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**THE ANALYSIS**

How vainly men themselves amaze  
To win the palm, the oak or bays.

—Andrew Marvell.

This week we publish the analysis of peals rung in 1945, and for those in a contemplative frame of mind these columns of figures can be translated into a tangible story. It is an indication of prowess and accomplishment on the pastime side of the Exercise and proves that the intervention of war has in no sense lessened the fascination of peal ringing. While it cannot be said that 1945 was a normal year, for ringing activities were hampered in the early months by the nation's war effort and the absence of the younger ringers, yet an examination of the table proves conclusively that in no sense could the art of change ringing be regarded as on the decline.

It would be unfair to make a comparison with 1944 when many ringers purposely refrained from peal ringing. As a point of interest, peals rung in the two years showed an increase of over 50 per cent. The relative figures were 1,304 (178 in hand) in 1945 and 619 (155 in hand) in 1944. Two special occasions for ringing made the year memorable; these were the general rejoicings at the termination of hostilities in Europe and Japan, and no peals were more welcomed by the public with a greater thankfulness of heart. The 1,126 tower peals were divided as follows:—12 bells 33, ten bells 109, eight bells 691, six and five bells 293.

Another noteworthy comment was the relatively high number of peals on ten and twelve bells. Eleven associations had twelve bell peals to their credit. In the forefront of these was the St. Martin's Guild with two of Maximus and ten of Cinques, and their distinction was appropriate with the visit of the Central Council to Birmingham. Ten-bell ringing was more widespread and 28 associations recorded this class of peal, with the Oxford Diocesan Guild making a prominent showing with 15 peals.

Surprise ringing took a big step forward, and while there were no new methods introduced into the table, the inference can be safely drawn that the number of Surprise ringers has advanced. Cambridge held the leading place among Surprise methods with 57 major peals apart from 15 with more than eight bells. Superlative was brought round successfully on 35 occasions and Yorkshire proved to be more popular than London with

18 peals against 13. Guilds with meritorious records of Surprise ringing were Yorkshire, Midland Counties and Oxford Diocesan.

Adherents to Double Norwich form a considerable section of the Major ringing. With 94 peals of Double Norwich against 129 Plain Bob leads one to suggest that the Exercise has a very vigorous middle section of ringers. Is Plain Bob going into disfavour? Kent, Oxford and Norwich Associations had each of them more than 10 peals of Double Norwich to their credit. In regard to Triples ringing, this music makes a strong appeal to the Guildford and Lancashire Guilds, and practically none to Yorkshire, the champion county for tower bell peals.

Pride of position among the associations was held by Midland Counties with 93 peals (12 in hand), followed by Yorkshire 90 (1), Kent 88 (4), Oxford Diocesan 86 (1), Middlesex 71 (39), Essex 67 (14), Lancashire 65 (nil), St. Martin's 53 (5), Chester 52 (5), Guildford 52 (nil). The last analysis gave the order of associations very differently. The leaders were Middlesex with 84 (74 in hand), Midland Counties 72 (14), Oxford Diocesan 45 (1), Yorkshire 39 (4), Lancashire 31 (2), Worcester and District 28, Kent 26 (7). Middlesex still hold the palm regarding handbell ringing with 39 peals, followed by Oxford University with 24, Essex 14, Winchester and Portsmouth 13, Hertford and Midland Counties 12 each. Probably the outstanding peal of the year goes to the credit of Oxford University Society with 21 spliced major methods in hand, which was rung in January, 1945.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

JOHN PINFOLD ... .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING... 3	REV. MALCOLM MELVILLE 9
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 10
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
LEONARD TUFFREY ... .. 6	JOHN S. MASON ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.

### TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., July 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... .. Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON... .. 6
ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... .. 2	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 8
HAROLD SMITH ... .. 4	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... .. 5	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar T. Smith, of Walsall.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes, AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 6
ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW... 3	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 8
J. DENIS HOLDEN ... .. 4	KENNETH W. KNOWLES... 9
*ERIC E. SPEAKE ... .. 5	HENRY E. GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MARY ELKINS ... .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 2	*ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 7
TOM GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	TOM WILDE ... .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 9
JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS Treble	†WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... 2	†WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 7
*GEOFFREY DODDS ... .. 3	†HERBERT G. ANDREWS... 8
*HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 4	†STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL 9
*FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 5	WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.  
\* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. Fiftieth peal for ringer of treble.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

*JOHN KNIGHT ... .. Treble	ARTHUR DAY ... .. 6
THOMAS A. BLOW ... .. 2	*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 7
*LESLIE HANSELL ... .. 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM... 8
DONALD C. PRICE ... .. 4	H. E. C. GOODENOUGH 9
ALAN WHITE ... .. 5	*REGINALD F. EWER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.  
\* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

*G. CHURCH ... .. Treble	*F. HOWE ... .. 5
*M. THOMAS ... .. 2	*R. CHALLEN ... .. 6
*H. GEARING ... .. 3	H. STALHAM ... .. 7
F. PAGE ... .. 4	*F. COX ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. STALHAM.

\* First peal.



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LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... .. 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	FRANK VARTY ... .. 7
†ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.  
\* 25th peal. † First peal in the method.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON Treble	*HUBERT SUMMERS ... .. 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... .. 2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... .. 7
*MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... .. 4	JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.  
\* First peal in the method.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

LESLIE A. TREMEER ... Treble	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... .. 5
MRS. P. LEWINGTON ... .. 2	JOHN H. HUNT ... .. 6
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... .. 3	REGINALD A. REED ... .. 7
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.  
\* First peal of Cambridge.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*M. R. D. HARFORD ... Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 5
CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 2	STANLEY E. DARMON ... .. 6
*JOHN F. MOOR ... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBENS ... .. 7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... .. 4	HARRY L. MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by S. E. DARMON.  
\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17 cwt.

F. BERNARD DITCHER ... Treble	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... .. 5
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 2	HARRY MORGAN ... .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... .. 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 7
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. E. CAWSEY.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat. July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 2	FREDERICK STAGER ... .. 6
GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 3	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 4	ALFRED SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.  
\* 100th peal. First peal of Superlative on the bells. Specially arranged and rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Gibbard.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

J. G. WILLIAM HARWOOD Treble	HERBERT J. ELDRID ... .. 5
EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 2	STANLEY FENN ... .. 6
GODFREY WALPOLE ... .. 3	CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 7
ARTHUR W. BIRD ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.  
Arranged and rung for the wedding of the daughter of Mr. A. Crowe, the Master of the local company.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Davies' Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	*ALAN E. BROWN ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... .. 6
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 7
GEORGE L. GROVER ... .. 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
\* First peal of Stedman.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS S. M. WICKENS ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 2	FRANK HOWE ... .. 6
*PETER R. BLACKMAN ... .. 3	HENRY STALHAM ... .. 7
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 4	†ERNEST F. PACKHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.  
\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WM. H. B. WILKINS... Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... .. 6
*GEORGE H. SPICE ... .. 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
BETTY SPICE ... .. 4	JOHN E. SPICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.  
\* First peal in the method.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER A. SOUTHGATE ... Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. 2	HARRY J. MILLATT ... .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. Treble	REGINALD C. KEARSEY ... .. 5
ERNEST H. KILBY ... .. 2	ALICK CUTLER ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
RUSSELL G. SPEARS ... .. 4	*LEONARD H. BOWLER... Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by L. H. BOWLER.  
\* First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner and Miss Winifred Walker, whose marriage took place that day.



## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.  
\*MISS BETTY MORTON ... Treble | THOMAS WILKINSON ... 4  
\*ERIC HORNEY ... 2 | A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... 5  
\*DAVID GODFREY ... 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. HOWARD.

