Those taking part met at Wokingham on Monday. On Tuesday they visited Reading, inspected the Jenkyn Memorial at St. Anne's College, Caversham, and also visited Sonning.

Wednesday's programme included ringing at Warfield, Windsor, Bray, Henley and Twyford: yesterday was spent at Oxford, and to-day the party are in Surrey, visiting Shere, Albury and Guildford.

ACCIDENT TO RYDE RINGER.

A most unfortunate accident befell Mr. Harry H. Flower, a member of the band of ringers at All Saints' Church, Ryde, who resides at Capra, Melville Street, Sandown, I.W.

About midday on Saturday he was returning home, and had almost reached his house when, in trying to avoid another cyclist and motorist, he applied his brakes sharply, and as a result was thrown off his bicycle and, in striking the stone kerbing, received a compound fracture of the left leg and ankle.

He was conveyed by ambulance to the Royal I.W. County Hospital at Ryde, where he is receiving treatment, and this will probably be his temporary address for several weeks.

When visited on Sunday, Mr. Flower was found to be fairly cheerful, and said, 'Things might have been worse.'

His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

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and rang a similar peal on the next Saturday, in the days of Whitley's glory.

North Shields and Tynemouth on the River Tyne are adjoining centres of industry, and it was good to hear of busy works and increased employment throughout the diocese. Our muffled ringing echoed the sympathy of the whole of Tyneside in the bereavement of His Worship the Mayor by the death of Mrs. Armstrong. At the same time, we felt sorrow for our conductor, Mr. F. Bennett, who had so recently suffered a similar loss.

Press and picture men invaded the belfry for 'copy' and we hurried across the road. Friends of the 1925 tour up North will be pleased to know the Old Hundredth Inn still carries on—ancient and modern—but we need not have hurried to get in by two o'clock (as they did), as the hour of closing is now 3 p.m. I could not help noticing during the week that Gabriel's 'lemonade' was always black and had a nice creamy head.

The old Parish Church of Tynemouth was the nave of Tynemouth Priory, from which the worshippers were shut out during the Commonwealth. During that time they met in a brewery at Chirton, belonging to Ralph Gardiner. On July 5th, 1688, the new church was consecrated by 'Ye Rt. Rev. Father in God, John, Lord Bishop of Durham.' The tower was built in 1786, and the first set of bells, six in number, was lost at sea. A second set was given by Mr. Joseph Storey in 1787. The church is at least the eleventh structure in direct succession from the little wooden church built by King Edwin on Tynemouth promontory in 627.

Monkseaton and Whitley Bay are all one; the place has grown remarkably in 12 years. The bay, with broad sands and safe bathing, is easily reached by electric train from Newcastle. We arrived late at St. Paul's Church owing to Carrick's refreshment cafe being crowded out with seaside holiday people taking lunch. We were met by members of the Giffon family and Mr. Stratford, and, when the bells had been raised, a good peal of London was rung, almost without Williams, he having gone a mile the wrong way for the church. Two in one day, George, at 79 years of age. Steady, boy, or you'll make James George and Robert Brundle awfully jealous of you.

(To be continued.)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BELL RESTORATION IN DORCHESTER BRANCH.

In glorious weather a very successful meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at West Lulworth on Saturday, August 22nd, and attracted a good number of ringers and friends. This place, with its noted cove on the Dorset coast, is looked upon as one of the beauty spots of England.

The bells (8), also those of Wool, were available from 3 p.m., and good practice was carried out, although some of the ringers found the light peal of six at Wool, hung on ball bearings, rather difficult to handle. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Sharpe). The chairman of the district (the Rev. A. W. Markby) read the lesson, and the address was given by that ardent change ringer, the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Vicar of East Lulworth, who took for his text, 'Whatsoever ye do, do it in the Name of Christ Jesus.' The preacher spoke of change ringing as a hobby and as part of the service of the Church. Some ringers, he said, thought of it only as a hobby which could only be pursued in the church because the bells were there. Others thought of it as only a part of the service and that it did not much matter what methods you rang or whether you rang anything but call-changes. Both these, he said, were wrong. The ideal ringer was the one who tried to be as proficient as possible in the art of change ringing and never lost sight of the fact that he was helping in the service of God's Church. He noted with pleasure that in the new district into which he had recently come there was a real spirit of devotion among the ringers and that the services at meetings were reverently and well attended.

Tea was served in the Reading Room, where 54 ringers and friends sat down. A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. A. W. Markby.

The secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) reported that he hoped to arrange a ringing practice at Abbotsbury and probably at Wyke Regis. There would be a meeting at Wool for the unveiling of the memorial tablet to the late captain, Mr. H. A. Runyard.

The Chairman gave the visitors a very warm welcome and expressed thanks to the Vicar, to the Rev. R. P. Farrow for his excellent address, to the lady helpers, to the local band and to their secretary for making such excellent arrangements.—This was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar and the Rev. R. P. Farrow replied.

The Ringing Master (Mr. P. Field) said he had been to Mappowder and had found the bells there were in a very dilapidated condition. They bore the date 1735, and he appealed to the Guild for support in putting them in good ringing condition.—The Secretary said he saw no reason why this could not be done, and quoted what had been done in Dorset during the past 25 years.

Mr. Field went on to say he had suggested to the Vicar that he should apply to the Barron Bell Trust.

After an interesting discussion, in which the Rev. R. P. Farrow stated amidst loud laughter that his bells also wanted to be augmented, it was resolved that the secretary write to the Vicar of Mappowder on the subject.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Bradford Peverell, Buckland Newton, Dorchester, Puddletown, Sydling, Stratton, Upwey, East Lulworth, West Lulworth, Wool and Wyke Regis. There were welcome visitors from Hazelbury-Bryan, Poole R.T.C., North Cadbury and Greenwich.

Both towers were visited after tea, and further good practice was obtained, the methods rung being Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire.

A MID-WEEK JOINT PRACTICE.

On Thursday, August 20th, a joint practice of the Dorchester and West Dorset Branches was held at Whitechurch Canonorum, near Bridport. This mid-week practice provided an opportunity for those members who cannot get off on Saturdays to attend the ordinary meetings. An excellent practice was obtained, about 20 members being present. The Dorchester and Lyme Regis bands were well represented. Mr. G. R. Cross rode from Twyford, Reading, to attend this practice, a distance of over 200 miles for the return journey. Other visitors present were Messrs. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild; H. G. Herrington, London; W. Marsh Pyle, Shepton Mallet; S. Long, Hollingbourne, Kent; and G. O. Woodley, Sidmouth.

The eight bells were raised at 3 p.m. and ringing continued until 5.30, when an adjournment was made to the Five Bells. Practice was afterwards resumed until 7 p.m., when Bridport was visited. There the practice concluded at 9 o'clock. Some members were overjoyed at ringing their first real touch (504) of Stedman Triples.

This was voted an enjoyable afternoon and evening practice on two very fine peals of eight. Whitechurch Canonorum is situated in the heart of Marshwood Vale, and the bells are heard to great advantage.

VETERANS' BIRTHDAY

As a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Elliott, of Kelvedon, Essex, there was some special ringing at St. Mary's Church on Sunday. For evensong a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung by N. Steed (age 14) (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Papworth (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, C. W. Burton 3, J. Elliott 4, A. Mason (conductor) 5, C. Button 6. After evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. Papworth 1, C. W. Burton 2, W. T. Elliott 3, J. Elliott 4, A. Mason (conductor) 5, C. Button 6.

JAMES BARHAM.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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Most of what we know about Barham is derived from a book which he wrote and in which he records the peals he and his band had rung, and other of their doings, with some comments on rival companies. In his old age he gave it to William Holland, of Leeds, and shortly afterwards it was in the possession of W. Laver, of Fulham, but in the course of time it disappeared. A copy was made by John Naunton, of Ipswich, in 1866, and that, too, is lost, but a transcript of Naunton's copy by Samuel Slater in 1867 still remains. It seems that Naunton did a certain amount of editing with the idea of making Barham's meaning clearer. During Barham's lifetime a broadsheet was published by Hall and Son, of Maidstone, giving a list of performances, and an imprint of it is in the British Museum. This professes to be 'a nearly correct copy,' but some emendations are said to have been necessary.

Once or twice the College Youths came in contact with the Leeds Youths. In 1775 the former lost a peal of Bob Major at Rye, after about an hour's ringing, and Barham's band followed them and broke down after ringing 4,768 changes of Kent Treble Bob. In 1770 the College Youths rang 5,056 Oxford Treble Bob at Sevenoaks, and the Leeds men followed it up with 5,184 in the same method. Barham says that the College Youths 'turned 5 bells out of course, which is not allowed.' Exactly what he meant is not clear. To say that the bells were 'out of course' was the same thing, in old phraseology, as saying that there had been a shift, and so it looks like an assertion that the London men got in a muddle and either called or forced the bells home. But that is hardly likely, for the College Youths' standard of peal ringing was a high one, higher than that of the Kent men.

