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The problem which the Central Council has to face in publishing comparatively expensive books for the benefit of the Exercise is no easy one to solve. The Council is, at the moment, confronted with the re-issue of several of the lesser volumes which are out of print, as well as with a revised edition of the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' which should shortly be ready for sale. On the top of this is the 'Collection of Surprise Major Methods,' which was prepared by the Methods Committee at the Council's request, and is waiting for publication. At its last meeting the Council invited the associations to share in the initial expense of production up to one-half of the cost, as a sort of guarantee, and this method of putting the volume on the market has met with general approval. Indeed, some of the affiliated bodies have already promised a grant. It was not the intention that any fixed sum should be voted until some kind of proportionate amount had been arrived at, but those associations who have as yet dealt with the matter have set a fairly generous example, and if the rest of the affiliated societies do no less, the financing of this particular volume should give the Council no anxiety.

In a matter of this kind there ought to be no association or guild unprepared to shoulder the small monetary responsibility involved, because they will receive equivalent value in the number of copies of the book they will receive for sale to their own members. It should not be forgotten that, while the Council is the body which undertakes the issue of these many advisory and technical publications, it does so not for its own benefit—actually it incurs a loss on every copy sold—but for the benefit of individual ringers, the advantage of the associations, for whom it acts in a collective capacity, and the good of the Exercise as a whole.

A useful suggestion is made by the Rev. H. Drake, in a letter in another column, in regard to the Surprise Methods book. It is that it should be issued at a reduced figure to those who subscribe before publication, and that those who purchase afterwards should be charged the published price. This is often done in the case of books which have only a limited public—it was done in the case of the history of the College Youths, published by 'The Ringing World' last year. It is a means of gauging, to some extent, current demand, and it offers an inducement to keen readers and students to 'come in on the ground floor.' Up to the present the Council has been content to sell its various publications round about cost price. This, of course, is not an economic proposition, for there are not only numerous minor expenses which are not

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thus covered, but no allowance is made for the possibility of an edition being a drug on the market, such as the last edition of 'Glossary' and the remainder of the 'Collections of Peals' proved to be. The decision to charge a small margin over the cost of production in future is, therefore, well justified, but a concession to those who pledge themselves before publication to take a copy of this new work would only be in accordance with the policy adopted up to the present and would give the book a send-off which it might otherwise be unlikely to obtain.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

BERTIE J. HOWCHIN Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
RUSSELL W. CURSON 2	ERNEST WHITING 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	HENRY TOOKE 8
GEORGE MAYERS 4	WILLIAM CLOVER 9
ERIC G. BENNETT 5	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by N. GOLDEN.

First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells and by all except ringers of 6th, 9th and tenor.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

AND THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	*PERCY SWINDLEY 6
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
*FREDERICK HARTMAN 3	*HARRY PYE 8
*JOHN W. BEST 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 9
†THOMAS MATHER 5	†EDWARD PRICE Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by S. JONES, JUN.

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 5
JACK HOBDEN 2	*TOM MITCHELL 6
WILLIAM J. WEBB 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
*GEORGE APPS 4	RAYMOND OVERY Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

* First peal of Major.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lbs. in F.

*L. J. JOSLIN Treble	NORMAN F. GRINHAM 5
HIRZEL EDWARDS 2	†CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD 6
GEORGE GREEN 3	HARRY WARNE 7
WALTER DORKING 4	ARTHUR H. EVERETT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HIRZEL EDWARDS

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rang to commemorate the silver jubilee of the augmentation of the peal to eight.

**SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.
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On Friday, July 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	JAMES L. GRAY 5
JAMES E. SCOTT 2	*WILLIAM ROBSON 6
*CHARLES LEA 3	*JACK SCOTT 7
MRS. J. THOMAS 4	*RAYMOND KEDDIE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman.

PENISTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
WILLIE GREEN 2	*ERNEST BROOKES 6
*CLIFFORD ROBINSON 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
*ARNOLD COLE 4	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Composed by G. HARDY.

Conducted by D. SMITH

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JESSE HARRISON Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
MISS KATH. E. FLETCHER ... 2	*WILFRED EDWARDS 6
MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
*REV. R. F. R. ROUTH 4	*F. DONALD BOREHAM Tenor

Composed by REV. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

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

THATCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
MISS KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	JESSE HARRISON 6
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
GEORGE WHITING 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
ERNEST W. PYE 4	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal of London.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At St. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

*WILLIAM FARRELL Treble	*FREDERICK E. DUKES, M.I.E.T. 5
THOMAS MCMORRAN 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6
REGINALD GEORGE 3	JOSEPH E. ATKINSON 7
WILLIAM H. WILSON 4	ROBERT TAIT Tenor

Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

* First peal.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CYRIL F. TAPLIN Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
BERNARD S. NICHOLS 2	JAMES H. JARVIS 6
†FREDK. W. P. BROWNING ... 3	REGINALD H. JARVIS 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4	ARTHUR G. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD H. JARVIS.

* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD LUCK Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 6
EDWIN JENNINGS 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
*HAROLD V. FROST 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bell.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALI SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*RONALD G. BUGG Treble	WILLIAM A. ROUSE 5
†WALTER SOUTHGATE 2	*HARRY J. MILLATT 6
MRS. W. A. ROUSE 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	*ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' Mr. W. J. Nevard's 450th peal.

BROADSTAIRS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, THANET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	HORACE WHITEHEAD 6
ARTHUR S. BOAR 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 4	WALTER H. DOBBIE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

JOSEPH HALL Treble	WILLIAM BRAMMER 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	JOHN HASSELL 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
HERBERT A. MCKINNELL 4	NORMAN HEAPS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

Rung for the anniversary of the tenor ringer's wedding.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER... ..Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5
RALPH NARBOROUGH 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
RONALD A. SALTER 3	FRANK BRADLEY 7
HENRY HARRISON 4	WILLIAM L. RICKWOOD ...Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BARRETT.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

OWEN H. GILESTreble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	KEITH HART 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
BURLEY P. MORRIS 4	FREDERICK PAGETenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED JAMESTreble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD 5
EDMUND MOUNTER 2	JACK DAFTERS 6
*FREDERICK E. PITMAN 3	PERCY J. SPICE 7
SYDNEY HUMPHRIES 4	†BASIL F. GLAYSHER ...Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. SPICE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALLTreble	HARRY WILD 5
EDGAR WHITELEY 2	ALBERT PICKLES 6
ARTHUR SKELTON... .. 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM 7
HAROLD PEARCE 4	WILLIAM AMBLER... ..Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

The conductor's 100th peal.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITHTreble	ALFRED H. PULLING 5
ALFRED KING 2	HARRY SEAR 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	WALTER SEAR 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ...Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE & CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEYTreble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	WILLIAM T. BERSON 6
JAMES TOPP 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTSTenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by FRANK W. ROGERS.

First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells. This peal contained 2,560 London, 1,216 Bristol and 640 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 122 changes of method.

PEALS IN KENT.

The following peals were rung for

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

DEREK M. SHARP... ..Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	HARRY PARKESTenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

SELLING, KENT.