\* First peal of Bob Minor. Rung as a 68th birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 each of Oxford Bob and Stedman, 720 each of St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob, and 1,200 Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

\*THOMAS W. BOND ... Treble | \*CECIL G. CALCUTT ... 3  
\*HARRY P. FLOYD ... 2 | REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG 4  
\*ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in seven Doubles methods. First peal on the bells.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.  
\*BARBARA CLEVELAND ... Treble | LAWRENCE HITCHINS ... 4  
MRS. F. PENN ... 2 | FRANK PENN ... 5  
PERCIVAL HARDING ... 3 | FRED SLATFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED SLATFORD.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band. First peal as conductor.

## HANDBELL PEALS

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., July 25, 1946, in Two Hours,  
AT 35, WOODSTOCK ROAD,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Double Court, London, Double Oxford, Herward, Reverse, Double and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in D flat.

\* First attempt for a handbell peal, first peal of Minor and first in more than one method.

\*H. P. RAYNOR (St. John's) 1-2 | BETTY SPICE (Somerville) ... 3-4  
J. E. SPICE (New College) 5-6  
Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

KALYAN, INDIA.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT NO. 4, MEIKILA CAMP,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 extents of Stedman, 4 of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire. Tenor size 17 in A.

\*REV. A. F. SARGENT, C.F. 1-2 | CAPT. W. F. MORETON ... 3-4  
\*CAPT. JOHN F. BANKS ... 5-6  
Conducted by W. E. MORETON.

\* First peal of Doubles and in three methods.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT 83, CHURCH STREET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

RALPH BIRD ... 1-2 | RONALD SUCKLING ... 5-6  
THOMAS BIRD ... 3-4 | REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8  
Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT 20, SWAISLAND ROAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15.  
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 1-2 | ALAN G. HALL ... 5-6  
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 3-4 | JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7-8  
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.

## OBITUARY

## MR. A. E. COLES

The death took place on Friday, July 19th, of Mr. A. E. Coles, of The Gables, Bridgwater, Somerset, in his 83rd year.

Mr. Coles' interest in change ringing was lifelong. He became a member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association soon after its foundation in 1890, and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in the early years of this century. He was for 14 years hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, and on his retirement from this office was made an honorary life member.

He rang the bells of more than 400 church towers throughout the country. In 1937, when the bells of Goathurst Church were repaired and rehung, he instructed a band of young ringers there, and as late as the autumn of 1945 was still taking an active interest in their progress.

On Monday, July 22nd, the evening before his funeral, a band of ringers from Bridgwater and neighbourhood rang the bells of St. Mary's half-muffled, in tribute to a man who had all his life loved the sound of bells, 'the music highest bordering upon heaven,' and delighted in the science of change ringing.

## MR. EDWIN SHEPHERD

## A MEMOIR.

The passing of Mr. Edwin Shepherd, of Exeter, at the age of 84, brings to an end the last stage of work undertaken by the four brothers Shepherd some 70 years ago.

These brothers—Francis, Alfred, Ferris and Edwin—were not content with call-change ringing in Devon and their aim was to cultivate method ringing in the county, a very difficult and uphill task to undertake. The Devon Guild was established on March 21st, 1874, and it was the first of its kind to be formed, but to establish method ringing in the towers was a problem which only a few could face. Most bands contented themselves with rounds and call-changes, and would not only set their faces against half-pull, but also adopted opposition tactics of all kinds. For years they were up against difficulties and handicaps, and though some of the few enthusiastic ringers became discouraged the four brothers carried on steadily.

Edwin was the youngest of the four and was born on July 11th, 1862. He joined the Devon Guild on June 6th, 1879, and the following year he rang his first peal and also joined the College Youths. The two youngest, Ferris and Edwin, were not content to remain in Exeter for the struggle, they bearded the non-method bands in their own towers, and slowly but surely came the growth of method ringing in the Devon Guild. Instruction in town and village was undertaken, advice was given regarding augmentation, rehanging, tuning and other matters, and it would take many columns to record the splendid work of these two well-known brothers.

Mr. Edwin Shepherd was a fine leader and conductor and he called the first peal on Exeter Cathedral bells by Devonshire men. His peals number 120, and of these he rang 116 of them for his County Guild. This is not a great number compared with other ringers, but it must be remembered that peals in a county like Devonshire were for many years a rare luxury.