Between Barham's band and the Wye ringers there was a great deal of rivalry, each claiming to be the leading company in Kent. On May 22nd, 1749, the Leeds men rang 5,040 Bob Major at Faversham, and 'the Wye ringers were here at the same time, but rang nothing to talk of at all.' In 1763 the others rang '5,184 Oxford Treble Bob on that celebrated peal of eight bells at Ashford. The truest and best ringing I ever heard for so long a time. Wye ringers at the same time was there and rang a short bit or two, but very badly indeed.' A match was arranged between the two bands to ring for half a guinea a man. In February, 1755, the Wye men visited Leeds. The local band rang 5,040 Bob Major in 3 hours and 10 minutes 'at the first trial,' and the others 'about 2,160 of the same peal though very badly.' Three months later the return match was held at Wye, when Barham's band rang a peal of Plain Bob, 'so we beat them both at home and at Wye, to the great dishonour of that company.'

In 1757 6,720 of Morning Pleasure was rung at Leeds, and in 1763 5,184 of the same method. In 1765 5,400 of Morning Pleasure Royal was rung. The method is a poor one, being Oxford Treble Bob spoilt by making thirds when the treble is lying full behind, and these seem to be the only recorded peals by any band save one at Ashford by the local band in 1768. In 1766 5,056 of Morning Exercise Major was rung at Leeds, and in 1775 5,184 of New Morning Exercise. Morning Exercise is Oxford Treble Bob above the treble and Cambridge Surprise be-

low. New Morning Exercise is probably Kent instead of Oxford. The method is very false, and it is certain that none of these peals was true, nor for that matter were any of the Treble Bob peals rung by Barham's band. Fulham Triples was another method rung, though it does not appear on the broadsheet.

A performance of more than usual interest was one of 5,088 changes of New Oxford Treble Bob at Leeds on June 5th, 1775. A note in the peal book says, 'and never rung before'; and this seems to have been the first peal of Kent Treble Bob ever rung. In 1784 peals of Kent Royal were rung at Leeds and Maidstone under the name of New Oxford. The Kent variation of Treble Bob was the one important contribution of Barham and his band to the development of ringing. It was taken to London, and, although the metropolitan ringers did not adopt it for many years, it was given in the 'Clavis.' Provincial bands in the Midlands and the North began to practise it, and in the early days of the 19th century it almost entirely superseded Oxford, except in the Eastern Counties, where the older variation continued to be almost exclusively rung on eight bells down to the close of the century. In the 'Clavis' it is called New Treble Bob, and Shipway was the first who printed it with the name Kent, but probably it was a title that the London ringers naturally and unthinkingly adopted from the place of its origin.

James Barham lived to a great age and died on January 14th, 1818, in his ninety-third year. He was buried in Leeds Churchyard, and his tombstone records that from the year 1744 to the year 1804 he rang in Kent and elsewhere 112 peals, not less than 5,040 changes each peal, and called the bobs for most of the peals. He actually rang two peals after the record was made, and his last was in 1813, when he was 88 years old, which is probably a record age for any peal ringer. In his ninety-second year he rang the treble to a touch of five hundred of Treble Bob Major.

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT ASHMORE.**APPRECIATION OF A BUXTON RINGER.**

It is with a deep sense of loss that I pen these few words of appreciation of the worth of Mr. Robert Ashmore, of Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire, who entered into higher service on August 20th. Of a cheerful and sympathetic disposition, he was held in high regard by all who came into contact with him.

Originally a ringer at Christ Church, Burbage, Buxton, he had for a long period been connected with St. Peter's, Fairfield, where, in spite of indifferent health, he was instrumental in bringing a young band to the stage of Spliced Minor ringing, and his helpful and kindly manner will be greatly missed in the Fairfield belfry.

He was a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild and had rung several peals under its auspices, his last peal having been rung on June 6th, 1936.