On Sunday, July 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. WASHBROOK'S No. 1.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PHILIP A. CORBYTreble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 2	DEREK M. SHARP 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	HARRY PARKES 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	*EDWARD WEBBTenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...Treble	HARRY HOSKINS 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
DEREK M. SHARP... .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	HARRY PARKESTenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

GEORGE A. NAYLORTreble	DEREK M. SHARP 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	HARRY HOSKINS 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 3	HARRY PARKES 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	PHILIP A. CORBYTenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. A. Graham, who was recently inducted as Vicar of Edenbridge.

BEXLEY, KENT.

On Thursday, August 4, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

EDWIN BARNETTTreble	HARRY HOSKINS 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	HARRY PARKES 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Elizabeth's birthday.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

On Friday, August 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARDTreble	J. WILLIAM UNWIN 5
WILLIAM SPICE 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
*JOHN E. SPICE 4	HARRY PARKESTenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Major.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4
*CHARLES A. BASSETT... .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS 5
HUGH MACKINDER 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal. Birthday peal for Mrs. and Miss Kitchenside.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. ARBON Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2	GEORGE BENNETT 5
JAMES BENNETT 3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT, JUN.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*E. ROBERTS... .. Treble	H. SUTTON 4
†A. CROSBY 2	E. BOFFEY 5
W. C. SUTTON 3	S. SUTTON Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SUTTON.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt. A compliment to the Vicar's son on his first birthday.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MISS C. MURIEL ORLEBAR Treble	BERT STANDEN 4
†CHARLES A. BASSETT 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
FRANK H. HICKS 3	FREDERICK BAKER Tenor

Conducted by WM. A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) London and Wells Surprise; (2) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (3) Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Single and Double Court; (6) Plain Bob; (7) London Surprise.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES E. BLACK Treble	WILLIAM OLDMAN 4
CHARLES W. WOOD 2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

HENLOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BRIAN SIMS Treble	C. HENRY HARDING 4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

The first peal of Norwich Surprise in the county and by the association.

LINCOLN, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's: (1) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Double Court; (4) St. Clement's; (5) Oxford Bob; (6) Double Oxford; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in A flat.

*KENNETH W. MAYER ... Treble	*WALTER TOMLINSON 4
*JOHN FREEMAN 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
*JOHN WALDEN 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal in eight methods. First peal in eight methods in the city of Lincoln.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: An extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

GEORGE A. ANDREWS... Treble	*MISS VIOLET A. FROST ... 4
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 2	*HARRY J. MILLATT 5
*MRS. W. A. ROUSE ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal in seven methods.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, August 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*JOHN MAYES Treble	†FREDERICK G. POPPY... .. 4
†VERA GOODERHAM 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
†LEONARD LOCK 3	†WILLIAM A. LOCK Tenor

Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

SHOTESHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 12 extents (four callings) of Plain Bob, and 30 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.) in G.

*SYDNEY FLINT Treble	*THOMAS SIMMONS 3
GEORGE MAYERS 2	ALBERT G. WARNES 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

SYDNEY FLINT Treble	*THOMAS SIMMONS 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	ALBERT G. WARNES 5
GEORGE MAYERS 3	*BERTIE J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 350th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

HEIGHINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 15½ cwt.

RICHARD BUSBY Treble	GEORGE W. PARK 4
WILLIAM OLIVER... .. 2	ROLAND PARK 5
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK HOOPER Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
*JOE READER 2	†RICHARD REECE... .. 5
CLIFFORD A. VESSEY 3	†HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE,

* First peal in seven methods and of Treble Bob Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

GEORGE BROOKER Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
HARRY BAKER 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 5
TOM SAUNDERS 3	JAMES POWELL Tenor

Conducted by JAMES POWELL.

First peal for the Hawkhurst Guild. Rung after the wedding of Miss Dorothy Bishop, only daughter of Mr. H. Bishop, a member of the local band.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 2,160 (No. 141 C.C. Collection) and four different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE W. FOGDEN Treble	FREDERICK W. BUDGEN 4
FRANCIS C. SHORTER 2	DEREK M. SHARP... .. 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 3	JOHN O. WELLER Tenor

Conducted by DEREK M. SHARP.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all except the tenor ringer, and first peal of Minor as conductor.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse College, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

GORDON W. LIMMER Treble	MARTIN A. BLAMEY 4
RONALD C. FOWLER 2	L.-CPL. P. H. TOCOK, R.T.C. 5
CYRIL A. BURGESS 3	GEORGE GILBERT... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At 'TRENTWOOD'

A PEAL OF SPLICED ORIGINAL, REVERSE, DOUBLE, GAINSBOROUGH, LITTLE & PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY... .. 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	JACK BRAY 7-8

Arranged by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in six Major methods by all the band and for the Guild. Every course was rung with one lead each of the methods as given above, and there were 377 changes of method.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 7th, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): D. Laud (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Bullock 2, A. W. Dix 3, C. J. Kazer 4, S. H. Hoare 5, H. G. Cashmore 6, R. G. Bell (conductor) 7, D. S. Pearson (first quarter-peal) 8. The first quarter-pealers are in their early 'teens.

PEAL NOTES.

A CLEVER HANDBELL PERFORMANCE.

There will be congratulations for the clever performance of the North Lincolnshire ringers who, on handbells, last Saturday rang a peal in six plain Major methods, all of which were spliced into every course. The methods were Original, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Gainsborough Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob.

Six methods spliced into a peal would be a good performance in any case, even if they were all constructed on the same basis, but the performance at Burton-on-Stather was not as simple as that. In Little Bob, of course, the treble only goes up to fourth's place. In Gainsborough it turns back on reaching 6th's, and to add spice to the mixture there were both fourth and sixth's place bobs with the treble concerned in the bob making in Original. As a handbell performance this must rank very high indeed.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the famous bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, as well as the first in Norfolk, in which all the band have been annual subscribing members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, was rung on Bank Holiday. All but three of the ringers, also, rang their first peal of Cambridge Royal.

Not too old at more than four-score years, Mr. W. J. Nevard, who recently restored the bells at his Parish Church of Great Bentley, Essex, rang his 450th peal on Bank Holiday at Great Holland, where, at the same time, both Messrs. U. W. Wildney and A. R. Andrews completed their 'circle' of the tower.

Twenty-five years ago the bells of Boreham, Essex, were increased to eight, and last Saturday a peal of Bob Major was rung on them to commemorate the silver jubilee of the augmentation. When the two trebles were added in 1913 the present 6th and 7th were recast.

Mr. Nolan Golden rang his 350th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association, of which he is hon. secretary, on August 4th at Long Stratton, Norfolk. It was the second peal which he and four others of the band rang that day.

The other was a peal of Doubles at Shotesham, Norfolk, the first peal on the bells. There are various opinions as to the weight of the tenor at this church. The Vicar estimates it at 19 cwt., the local ringers think it is 14 cwt., the conductor (Mr. Golden) puts it at 11 cwt.

By ringing the treble to a peal in seven methods at Thorington, Essex, on August 3rd, Mr. G. A. Andrews 'completed the circle' to peals in his Sunday service tower.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD'S FIRST PEAL.

A few months ago the Hastings and District Guild changed its name to the Hawkhurst and District Guild, and the first peal under the new title was rung on Saturday at East Peckham, Kent, for the wedding of Miss Dorothy Bishop, only daughter of Mr. H. Bishop, a member of the local band.