Sixty-seven years' membership of the Devon Guild, 66 years a College Youth, churchwarden under four rectors, he was given the title of Churchwarden Emeritus in April last, the first time such an honour has been conferred in the Diocese of Exeter. For 40 years he was a member of the Peoffees. In 1942 St. Sidwell's Church was ruined by bombs, and nine of the famous peal of ten are now at Loughborough, while the 24 cwt. tenor is still awaiting rescue from the ruins. Mr. Shepherd had not been idle regarding restoration, and the bells will be restored when conditions become more favourable. He lived to see the fund reach £213 without any special appeal being made.

Mr. Shepherd was a retired master builder. A vice-president of the Devon Guild, he was also for many years chairman of the Exeter District. The Central Council knew him as a representative of his County Guild, and when the history, growth and cultivating of method ringing comes to be written for the West of England, two names must surely be outstanding, Ferris and Edwin Shepherd. W.S.

## MR. JOSEPH WAGHORN

Ringers from a wide area will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Joseph Waghorn on July 21st at 7, Westcliff Gardens, Westbrook, Margate, at the age of 77 years.

A London ringer with associations at Tottenham, Mr. Waghorn came to Margate about 11 years ago and was a keen member of the band of St. John the Baptist. He proved to be a good friend and tutor to the local company, and it was mainly through his enthusiasm and hard work that the company rang their first peal of Grandsire Triples in 1936. This was the first peal that had been rung in the church tower for 35 years. A second peal, Oxford Bob Triples, was rung in 1938. The deepest sympathy of his fellow ringers is extended to the widow in her bereavement.

## QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, F. W. Burnett 2, L. P. Cook 3, E. A. Jurd 4, H. A. Nobes 5, F. G. Barron 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove 1, Miss D. Fletcher 2, Rev. R. F. R. Routh 3, Miss M. Goodship 4, J. Harrison 5, A. Levett 6, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung in honour of granddaughter to the conductor.

BLACKLANDS, HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On July 28th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Rogers 1, S. C. Driver 2, A. V. Good 3, J. Downing 4, W. C. Hughes 5, S. G. Smith 6, F. H. Hicks 7, L. Trevor (conductor) 8.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On July 28th at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Briggs 1, F. Leggett 2, R. Brown 3, A. Freeston 4, H. Harper 5, S. Jessop 6, F. Dewey (conductor) 7, J. Petch 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Bishop (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, G. E. Plater 3, R. Oakshett 4, G. James 5, A. Purdom 6, J. E. Lyddiard (conductor) 7, C. Cullen 8.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On July 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: O. Bowen 1, F. W. Grocott, sen. 2, R. V. Preston 3, P. Jeffries (first quarter) 4, W. Fradley 5, F. Grocott, jun. (conductor and first quarter) 6.

BURFORD, OXON.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Forest 1, F. Soden 2, F. W. Soden 3, T. S. Stratford 4, B. S. Nichols 5, B. Cook 6, W. J. Dixon (conductor) 7, G. R. Miles 8.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Latham 1, E. Trueman 2, S. Wiltshire 3, B. Latham 4, T. Pritchard 5, T. O. Witts (conductor) 6, R. J. Thain 7, R. Sharpe 8.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary on July 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Suckling 1, D. N. Jennings 2, D. C. Jennings 3, W. Goldstone 4, W. Piper 5, F. Roper 6, G. Piper 7, J. Jennings (conductor) 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Ainger 1, Dr. Spencer-Phillips 2, A. Hall's 3, Percy Green 4, Harry Carter 5, Harry Bradley 6, George Green (conductor) 7, Frank Payne 8.

HEREFORD.—On July 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. H. Stickleby 1, W. H. Symonds 2, G. Davis 3, A. T. Wingate 4, J. W. Humphries 5, C. Craithwaite (conductor) 6, G. T. Cousins 7, A. W. Davis 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second on his 81st birthday.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At All Saints' on July 27th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, G. R. Squires 2, R. Biggs 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, A. Newton 5, S. T. Goodchild 6, R. Coles 7, E. Croxford 8, 10.