He was laid to rest at Fairfield on Monday week, and in the evening six fellow-members of the Chester Guild rang a half-muffled peal as a token of the respect and esteem in which he was held. C. K. L.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

MELKSHAM.—On August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Harold Smith (first attempt for quarter-peal) 1, S. R. Cockell 2, J. Jefferson 3, R. H. Legg 4, A. J. West 5, W. C. West (conductor) 6, W. S. Burbridge 7, F. G. Doddimead 8.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 22nd, at All Saints', 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. C. H. Connolly 1, R. Philpott 2, A. T. Greenwood 3, R. Overy 4, A. W. Myers 5, T. G. Myers 6, F. S. Bayley 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8. Specially arranged for the ringers of 5 and 6, who hail from Plymouth, this being their first touch in the method. It was intended to attempt a peal, but time did not permit.

GOUDHURST, KENT.—On Saturday, August 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Ralph E. W. Wenban (first quarter-peal and aged 15) 1, T. E. Sone 2, E. Bishop 3, W. Wenban (conductor) 4, L. Jarvis 5, W. Gorrings 6, J. Powell 7, S. Etheridge (first quarter-peal) 8.

AUGHTON RINGERS IN CHESTER.

On Saturday, August 15th, the ringers of Christ Church, Aughton, together with Messrs. Martin and Bennett, of Bootle, and Mr. Gil-mour, of Liverpool, journeyed to Chester in response to the kind invitation of Mr. Percy Swindley, jun. The party were met at the station, and proceeded to the Cathedral, where Mr. Swindley's father, as well as Mr. G. Sperring, Mr. Sam Jones, jun., and others, were waiting to assist with the ringing. Various methods were brought home in good style, and, after about an hour's ringing, 'Good-bye' was said to this peal of eight with the hope that at some future date there will be two more bells. The whole company then went on to Eccleston, where Mr. Jones was waiting with everything in readiness, and some good ringing was enjoyed on this tip-top ring.

After tea, steps were pointed to St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, and this was where the fun started. It is necessary to negotiate an up-right step ladder about 40ft. high to get to the belfry here, and at least one of the party would not try his hand as a human spider, so only about three short touches were rung at this tower before going to the other St. Mary's. This one is at Handbridge. It was here that the best ringing of the day was enjoyed, a touch of spliced Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Little Bob being rung in excellent style, and at 9 p.m. the bells were dropped in peal to bring to a conclusion a grand day spent round Chester with some fine bells and no less fine company. Messrs. Brown and company wish to thank all the towerkeepers and the friends who accompanied them to the various towers for all the enjoyment they had, and Mr. Percy Swindley will ever be thought of in connection with the day.

YOUTHS' HALF-DAY OUT.

Willesborough and District Youths' annual outing, a half-day run, provided them with an enjoyable excursion round about Maidstone. They first called at Boxley, where they were received by Mr. Gosling, and rang Treble Bob, etc., on the handy little six. At Snodland, the next call, the bells had been got up ready for the visitors by Mr. Wanstall, and an hour's good ringing was put in. Going on to Mere-worth, where Messrs. Saunders and Newman were waiting on the sidewalk, the bells were raised in peal, and further touches rung. After the bells had been lowered, there was a hunt for a missing hal, which was eventually found in the hand of another Youth, who is a 'part-time No-Batter.' Tea at the Torrington and then away through by-ways and hedges to East Peckham, where the Rector and some of the locals welcomed the visitors. Soon the fine old six were going in Oxford, etc., but whether it was the tea, the tomatoes or the tarts, no one can tell, but the ringing was not quite up to standard, and one Youth seemed more interested in Kate (or was it Margaret?) cleaning the brass, than in ringing. At Staplehurst the bells were rather a 'lumpy' lot for boys. Grandsire and Stedman were not so bad; but of the Major, 'nuff sed.' Home was eventually reached after an enjoyable round run of 70 miles, which included five towers visited and eight methods rung. 'Not so dusty,' says our correspondent, 'for Youths ranging from 13 to 70 odd.' He adds that the Youths wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents, towerkeepers and all who helped to give them such an enjoyable time.