The Hawkhurst Guild is one of the minor organisations which operate on the borders of Sussex, Surrey and Kent, and do a good deal to keep alive interest in ringing in that area. The other societies are the Romney Marsh and District Guild and the East Grinstead and District Guild. The change from Hastings to Hawkhurst was made principally because of the limited number of towers within range of Hastings.

Some of the younger members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Limpsfield, Surrey, on Saturday.

Mr. William Ambler, of Queensbury, Bradford, rang his one hundredth peal on August 5th, when he called a peal of Double Norwich in Holy Trinity tower, of which he is hon. secretary. Nearly all Mr. Ambler's peals, more than half of which he has called, have been rung for the Yorkshire Association.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter's, Thanet, on August Bank Holiday, in which five members of the Dobbie family took part.

On the previous day the same band, or at any rate the majority of them, found by experience how difficult it is to ring a peal on a Sunday afternoon, when all Christians should be taking a siesta. They started out for a peal of Cambridge Major, but it 'went west,' because one of the band tried to get his Sunday afternoon nap in the second course.

Then they attempted Stedman Triples, and somebody else then went to sleep. So they tried Grandsire Triples, as being easier still, and, after an hour or so, apparently, they all went to sleep. Sunday afternoon was always a bad time for peal ringing, especially in warm weather.

The new band at Stoke Ash, Suffolk, are making good progress under Mr. E. F. Poppy, and four of them scored their first peal of Minor at the first attempt on August 4th at Thornham Magna, where they rang seven extents in three methods. Another recruit who took part was John Mayes, of Thornham, who rang his first peal. Years ago his father was an accomplished ringer at Thornham, but he lost his life in the Great War.

A Chester Guild band on July 30th celebrated the first birthday of the Vicar of Acton's son. They rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles and afterwards were entertained by the Vicar.

Mr. Daniel Smith, who is hon. secretary of the Barnsley and District Society, has called many peals on six bells, but it was not until last Saturday week that he conducted one on eight bells. This was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Penistone.

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FARTHEST WEST.

(Continued from previous page.)

The Irish Association has rung the 'farthest west' peal in the British Isles. On August Bank Holiday, a peal of Grandsire Triples was accomplished at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. It was the first attempt for a peal on the bells, which have been a ring of eight since 1673.

They have been recently overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the peal was attempted at the special request of Mr. W. E. G. Hewson, of Castle Hewson, Limerick. Mr. Hewson is not only a ringer, but also a great benefactor to St. Mary's Cathedral tower, and the band were sorry he was not well enough to be present. The peal served as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Wilson.

A peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at Ilkeston, Derbyshire, on August 2nd, was specially arranged for Mr. W. L. Rickford, of Thetford, Norfolk.

Another peal of Spliced Surprise Major by Mr. J. Topp, of Portsmouth, was rung at St. Mary's, Portsea, on August 6th, for the first time. It contains, in its full length, 5,120 changes, and can be reduced to 5,056 (in which form it was rung) by omitting three bobs and two leads of Bristol in the fourth course of any one of the five parts. Here are the figures:—

23456	M	W	H	Methods
35642	—	2	—	L C B L
32546	2	—	—	L B C L
36245	2	—	—	L B C L
26543	—	—	3	L C L B B
64352	—	2	—	L C B L
24653	2	—	—	L B C L
56342	—	—	—	L C L
62345	—	2	—	L C L B

Four times repeated. C=Cambridge or Superlative.

Nine methods were incorporated in the seven 720's of Minor rung at Glinton, Northants, on Bank Holiday.

Peals of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire Surprise were conducted by Mr. Harry Wingrove, of Beaconsfield, during the holiday. Four other ringers, including the Vicar of Beaconsfield, the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, rang in both peals, one of which was at Beaconsfield and the other at Thatcham. The former was a birthday compliment to Miss M. Wingrove.

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, of Ipswich, standing in a peal at Framdsen at the last moment on Bank Holiday, owing to the indisposition of Miss Sylvia Bowyer, rang what he thinks was his first peal of London. The composition, by Mr. C. J. Sedgely, was rung for the first time.

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A BUSY WEEK IN KENT.

(Continued from previous column.)

Mr. Frank Bennett got some of the Kent men busy last week. Just a bit of holiday ringing, we suppose, but it resulted in half a dozen peals. Kent was always a happy hunting ground for Mr. Bennett, who, although he lives at Brighton and has no bit of Kent within 30 or 40 miles, must have rung peals in as many hop county towers as almost any resident.

Mr. Harry Parkes took part with Mr. Bennett in all six peals, Edwin A. Barnett was in five of them and four other ringers were in the four rung over the holiday week-end. The second peal on Monday, rung at Edenbridge, was Mr. Bennett's 1,450th. There's only one other living man in front of him—Mr. G. R. Pye.

The peal at Bexley on August 4th was rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth. She was a subscriber to these bells.

The first peal of Norwich Surprise Minor in Bedfordshire and by the Bedfordshire Association was rung on Bank Holiday at Henlow. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Bywaters, one of the ringers at this church.

Mr. Harry Hoverd, of Dartford, Kent, although he has rung over 400 peals, rang his first peal in his native county of Oxfordshire on Bank Holiday, when he took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Chipping Norton.

The first peal in eight Minor methods in the city of Lincoln was rung on August 2nd at St. Botolph's Church. It was a birthday compliment to Kenneth Mayer, who rang the treble. Rung in 2 hours 32 minutes, it was the quickest peal on the bells.

Ringers from three counties, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Surrey, met at Dunstable on Saturday to ring a peal of Double Norwich Major for the Royal Cumberland Youths. The idea had been in the minds of some of them for five years or so, but it was only last week that it was acted upon, and Miss Evelyn Steel rang her first peal for the society, as also did Mr. W. J. Robinson, of Guildford.

It was the first peal by the Royal Cumberlands on the bells, but the College Youths rang a peal at Dunstable over 160 years ago. The Ancient Society rang the first peal on the bells on August 20th, 1776. It was a peal of Bob Major, conducted by Charles Purser.

Peals at Wrexham, in North Wales, are not of frequent occurrence, but a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung there on August 3rd under the dual auspices of the North Wales Association, to which four of the band were elected before starting, and Chester Diocesan Guild. It was a birthday compliment to Mrs. Mather, wife of one of the ringers.

The peal of Minor in seven methods rung at Hitcham, Bucks, for the Royal Cumberland Youths, on Saturday, was specially arranged for Corporal Tocock, of the Royal Tank Corps, who was home on leave.

John Taylor & Co.