LEYTONSTONE.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist on July 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Prior 1, F. W. Housden 2, A. W. Brighton 3, Mrs. F. W. Housden 4, R. W. Stannard 5, E. W. Furbank 6, G. Dawson 7, E. D. Smith (conductor) 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On July 21st, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Madeley 1, W. J. Chester 2, R. H. Tyler 3, F. Price 4, T. Price 5, H. Baker (first of Kent inside) 6, W. H. Tyler (conductor) 7, A. M. Hickman 8.

OXFORD.—On July 28th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: V. Bennett 1, H. Miles 2, J. Higgins (conductor) 3, W. Collett 4, R. Chaundy 5, R. Higgins 6, K. Walker 7, W. Allen 8. Rung as a farewell to the tenor ringer, who is leaving shortly for Banbury.

OVER, CAMBS.—On July 7th at St. Mary's, 1,340 Bob Major: J. Parish 1, W. Bavin 2, F. Nicholls 3, D. Adams 4, A. W. T. Ginn 5, M. Ginn 6, G. L. Perkins 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 21st, at the Parish Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Joan Turner 1, Philip Sadler 2, Donald Coombs 3, F. W. Richardson 4, Richard Dixon 5, Roy Brown 6, John Fowler (conductor) 7, Frank B. Lufkin 8.—On July 21st, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Peter King 1, Philip Sadler 2, William Perry 3, Roy Brown 4, Thomas Loxton 5, Frederick Souter 6, John Fowler 7, Frank B. Lufkin (conductor) 8.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.—On July 26th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: P. Swindley (conductor) 1, J. Hayes 2, J. S. Webb 3, J. W. Best (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, J. Swindley 5, J. E. Bibby 6, E. F. Bennett 7, J. W. Griffiths 8.

SOUTH CROYDON.—On July 28th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. W. Vowles (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss V. F. Potter 2, Miss E. M. George 3, J. H. Hayward 4, P. M. Gray 5, W. J. Perrott 6, H. W. Simmons (conductor) 7, W. G. Brownett 8.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 24th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: T. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, E. R. Rapley (conductor) 3, R. P. Wood 4, C. R. Longhurst 5, C. H. Wood 6. After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—For the children's festival on July 21st, 1,280 Bob Major: Charles Moore 1, Thomas C. Francis 2, Robert J. Fisher 3, George T. Peggall 4, Thomas E. Spight 5, Philip J. Fryer 6, Russell Curson 7, Henry Tooke (conductor) 8.

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### BELFRY GOSSIP

The Graysbott peal, reported in our last issue, was rung for the  
Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Two first centuries of peals this week: Mr. W. Norman Park and  
Mr. John J. L. Gilbert. Both peals were Surprise.

They have been studying Kent Treble Bob at North Bradley, Wilts.  
The whole company rang their first in the method on July 27th.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Chiddingfold on July 27th was the  
500th for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

'Bring own food.' A last minute call from Mr. Daniel Smith, hon.  
secretary of Barnsley Society, to those ringers going to Horbury on  
August 10th.

The Scottish Association will be in the peal analysis next year. A  
peal was rung at Kalyan, India, on behalf of this association, con-  
ducted by Capt. W. F. Moreton.

A new band of peal ringers has made its appearance at Shoreham-  
by-Sea. Six firsts in a peal of Grandsire is a matter for congratula-  
tion to the conductor, Mr. H. Stalham.

It was 50 years ago last August Band Holiday that the Winchester  
Diocesan Guild rang the first Surprise peal (Superlative) in the Isle  
of Wight at Ryde. This was the first peal of Major on the bells. The  
composition was G. Lindoff's 5,088 in 29 courses, published in 'The  
Bell News' September 30th, 1895, and the first in 29 courses in this  
number of changes. The ringers as they stood were I. G. Shade, H.  
White, R. S. Cherriman, J. Bennett, Henry Dains, G. Williams  
(conductor) and W. W. Gifford.