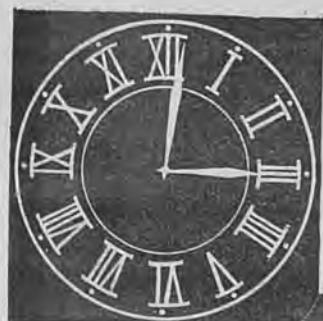
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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on September 29th; St. Magnus' on the 17th; St. Andrew's on the 10th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at 6 p.m. Special service at 7 o'clock to which ringers and friends are cordially invited. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Batley, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (1/6) at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christow on Saturday, September 5th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (1/- each).—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padibam on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stich, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The rededication of North Weald tower and bells, after complete restoration, will take place on Sat., Sept. 5th. Service at 3 p.m., conducted by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Southend. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise Mr. H. King, Brickwall House, North Weald, Essex, of their intention of being present.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30.—F. Ridgwell, District Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone (8 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. For tea please notify Mr. J. R. Brearley, Woodbine Villas, Deepcar, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, 221, Hanover St., Sheffield 3.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Tingewick (5 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton, on Saturday, September 5th. Usual arrangements for service, tea and meeting. Keevil bells available during the evening.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Great Yarmouth, Saturday, September 5th (12 bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at Foulsham's, Market Place, at 5. Names or numbers for tea essential. All ringers welcome.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Market Drayton, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meole Brau, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wonston (6 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. Barton Stacey bells also available. Service in the Parish Church at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney, at 5. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Farnham, on Saturday, September 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those intending to be present kindly advise me—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting Sat., Sept 5th, at North Muskham, Newark. Bells available 3 p.m. Gentlemen ringers welcome.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton, St. Michael's (8), Christ Church (6), on Saturday, September 5th.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 2, Cygnet Street, Wigan.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—Meeting tomorrow, September 5th at Haddenham, Cambs. Please come and make the meeting a success.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

FIRST NEWS, COPYRIGHT RESERVED.—Abbots Langley, Herts Association.—Saturday, September 5th. Bells open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Excellent bus service from Watford or St. Albans. Trains: King's Langley nearest station (1 mile). **SPECIAL.** The peal tablet recording the first peal by local band will be opened during the meeting.—C. H. Horton, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District), **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** AND **LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District) AND **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, September 5th, at Egham. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Ringing arrangements: Egham (8), 3 to 5 and after tea; Staines, St. Peter's (8), 3 to 4.30, and St. Mary's (8), 7.15 to 9; Wraybury (8), 3.30 to 4.30.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey; F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks; and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Bucks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Sunderland, on Wednesday, September 9th. Meet at Bishop Wearmouth at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. After tea meet at St. Ignatius. All ringers are welcome.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Maldon, on Saturday, September 12th. All Saints' bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. St. Mary's bells (6) available after tea. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, September 9th, certain.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dist. Sec., 7 Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford. (Please note change of address.)

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newton, Porthcawl, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Barnsley and Sheffield District Societies at Barnsley, on Saturday, September 12th, when the bells (8) which have been restored and rehung will be dedicated by the Bishop of Wakefield. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service of dedication and thanksgiving 3. Tea 5, by kind permission of Canon and Mrs. Hone, in the Rectory, and tickets for same (1/- each) will only be allotted to those who notify Mr. L. W. Garbutt, 79, Park Grove, Barnsley, by Sept. 10th (this is important.) After tea ringers are invited to be guests of Councillor J. Rideal, Councillor H. Potter and Mr. C. D. Potter. The towers of Monk Bretton and Silkstone will be available if required by visitors.—F. Clark, M. Wilson, A. Panther, Hon. Secs.

ANSTEY, LEICESTER.—Re-dedication of recast 6th, 7th and tenor bells by Bishop Willis on Saturday, September 12th. Service 3.15 p.m. Bells available afterwards until 9. Tea in Church Room; will those requiring same please advise me. Frequent buses from All Saints' Road, near L.N.E.R. Station, Leicester.—A. Disney, Dalby Road, Anstey, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas, St. Helen's on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. S. Burrows, 189, Exeter Street, St. Helen's. Special note: Canon Child will be present to say farewell to all ringers, as he leaves St. Helens at the end of September. Wigan Branch specially invited.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—By invitation of the Vicar the next quarterly meeting will be held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (at 9d. per head); those requiring please advise Mr. F. Terry, Farmer, Hemingbrough, near Selby, by Thursday, September 10th. Buses from Selby every hour.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Motcombe on Saturday, September 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Semley bells available during evening, also Holy Trinity and St. Peter's, Shaftesbury (½ hour each). For tea please notify by September 8th.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by September 8th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bunbury (8 bell-) on Saturday, September 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by September 9th?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Richmond (8 bells, tenor 13 cwt.) on Saturday, September 12th. Tea will be provided at the Bishop Blaize Hotel, at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, September 9th.—J. Reed, Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guiseborough, Yorks.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bickleigh on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification for tea by Monday, September 7th, to R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Poges on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available 2.30 to 5 p.m. Bus passes church for Slough 5.14 p.m., for tea, 1s. Slough tower (8) open 7 to 9 p.m. Buses from Slough station to Stoke Poges, 2.7, 2.49, and 3.19 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Miss K. Bradford, 19, Radnor Gardens, Twickenham, by Tuesday, September 8th.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The meeting will be held at Ramsbottom on Saturday, September 12th, when a good attendance is requested. Bells available from 3.30. Any person capable of handling a rope cordially welcome.—J. Porter.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Keyston, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held on September 12th at Todmorden Parish Church, bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Will members please make an effort to attend, and thus ensure a successful meeting?—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Snodland on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5. Send your card now to Mr. Cyril Wanstall, Pentire, The Groves, Snodland, if you require tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malt House, Egerton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Burton (6 bells) on Saturday, September 12th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. L. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield & Stockport Branches.—Special joint meeting at Macclesfield Parish Church (12 bells) on Saturday, September 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For tea please inform Mr. W. Stevenson, 102, Paradise St., Macclesfield. All welcome.—C. Kenneth Lewis, Joint Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sunday, Sept. 6th, at 10.15 a.m., St. Clement Danes, Strand. Practices on September 14th and 28th at 7.30 p.m. at St. Clement Danes and St. Mary, Lambeth, on Sept. 29th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern and North West Divisions.—A Wednesday meeting will be held at Dunmow on Wednesday, September 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. and those intending to be present kindly advise Mr. W. H. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