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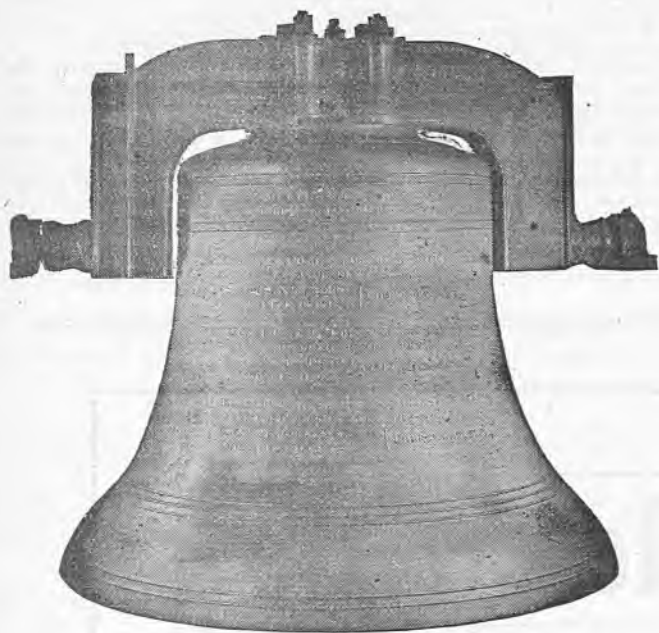
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A party of five ringers returning to Lincoln after a day in the Halifax district of Yorkshire on Bank Holiday had to spend the night at a watchman's hut, for their car broke down about 10 p.m. and they found themselves stranded.

Item, 'Guessing the weight of the Vicar and churchwardens, £1 3s. 6d.' This is not an extract from an ancient parish record, but from the balance sheet of a church fete at Surfleet recently.

Guessing the weight of a pig brought in over £3, but while you can eat a pig if you win it as a prize, you can't very well eat a vicar and churchwardens.

It isn't everybody who would cycle 143 miles just to ring at two fresh towers, but Mr. F. Hopgood (Wimbledon) did this during the holiday week-end, ringing at St. Mary's, Portsea, and All Saints', Ryde, Isle of Wight. This brought him to his 250th church. Last year Mr. Hopgood cycled to South Wales and rang at four towers there. To do this he covered well over 400 miles.

There will be no immediate need for the floor of the ringing chamber at Dunstable Priory Church to be tested as to its stability. Last Saturday, in the course of a peal, a well-known ringer went up with his rope at three separate times, in order to get his bell back into its place, and came down on the floor with both feet with such effect that any defect in the joists beneath the boards must of a certainty have been discovered.

The Somerset holiday ringing week resulted in four peals being rung and four lost. Over the first week-end the party numbered 22, but they were gradually reduced as the week proceeded until only nine were left. The peals rung were Cambridge, Double Norwich, Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

THE BOOK ON SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I elaborate my suggestions about the publication of this book?

First, that the subscription price be less than the published price. If the book can be produced for four shillings, let that be the price to subscribers, but on publication the price to be raised to, say, five shillings.

Next, that the associations obtain and send in, as far as they can, the names of those so subscribing.

Lastly, that the names of all those so subscribing be printed on a page at the beginning or end of the book. This would not only tell us to-day who are the people who are interested in these matters, but it would be something of historical interest to those who come after.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory.

AN OLD PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the peal of Bristol, stated to be composed by H. G. Cashmore, and published in 'The Ringing World' of August 5th, is an old peal of Treble Bob, by J. Patrick, which can be found in Snowdon's Treble Bob, Part II., page 86. The only difference is that Mr. Cashmore has started the calling at the 17th course of the original peal.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Dear Sir,—Mr. C. T. Coles informs me that the composition rung at Bushey on July 28th is a transposition of a peal produced by J. Patrick many years ago.

I am not surprised, as I had doubts as to its originality, although I did not know of the earlier peal.

This is undoubtedly the minimum number of calls for a Treble Bob method, although one could go much lower by using a Double or Triple-dodging hunt.

Watford.

H. G. CASHMORE.

THE OLDEST PRACTISING RINGER.

The distinction of being the oldest practising ringer brought, last week, letters calling attention to the fact that Mr. James George has one or two seniors in this direction, but Mr. George's claim, he tells us, is to being the 'most active veteran peal ringer' in the world. His old friends, Mr. Bob Brundle, of Ipswich, and Mr. Joseph Williams, of Newent, exceed him in age, but whereas they ring only one or two peals a year, Mr. George, for instance, rang 30 peals between May, 1937, and May, 1938, while only on the 13th of last month he rang the 7th to a peal of Stedman Triples at Burton-on-Trent, where the tenor is 28½ cwt.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

At Farnham, Surrey, on Thursday, August 4th, in celebration of the 38th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung by A. Hardiman (first in the method) 1, C. Wells 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8. The ringer of the treble belongs to the Alton band.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—31.

WALTER F. JUDGE.

The revival of ringing in Oxford in recent years owes a great deal to the enthusiasm of Mr. Walter F. Judge. From the early days of change ringing, Oxford has, from time to time, played a part in ringing history, if not in the towers of the city itself, by the ringers it has produced or who have resided there. In the intervals Oxford ringing has relapsed into the shadows, but now it is emerging again and is, in fact, in some directions excelling anything which the city has known before. While he was Ringing Master of the Oxford Society from 1930 to 1932, Mr. Judge revived the ringing in the city from a very indifferent condition to a stage where the society was able to provide well-rung Stedman Cinques for the Cathedral services. Now, as captain of St. Martin and All Saints' band, he has organised practices at which Spliced Surprise ringing takes place regularly.

Mr. Judge was born at Kidlington on November 16th, 1895, and learned to ring at the tower of his native village, where in 1899 the much disputed record peal of Double Norwich Major, composed and conducted by that giant of the Exercise, J. W. Washbrook, of Oxford, was rung.

Mr. Judge began ringing when quite a youth, and scored his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Kidlington on November 6th, 1912. Then came a break, and he did not ring another peal until 1919, having meanwhile served in H.M. Forces in the Great War.

His first peal as conductor was only his fourth peal in all, and in this he called a peal of Grandsire Triples at Kidlington on December 30th, 1922. Since then he has conducted peals on all numbers of bells from six to twelve, and among the peals in which he has taken part was the record 16,271 Grandsire Caters at Appleton on December 27th, 1932. Altogether Mr. Judge has rung 205 peals, of which he has conducted 120.



MR. WALTER F. JUDGE.

TYNEMOUTH BELLS RESTORED.

The bells of Tynemouth Parish Church were rededicated on Saturday, July 23rd, by the Bishop of Newcastle. The bells had been away to the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for cleaning and tuning and they have been rehung on iron headstocks with ball bearings and new fittings. During the service there was a procession into the churchyard, the ringers following the crossbearer from the chancel to the tower, where they broke away and went up into the belfry and rang the bells for five minutes, giving the congregation time to gather at the east end of the churchyard, where the service was concluded. The service was attended by the Deputy Mayor and several councillors, and an address was given by the Bishop.

After the service the bells were well rung until 9 p.m., many visitors taking part, including Messrs. C. L. Routledge, William Storey, J.P., H. Walker, John Anderson, J. Keen, C. E. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas. A social evening followed with refreshments at the Parish Hall.

During the week a thanksgiving collection was taken, and the Vicar (Canon Milner) sat at the church door on Saturday afternoon to receive gifts, the purpose being to clear off sundry debts upon the church and its mission churches. A total of £32 was reached. The money for the bells had been raised previously. There was general approval of the work done to the bells and satisfaction was expressed.

A DIAMOND WEDDING.

At All Saints' Church, Banstead, Surrey, for evensong on Sunday, July 24th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Burberry on the occasion of their diamond wedding: M. E. H. Pitstow (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Cheesman (first quarter in the method) 2, F. G. Woodiss 3, A. E. Cheesman 4, N. Hobden 5, T. Norman 6, H. N. Pitstow 7, A. J. Adams (first quarter in the method as conductor) 8.