Veteran of the Hereford Cathedral band is W. H. Symonds, who  
celebrated his 81st birthday by ringing a quarter of Plain Bob Major  
on July 24th. An attempt for a peal of Triples on the back eight in  
the following week, in which he stood for over three hours, was un-  
fortunately lost in the last few courses.

The peal at Romsey Abbey of Cambridge Surprise Major was  
specially arranged for Mrs. Lewington, of Reading, who was in the  
district on holiday. Ringers from seven different towers took part,  
viz., New Alresford, Reading, Salisbury, Wonston, Portsmouth, North  
Stoneham and St. Michael's, Southampton.

A broadcast exchange between Birmingham, England, and Birming-  
ham, Alabama, takes place to-day (Friday). The English programme  
will be ushered in by the ringing of the bells of St. Philip's Cathed-  
ral and the chimes of 'Big Brum' (the Council House clock). Un-  
fortunately very few English listeners will be able to hear the  
Birmingham, England, programme, as it is being broadcast from  
station WAPI, Alabama. The American broadcast will be heard on  
the Midland Home Service to-night at 7 p.m.

Congratulations to Mr. William C. Parker, the popular steeple-  
keeper at St. Peter's Church, Staines. Mr. Parker reaches his 80th  
birthday to-day (August 9th) and is standing in a birthday peal to-  
morrow arranged specially for the event. Mr. Parker was appointed  
when the bells were installed in 1902, and since the bells have not  
needed attention by bellhangers. They are still in good condition and  
the ringing chamber is a pattern for others to copy.





# 'RINGING WORLD' READERS' OPEN FORUM

## ORIGIN OF A DAWDLE

Dear Sir,—Some years before the war, after 'vetting' a tower in Kent, the late Mr. A. R. Powys took my wife and myself to tea with some friends of his. Our hostess, a keen motorist, referred to a 'wobble' of cyclists, comparing the phrase to a 'pride' of lions, a 'gaggie' of geese and a 'nye' of pheasants. While motoring home we thought of a 'dawdle' of ringers. At the next Central Council meeting I referred to the incident and the phrase in order to emphasise the request that members be back in their places promptly after the luncheon interval. As far as I know this was the first public use of the phrase and I claim the position.—I am, yours, etc.,  
Dum a Bhuilg, Achnamara, Argyll. EDWIN H. LEWIS.

## ADVOCATE OF EX-SERVICE GUILD

Dear Sir,—The suggestion by E. V. Williams, published in 'The Ringing World' of July 26th, seems to be not only a workable idea, but a very good one.

There are probably also many ringers who will be serving in H.M. Forces for many years to come. As one of them, I suggest that if this proposed guild is formed, it may also include such ringers, thus keeping alive the comradeship not only among those who have been 'demobbed,' but also between them and ringers who are still serving, both at home and overseas.—Yours faithfully,  
Parsons Barracks, Aldershot. PETER D. WENHAM, R.E.M.E.

## PEALS BEFORE MEETINGS?

Dear Sir,—At a recent district meeting of my Guild (held incidentally at a six-bell tower) an apology for absence was received from our general secretary, who airily announced that he was going peal ringing.

Now I will not say that his peal attempt had much effect on the attendance at the district meeting, as it took place at a tower (eight bells, of course) at the opposite side of our territory to that at which the district meeting was held and I don't suppose that any of the peal band, other than the before mentioned official, would, had there been no peal attempt, have attended our meeting and I don't think I have any particular grouse on that point, but it does occur to me to ask two somewhat pertinent questions:—

(1) Should Guild officers, particularly secretaries and masters, put private peal arrangements in front of Guild fixtures?

(2) Should active executive or administrative officers be members of a peal ringing clique?

It would be interesting to hear the views of some of your readers on these two points.—Yours, etc.,  
S. TRUGGLER.

## THE BASINGSTOKE 'PEAL'

Dear Sir,—Although I have had something to do with the 'defence' of the Basingstoke 'peal,' I have so far refrained from writing to 'The Ringing World' about it. However, I feel that I must now most heartily endorse the letter from Mr. Butler on the subject. In different words, his points are just the ones I put before the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild (in writing, because unfortunately I was away when the meeting was held, and I was unable to be present).