THORNCOMBE, SOMERSET.—The ring of 5 (tenor 19 cwts.), rehung in a new frame and tenor recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury, on Thursday, September 17th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burstow, on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, by kind permission of the Rector at 5.30. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 15th. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting is at Salle on Saturday, September 19th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.45 at The White Horse. Service, probably, at 4.15. The presentation of gifts to me on the occasion of my marriage will take place at this meeting, and I hope as many as possible will be present.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Codshall on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. M. Spinney. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports are ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, September 15th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Gestingthorpe, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please let me know by first post Wednesday, Sept. 16th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The delayed Summer meeting will now be held at Hanbury on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector; 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify me by Tuesday, September 15th.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., Grange Cottage, Hawford, Worcestershire.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Escrick, nr. York, on Sat., September 19th, when the bells (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening until 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held at the Village Institute at 4 p.m. Tea (1/6) at the Black Bull Inn at 5 p.m., and it is most important that all who intend to be present should notify Mr. Anderson, Black Bull Inn, Escrick, nr. York, by Tuesday, September 15th. The general meeting will be held at the Village Institute immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, nr. Rotherham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Alderton on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, kindly given by the Rector (Rev. J. C. L. Raikes), at 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by September 16th?—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—An open meeting on Saturday, September 19th, in connection with the rehang of the bells, commencing at 3 p.m. Tea, provided free to those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Staveley, Chesterfield, by September 17th. All ringers welcome.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—There will be a general meeting at Hinderclay on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also Redgrave, Rickingham (Supr.) and Hopton (6), as well as Wattisfield, Hepworth, Market Weston, and Thelvetam (5). Tea at the school, free to all sending word by September 15th. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Cambridge on Saturday, September 19th. St. Bene't's (6) available from 3 p.m., Great St. Mary's (12) 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Service at St. Bene't's 4.30 p.m. followed by meeting. Please make own arrangements for tea. I would like all outstanding subscriptions to be paid at this meeting. Visitors heartily welcomed.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

ST. DUNSTON'S, CANTERBURY, KENT.—The rehung peal of 6 bells will be dedicated by Bishop Bidwell, on Saturday, September 19th. Service commences at 3 p.m. All ringers will be given every opportunity of trying these bells after the service and during the evening. Book this date, no further announcement will be made. Own arrangements for tea.—B. J. Luck, 25d, New Dover Road, Canterbury.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GLOUCESTER.—The ring of 10 (tenor 20 cwts.) restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated on Sunday, September 20th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held in Worcester on Saturday, September 26th. Tickets (3s. each) are now available and may be obtained from the dinner committee, branch officers, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Greyhound, High Street, Croydon, on Saturday, October 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. St. Peter's bells (10) available from 3.30. Tickets, 5/- per head, are available from members of the committee or the Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. E. G. Talbot, 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon. Applications (with remittance) should be made as soon as possible, in any case not later than 26th inst. Please bring your friends, etc.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will all Branch Secretaries and members generally please note that the Hon. Treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is now Mr. Arthur D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, near Slough, Bucks.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

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