DEATH OF MR. W. T. PATES.

RINGER AT CHELTENHAM FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS.
Conductor of Record Peals.

At the advanced age of 85 years, Mr. William Thomas Pates has passed away at Cheltenham. He was one of the leading ringers of the country at the end of last century, and Gloucestershire ringing circles have lost a notable figure.

Increasing years caused Mr. Pates to retire from active ringing in 1936, and a tablet placed in Cheltenham Parish Church, and erected only last November, bears permanent witness to his long service. It records that from 1873 to 1936 he rang in Cheltenham tower and for 45 years was Ringing Master.

Mr. Pates had played no unimportant part in the development of ringing in Gloucestershire, and the esteem in which he was held in ringing circles was manifested when the Central Council was formed in 1891 and he was elected one of the first honorary members. Three years later, however, he resigned. He had rung a considerable number of peals, many of which he conducted. Some of them were his own compositions. He rang his first peal in 1876 at Cheltenham Parish Church and was the last survivor of that band.

His first peal as conductor was a Stedman Caters record, Henry Johnson's composition of 13,054, which was rung at Cheltenham on May 21st, 1888, in 8 hours 16 minutes. Charles Hattersley, of Sheffield, a martinet in the matter of striking, used to declare that this was the finest peal he ever rang. Among others who took part were the Revs. C. D. P. Davies and G. F. Coleridge. In April, 1889, several of the same band put up a new record in Grandsire Caters. It was 15,227, rung in 9 hours 43 minutes. Mr. Pates, when he called this peal, had never previously called a bob in Grandsire Caters. That record stood until 1932.

BELLS AT THE FUNERAL.

A large congregation, including many representatives of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, attended the funeral service, which was conducted by the Rector of Cheltenham (the Rev. J. B. Goodliffe), and Canon J. Baghot-De la Bere (Vicar of Prestbury), on Saturday.

The hymns, 'The King of Love my Shepherd is' and 'Abide with me,' were sung, and as the cortege left the church Chopin's Funeral March was played on the organ.

In the course of the service, the Rector paid tribute to the service Mr. Pates had rendered to the Church over so many years through his gift of bellringing and leadership, saying that he had well conducted his means of proclaiming the Gospel.

Ringers who had assembled in the Parish Church tower were members of Mr. Pates' old band, assisted by Mr. J. Austin and Mr. S. E. Romans, of Gloucester, and ex-Sergt. J. Williams, of Newent.

Before the service they rang muffled touches, and at the graveside handbells were rung by S. E. Romans, J. Austin, ex-Sergt. J. Williams, W. Dyer and A. Handoll.

Returning to the tower after the interment, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (composed by Mr. Pates) was rung by the following: L. Williams (relieved by M. Bridgman) 1, A. Humphris 2, S. E. Romans 3, J. Austin 4, W. Brinkworth 5, W. Dyer 6, —, Harley 7, A. Handoll 8, ex-Sergt. J. Williams 9, S. Hayward (relieved by L. Williams) tenor. To conclude their tribute, the ringers stood and dropped the bells individually, the tenor being tolled 85 times, corresponding to the age of Mr. Pates.

The family mourners were Mrs. K. M. Clements and Miss Pates (daughters), Miss M. E. Pates, Mr. V. T. Pates and Miss Joan Pates (grandchildren), Miss E. Merrett (niece), Mrs. F. H. Pates (daughter-in-law), Mr. Pates and Mrs. W. Wright (cousins), Nurse Evans, Miss Southwood, Mr. A. W. Humphries, Mr. E. Treleven and Mrs. G. H. Hooper (friends), Mr. L. S. Webley (cashier, W. T. Pates and Sons).

The coffin, on which was placed a beautiful wreath in the shape of a bell, from his daughters, was borne by employees of W. T. Pates and Sons, and the cortege was headed by employees of the firm, who lined the entrance to the church.

Many representatives of Cheltenham organisations and business firms were present, and Mr. A. W. Humphris, who was among the mourners, had been a ringing friend of Mr. Pates for nearly 60 years. They first rang a peal together in 1883, and Mr. Humphris rang the tenor to the two record peals mentioned above.

Among the weaths were tributes from St. Mary's and other ringers, the Rector, churchwardens and friends of the Parish and St. Matthew's Church, and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London).

NINE DAYS TO A 'WEEK.'

A 'week's' peal ringing, organised by Mr. Frank Bennett, in Staffordshire and Shropshire, begins to-day, when the following towers will be visited. It will be noted that the week has been stretched to nine days.

Friday: Tettenhall.

Saturday: Penn and Walsall.

Sunday: Church Stretton.

Monday: Bridgnorth and Claverley.

Tuesday: Shifnal and Coalbrookdale.

Wednesday: Wombourn and Wednesbury.

Thursday: Broughton and Market Drayton.

Friday: Codall and Willenhall.

Saturday: Brewood and St. Luke's, Wolverhampton.

ON THE ROAD.

STORIES OF ENJOYABLE EXCURSIONS.

HOLBORN RINGERS VISIT LATE RECTOR'S GRAVE.

The annual outing of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild provided members and friends with an excursion into Surrey and Berkshire. Leaving Paddington by train, they reached Reading at 9.25 a.m. and transferred to a motor-coach, which took them on their country tour. The first call was Bagshot, where they were welcomed by Mr. J. Corbett, who had everything in readiness. Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung before going on to Aldershot. Various methods were rung on these light bells before adjourning to the Imperial Hotel for lunch. Here the party found the Rector of St. Andrew's and Mr. A. A. Hughes awaiting them. After lunch the health of the Rector was proposed and duly honoured. The Rector, in reply, said how pleased he was to be with the ringers and hoped to see them more often.

After a most delightful run through beautiful country, the ringers arrived at Grayshott, and after an hour's ringing, from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise, went on to Weston Patrick, where the late Rector of St. Andrew's (the Rev. E. C. Bedford) lies buried. Here they were met by Mrs. Bedford and members of her family. Proceeding to the church, a wreath in the shape and colour of St. Andrew's cross was placed on the grave and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. E. G. Fenn, J. C. Truss, F. C. Shorter and A. A. Hughes. The Rector of St. Andrew's offered prayers, and the hymn, 'Abide with me,' was sung to handbell accompaniment.

Afterwards Mrs. Bedford kindly entertained the visitors to tea, which was much enjoyed. Time passed all too quickly, so, taking their farewell, the party left for Basingstoke, where they met Mr. and Mrs. W. Hibbert. After the two rings of eight had been rung in various methods, the party returned to Reading, where at The Shades they enjoyed a social hour and discussed the day's programme, everyone being unanimous that they had had a glorious excursion. Paddington was safely reached at 11 p.m. This opportunity is taken of thanking all the incumbents for granting the use of the bells, also those who had everything in readiness at the various towers.

THREE TOWERS LEFT OUT OF NINETEEN.

The Lyme Regis ringers confined their attention this year to their own home county of Dorset and its Bournemouth border and had a very pleasant trip. Departure time was 7.30 a.m., and Dorchester was made the first stop, where coffee and cakes proved very acceptable. The first ringing of the day took place at Wool, an easy going ring of six (tenor 11 cwt.), before moving on to the ancient town of Wareham, where some time was spent in examining many points of interest both within and without the church, which is now one of three still existing out of 19 (so they say) in olden days. The bells are a good ring of eight with a well-furnished ringing chamber, but the tenor (21 cwt.) needs attention from the bellhanger. Here Mr. H. W. Saunders welcomed the party, and the Rev. R. P. Farrow looked in from Lulworth and took part in one or two touches. Lychett Minster, six bells, with tenor 11 cwt., was next on the programme. The fifth has to be rung on the stairs, but that handicap did not interfere with the accomplishment of a good course of London Minor. Bournemouth was reached in time for luncheon, and after that the party dispersed for the afternoon to visit the shops and other numerous attractions, meeting again for a late tea as the prelude to sampling the choice towers on the evening programme.

The fine restored ring at St. Peter's (tenor 20 cwt.) came first, the visitors being warmly welcomed by Messrs. A. Davis, H. Mitchell, P. Whetham and others. The ringing here was much enjoyed and the tower was left reluctantly, but St. John's, Surrey Road, had to be fitted in, and, as it was, the arrival there was behind time. This musical ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.) provided some good touches, and then the final move was made to Poole, where there is now a delightful ring of ten (tenor 18 cwt.) and a most enthusiastic band, many of whom, including Messrs. F. Townsend and J. Davis with their Rector, were waiting to welcome the party. The assistance of the local ringers in touches here was much appreciated, as it enabled the visitors to taste the joy of Caters and Royal, in which they rarely have the opportunity to participate. Home was eventually reached at midnight and concluded one of the happiest outings in the records of the Lyme Regis Guild, splendid weather favouring them the whole day.

The members who took part wish to express their truest thanks to all the incumbents who so readily granted permission to ring, and also to the ringers in the various towers for their very kind arrangements and their most sympathetic welcome and help. The methods rung during the day included London Minor, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Minor, Major and Royal, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Cambridge Minor and Major.

A NOBLE CHURCH.

A very happy party of 26 joined in the annual outing of the ringers of St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, under the leadership of the genial Ringing Master, Mr. H. R. Cobbin. They set out for Holbeach, via Melton Mowbray, Oakham, Stamford, Market Deeping and Spalding, passing through lovely country, including the magnificent scenery of the Vale of Belvoir. Courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on the way, and with just a stop for a 'snack' en route, Holbeach was reached at 11 a.m. The bells at the Parish Church were found to take a little handling owing to the long draught of rope, but some good touches of Triples and courses of Major were rung.

After lunch at Surfleet, where the visitors were joined by Mr. R. Richardson, and ready sale of coupons, there was ringing at Pinchbeck, where the Ladies' Guild were holding a meeting. The return journey was begun after tea at Surfleet, the party making for Bottesford, via Donington and Grantham. On arrival they were met by the Vicar and Messrs. A. Ward and J. Kirton.

Bottesford Church is truly a magnificent structure, both internally and externally. The noble proportions of the interior and the particularly graceful octagonal pillars of the aisle arcades are chief points of its grandeur. The church contains a large number of monuments commemorating deceased members of the families of De Roos and Manners. The eight Earls of Rutland from 1543 to 1679 are represented by effigies in the varieties of armour and costumes which succeeded one another.

The tower, 87ft. high, stands out nobly from the church, and is capped by an octagonal crocketed spire rising another 123ft. There is a noble peal of eight bells, the tenor of 22 cwt. bearing the inscription:—

The fleeting hours I tell; I summon all to pray.

I toll the dead man's knell, and hail the festal day.

This peal was made full use of during the 45 minutes' stay, during which Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung. Later a call was made at Whatton-in-the-Vale, where a convivial hour was spent in singing and handbell ringing, and the party arrived at Nottingham at 10.30, having spent a most enjoyable day.

The ringers wish to thank the incumbents at the different churches for the use of their bells, and all those gentlemen who had everything in readiness.

ESSEX RINGERS IN SURREY.

The ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, visited Surrey when they had their annual outing. Accompanied by the Vicar, churchwardens and some friends, 35 in all, their first halt was made at Barking; then on to Mitcham (Surrey), where some very nice bells were set going to Treble Bob Major, three of the local band being at the church to meet them. Then they visited the bell foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at Croydon and were received by Mr. Stevenson. The inspection of the foundry and of the work in progress proved to be very interesting.

In the afternoon they were met at St. John the Baptist's Church by Mr. D. Cooper, and the very fine bells were set going to Grandsire and Treble Bob. Going on to Mersham, where they were met by three of the local company, some very nice Minor ringing was enjoyed. In the evening they visited Redhill, where they were again met by members of the local company, and then to Reigate, where the finest pull of the day was experienced. Once more there were three local men to meet them. The ringers much regretted the absence from the party of Mr. B. Webb, a member of the local company, who was in hospital awaiting an operation and therefore unable to join them. The ringers would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of the bells and having all in readiness.

CHESTER GUILD AT SHREWSBURY.

What has now come to be looked upon as an annual outing by members of the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild took a party of 30 ringers and friends this year to Shrewsbury. The first stop was made at Wem, where the handy ring of eight was made good use of, and at the next halt, Clive, the beautiful, heavy ring of six gave delight to everybody. After tea at Boots' Cafe, Shrewsbury, Mr. W. Bibby proposed a vote of thanks to the 'mainspring' of the party, Mr. Cecil Raddon, for his untiring enthusiasm and the able way in which he made the arrangements for the trip. This was agreed to by acclamation. The ringing concluded on the fine twelve bells at St. Chad's Church. The towers represented were Grappenhall, Frodsham, Daresbury, Runcorn, Witon, Davenham and Farnworth.

VISIT TO WEST OXFORDSHIRE.

St. Michael's, Tilehurst, ringers visited West Oxfordshire for their outing. The outward journey was made via the Berkshire Downs and Vale of the White Horse, returning through Abingdon. Ringing took place at Clanfield, Bampton, Burford and Buckland, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, with rounds for the beginners. The party consisted of 20 ringers and friends, accompanied by the Rector (the Rev. F. G. Sherwood). Tea was partaken of at Burford. A fine day and easy going bells contributed to the success of the outing. Thanks are due to the various steeplekeepers who had the bells ready, and the incumbents for the use of the bells.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

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A HALF-DAY IN 'ZUMMERZET.'

A party of about 50 from the churches of Mangotsfield and St. Ambrose, Bristol, combined for their annual outing. They went by motor-coach to Wells, where they rang the Cathedral bells before evensong; then on to Glastonbury for tea, after which Burnham-on-Sea was visited, where the bells were made good use of. Those not interested in ringing were treated to a real Burnham 'Sou' Wester, which nearly blew them off the Esplanade. On the homeward journey a call was made at the Ringers' Hostel at Wrington, where 'mine hostess' had prepared an excellent supper, after which the all too short time remaining was spent in playing skittles and a 'sing-song.'

IN THE 'FRUIT COUNTRY.'

Saturday, July 23rd, and the Willesborough and District Youths set sail for a cruise in the 'fruit country' on their eighth annual half-day. At Upchurch the bells were raised in peal and kept going in various methods for an hour. Then around backways and by-ways to Bobbing, where is quite a musical little six, which apparently know quite a number of methods. Another hour's good ringing and away up hill and down dale to Milton Regis with its fine old tower; up the stony way to the ringing chamber and a nice lot of bells well spread out. No fear here of knocking your elbow or poking your fist through the other fellow's rope. Forty minutes' good ringing, a peep at the bell frame and then to Teynham Vicarage Church Fete for tea. A look round the sideshows, some trying to find the hidden treasure, others having a smack at the cats, some round the dart board, etc. Afterwards to the tower to sample the little six. Boughton-Blean was the last call. The handy little bells were raised in peal and an hour's good ringing enjoyed. The Stedman, Kent and Grandsire were really good for 'a bundle of six bellers.' Seventy miles' run through delightful country, five fresh towers, bells all in good going order, nine methods, made up an enjoyable outing, which was not so bad for youths ranging from 15 to 75. They wish to thank the incumbents, the tower secretaries and all who helped to make the arrangements, especially the Vicar, Mr. Page, and the good ladies at Teynham.

ANOTHER KENTISH TRIP.

The ringers of St. Bartholomew's, Bobbing, and St. Margaret's, Rainham, combined for their annual outing, and, with their wives and friends, visited Folkestone and East Kent. The party left Rainham soon after 8 a.m. by motor-coach, and called first at Eastwell, where they were met by the Vicar. The next stop was at Cheriton, where they were received by a former ringer. After lunch in Folkestone the ringers visited the Church of SS. Mary and Eanswythe, where they found a good going peal of eight. At New Romney they were welcomed by two ringers, and afterwards went on to tea at Dymchurch. On the homeward journey a call was made at Woodchurch and Smarden, where they were greeted by Mr. F. Macey, an old friend, Rainham being reached at 11.30 p.m. after a very enjoyable day. The ringing during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Minor, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. The ringers, through 'The Ringing World,' would like to thank all incumbents for the use of the bells, also the ringers who assisted them.

OUTING FIRES LEARNERS' ENTHUSIASM.

The St. Mary the Virgin, Putney, Society is fortunate at present in having many learners among its members, and these appeared to a man to participate in the annual outing for the first time. With a neighbouring Ringing Master, Assistant Ringing Master and a district secretary as guests, a 20-seater coach was filled, and a course set for Godstone, Surrey. The church is situated in a quiet backwater, away from the roar of the main road traffic to the seaside, and an hour's ringing enjoyed, in fact one conductor would have liked to have started for a peal then and there.

Edenbridge (Kent) was next on the list, where the visitors were met by two local stalwarts and had another hour's ringing. Then on through the beautiful Ashdown Forest they reached Uckfield (Sussex). At the Bell Hotel a hot lunch awaited the party, after which a move was made to the belfry for an hour. Whilst ringing was in progress a thunderstorm broke and caught the wives while busy shop-gazing.

Due at Burgess Hill at 4 o'clock, the excursionists were a little early, so the enthusiasts watched a cricket match on the spacious common for a time. When ringing commenced, Mrs. F. I. Hairs put in an appearance and recalled old times at Fulham tower. Even the lady's persuasion would not spur her who never attends a practice at Putney to attempt a touch of Double Norwich. After tea in the Parish Hall, at which Mrs. Hairs joined the party, the journey was resumed on the somewhat long run to the charming village of Shere, where some of the ringers found refreshment very cheap.

All the bells rung during the day were good going eight, and if the ringing was only confined to simple touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major, with plenty of rounds for the learners, the outing was worth while in that the latter had their first opportunity of ringing in strange towers, and were fired with determination to master the methods and be more useful on the next outing. The best thanks are due to the incumbents for permission to ring, and to the local ringers who met the party at the various churches.

190 MILES THROUGH SIX COUNTIES.

The outing of the Hillingdon ringers this year was their thirteenth. The superstitious may have expected the worst, but all the efforts of the Evil One resulted in but one mishap, a broken stay! Some six towers and six counties were visited, 190 miles covered, occupying nearly 15 hours of carefree enjoyment. What a blow-out at Lewes! Mrs. Muzzell knew the voracity of ringers for 'vittals' and catered accordingly. Outing secretaries might do well to remember the name—The King's Head, Southover. The Angel at Petworth, too, is another place where a man may obtain a proper satisfaction for his hunger. At least two dozen did on this particular day! The bells rung during the day were all very good, East Grinstead (8), Fairwarp (8), and what a grand view from the top of this tower, Lewes (10), Shoreham (8), Petworth (8) and Haslemere (10), and some wonderful trebles here). The weather was mixed, but no interference with the programme occurred. Altogether a very enjoyable trip, for which the travellers offered their thanks to the 'secretary bloke.' He was rewarded by being taken home to his very door. In case this sounds suspicious, it would be as well to state that his wife was with him!

A PEAL IN SIX PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

INTERESTING COMPOSITION BY G. E. FEIRN.

On handbells at Burton-on-Stather, Lincolnshire, on Saturday, a peal was rung in six spliced plain Major methods. Every course had a lead of Original, Reverse, Double, Gainsborough, Little and Plain Bob, and the following composition, by Mr. G. E. Feirn, was used:—

23456	3	4	5	6
65324	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—

Five times repeated, with S at 5 instead of B in 8th course of 3rd and 6th parts. Three courses must be inserted in one part, by calling S at 6 in 5th course, thus:—

63254	3	4	5	6
42653	—	—	—	S
26453	—	—	—	—
64253	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	S

The calls in Original are 6th place bobs.

A RINGER'S FAILING.

HUDDERSFIELD ASSOCIATION COMPLAINT.

The July meeting of the Huddersfield and District Association was held at Heptonstall on the last Saturday of the month. There was a fair attendance of members from Lindley, Longwood, Elland, Brighouse, Rippenden, Sowerby, Halifax (All Souls') and the local tower.

A short service was held prior to tea, conducted by the Vicar of Heptonstall. The president of the association, the Rev. T. Mathieson, read the lesson.

There was a 'gorgeous spread' for tea, and the ringers did full justice to it, but it speaks badly for the ringers when the local secretary announced that only three applications for tea were made. This state of affairs, says the secretary, really must not continue, as it makes it very difficult for the local ringers and for those who very kindly undertake to cater.

At the business meeting, with the president in the chair, the practice meetings for the ensuing month were arranged to be held at All Souls', Halifax, on Wednesdays, where the method will be Kent Treble Bob, and Lindley on Tuesdays, with Stedman.

Ringing continued throughout the evening and several good touches were brought round.

RINGER FOR SIXTY-TWO YEARS.

The death occurred on August 1st at Pirbright, Surrey, of Mr. Daniel Cheesman, who was a ringer at Pirbright Church for 62 years, and verger for over 50 years. He was 80 years of age.

The funeral took place on Thursday of last week, when the bells were rung fully muffled before and after the service. The local ringers attended, and Mr. W. Cope (hon. secretary of the Guildford District) represented the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which Mr. Cheesman was a foundation member, having previously been a member of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild.

On Sunday evening, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled in his memory: Miss P. Sayers 1, Miss K. Avenell 2, J. Avenell 3, J. Thompson 4, F. Cherryman (conductor) 5, H. P. Sparks 6.

COLLEGE YOUTHS ABROAD. A CORNISH HOLIDAY.

Three country members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, together with the wife of one and the parents of another, recently spent a most enjoyable week in Cornwall. The visit was not intended to be a ringing tour, but the party hoped to ring in a few towers in the evenings, and through the kind assistance of Mr. C. E. Lanxon one peal attempt was arranged. The latter failed, after 50 minutes' ringing, owing to a shift course, in which one of the visitors, who should have known better, was involved.

Nine towers in all were visited, including Truro Cathedral and St. Mary's, Penzance, where the tenor was rung by the above-mentioned ringer's wife, who had not touched a rope for four years, but who proved the soundness of her early training by the stylish way in which she rang her bell.

Sennen, the farthest west, and Landewednack, the farthest south, were among the other towers 'bagged,' and the only disappointment of the week was at St. Buryan. Permission to ring was readily granted at the Rectory, and the party were informed that there were five bells in the tower. Only four, however, were to be found in the belfry, and there were, alas, no ropes!

One experience the visitors will remember all their lives. They had the great privilege of ringing, both on hand and tower bells, with Dr. John Symons, a fellow-member of the Ancient Society, who called the first peal ever rung in the Duchy, and whose keenness and interest in all matters appertaining to the art of ringing put to shame many a younger member of the Exercise.

None of the programme could have been carried out without the kind co-operation of the members of the Truro Diocesan Guild, some of whom travelled many miles in order to make up a band. The visitors would like to take this opportunity of thanking them most heartily, and in this connection would particularly mention Miss E. Symons, Mr. P. Williams and Mr. P. J. Hitchens.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Billingshurst on Saturday, when members attended from Arundel, Brighton, Chichester, Heene, Lymminster, Lower Beeding, Rudgwick, Storrington, Shipley, Twineham, Warnham, West Grinstead and the local band. There were also three visitors from London and Surrey. Although the weather was hot, there was plenty of ringing during the afternoon and evening.

The service was conducted by the Rev. S. Fraser in the absence of the Vicar.

At the business meeting following tea, a vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the organist who came three miles for the service, and to the local band for the arrangements they made to make the meeting a successful and enjoyable one.

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NOTICES.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation. Everybody welcome, but please notify for tea if possible.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Rainford on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, for which a small charge will be made, at 5 p.m., for which please notify Mr. P. Shaw, 36, Church Road, Rainford, near St. Helens.—S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — A meeting will be held at Happisburgh on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please be sure to send names or numbers, as it is important this time. Buses leave Norwich and Yarmouth.—J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Drayton on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Postcard for tea, please.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burghclere on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Rectory. Business meetings follows.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Wragby, near Wakefield, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, 5 p.m. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, August 14th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. Every ringer welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for August, at 7.30 p.m.: *St. Paul's Cathedral, 16th; St. Magnus, 18th; Southwark Cathedral, 23rd; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 30th.—*Business meetings afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Burrington on Saturday, August 20th. The bells will be available throughout the evening from five o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20th, at Leesfield, Oldham. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please do your best to attend. You are very welcome.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec., 35, Thackeray Road, Derker, Oldham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Newton, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bishampton on Saturday, Aug. 20th. The tower has recently been repaired and the bells rehung by Taylor & Co. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley St. Mark's on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 20th. Tower open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A combined meeting of the Fylde and Preston branches will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5.30, 1s. each. Ringing visitors to the Fylde coast heartily welcome.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., A. Blogg, Preston Branch Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bethersden on Saturday, August 20th. Bells ready 3. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Woodchurch (6 bells) on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence (6 bells) on Saturday, August 20th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD (Chippenham Branch) will hold their monthly meeting at Grittleton on Saturday, August 20th, at 3 o'clock. Sir Audley Heeld will kindly open his gardens to ringers and friends. Visitors please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, August 20th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please advise Mr. H. Tyson, 9, Crescent, Tanfield Lea, Newcastle-on-Tyne, not later than Thursday, August 18th? All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 20th, at Lewisham. Ringing from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. at St. Mary's (8 bells, tenor 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.). Ladywell station or 108, 36, 136 and 54 bus. Arrangements for tea at 5 p.m. have been made at a nearby restaurant. All visitors welcome.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cheddleton (6 bells) on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Short service (by request of Vicar) at 5 p.m. Tea in the Churnet Hall at 5.30 p.m. Notice of attendance to be sent to Mrs. Lawton, The Rond, Ostler's Lane, Cheddleton, Leek, Staffs, not later than August 17th.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held with St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham at Knowle on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Meat tea provided at the Stowe Cafe (opposite church) at 5 o'clock at 1s. 3d. a head.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Corringham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at the Beckett Arms at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the Tuesday previous?—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

ABBOTTS LANGLEY, HERTS (6 bells).—Saturday, August 20th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. As arrangements have to be made for tea, please let me know by August 17th. Excellent service to church from all parts. Nearest train, King's Langley, 1 mile. Herts Association.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hardington-Mandeville on Saturday, August 20th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ashbrittle on Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. W. Hayward, 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at the Tharp Arms, 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—Repton, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 in Court Room. This will only be provided for those who notify me by Thursday, August 18th. Everybody welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Eversholt on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by a short business meeting. Everyone welcome. Come and enjoy an afternoon in the country.—F. J. Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Bed-

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WEDNESDAY MEETING at ALDERSHOT on August 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Service 6 p.m. All welcome! A postcard, if you require tea, by Monday, the 22nd, to C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Diddenham (6 bells) on Saturday, August 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus service from Bedford. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (S. & W. District), GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District), SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Wraybury bells (8) available 3 to 4.15 p.m. Stanwell (6) 3 to 4.15 p.m. St. Mary's, Staines (8) 7 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided only for those who send a p.c. to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, by Wednesday, 24th. — F. G. Woodiss, J. E. Lewis Cockey, A. D. Barker and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Secs.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE, calling all ringers.—A joint meeting will be held there on Saturday, August 27th, of the Derby and Burton Districts of the M.C.A. Splendid tea arrangements without sending the usual 'P.C.' Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Finally, special appeal to the Derby District members to be present.—Geo. Freebrey and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.—The re-dedication of these bells will be on Saturday, August 27th. Further details next week. Note the date and come to 'Blanket Town.' A grand fete also on after the dedication service.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Whitstable on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) 5.15. Please send your names to Mr. C. C. Dilnot, 75-77, Oxford Street, Whitstable, not later than Wednesday, August 24th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

WITNEY, NEAR OXFORD.—Dedication of the bells at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 27th. Preacher, Bishop Allen, Archdeacon of Oxford. A ring of eight restored and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. Bells available from 4. A short meeting in the tower at 6.30. Come if you can manage it. You'll be welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, August 23rd, without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Alveston on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) open 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting and tea will be held at the Bull Hotel, Sudbury, on Saturday, August 27th, at 5 p.m. Ringing at All Saints', 3 p.m.; St. Gregory's, 2.30; and St. Peter's (if requested). All ringers welcome, and also a postcard of numbers for tea.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, August 24th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Please note that the address of Mr. Herbert Sheppard, hon. secretary of the Dudley and District Guild, is now 17, Grange Road, Dudley, Worcs.

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