I maintained that the fundamental necessity of a peal was its truth as to the changes and not whether it were musical or not—that is the second consideration. Is it not an absurd position when 5,000 true changes are not counted because the rules and regulations did not contemplate them being obtained in the manner used? Of course, the Council had no alternative really in not recognising the peal—we knew that from the start, but the peal will have served its purpose if it produces some logical rules which cater for all possibilities.

Perhaps some of your readers will be interested in the terms of the resolution I sent to our annual meeting, which (as you reported) found no seconder (much to my surprise, I confess, because I didn't think it cut across any very valuable principles of the Exercise, only those with which we are now finding fault): 'All peals on an odd number of bells of any tower shall have one tenor only covering, except the tower possess only this odd number of bells in the diatonic scale (apart from a five which may be in a minor scale).'

In a brief compass I think that would be a logical rule, as it brings in the 'musical' consideration, and it rules out other undesirable items which have been recently criticised in some peals. Loopholes may be found in it for other unsatisfactory features, and I should be very grateful if anyone would point out these possibilities to me. I hope that by this means a rule can be framed which really would be one that all would willingly observe because of its fundamental justice to all possibilities whilst retaining the necessary principles on which the Exercise has been founded.—Yours faithfully,  
St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton. K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

## 'BEHIND THE BELFRY DOOR'

Mr. W. R. Melville, of Kingsworthy, Hants, by return of post gave us the answer to last week's tailpiece. The character was the Jackdaw of Rheims, and Mr. Melville also provided the concluding couplet:—

It's the custom at Rome new names to bestow,  
So they canonised him by the name of Jim Crow.

## MEETINGS, MASTERS AND MEN

BY 'A CRUSADER.'

A letter, published on July 26th from Mr. R. Newman, raises a point which has interested me for years—help for the 'small fry.' I can agree with him that joint meetings are to the good, and very much so. I wish more were arranged. I agree that the so-called 'internationals' do seem to get together, but in most cases it is due to lack of thought, and is quite unintentional. It can be remedied. All that is wanted is organisation—of the right type. Look around and you will find that, generally speaking, ringers simply will not 'organise' things.

I cannot agree that the cure lies 'in one person taking complete control of the ringing room.' So much depends upon the 'one person' elected to the job. I would unhesitatingly lay blame upon the orthodox masters of the day for the disappointments which, time and again, come to the smaller (and shy) fry. As a rule the master is a nice, friendly chap, who knows a good deal about ringing, conducting and the abilities of many in the tower; but, generally, he is woefully lacking in imagination, and, sometimes, in fact. He looks around and says: 'Stedman, please; you ring the second, Mr. So and So.' Now Mr. So and So badly wants to try Double Norwich, but is too shy to argue (and, if he did, he is likely to be snubbed, so ingrained is the orthodox in most of us). When D.N. eventually comes along, he finds the ropes speedily occupied; there are many others who want it as well. The important mistake made is that D.N. is followed by something else. Much later, up comes D.N. again, and our friend, having patiently waited, again finds the ropes gone, some occupied by folk who were in the previous touch! You don't believe it?

Well, I have observed it, again and again. I have made a study of it! I tackled a Middlesex Association meeting on the very subject before the war. When challenged, I gave chapter and verse. I was Mr. So and So, and I named an 'international' who was in both touches, spread widely apart, of a method 'put on' specially for that meeting. Good fellow that he was, he took it in good part; he apologised profusely; had he known, etc., etc. Of course they are all good fellows and only too willing to stand down if they know. But they don't stand down, do they?

What is the remedy? For the orthodox master, a little more imagination, and this: 'Before we go on to something else, is there anyone else who wants Double Norwich?' I will offer a personal guarantee that nobody will 'grab' a rope twice running in the same method. You probably will nearly always have more than one touch of the popular methods, but the orthodox demands that they be spread apart. And the 'internationals' don't really want them anyway. They get plenty.

But there is a better way for the 'smaller fry,' and we of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association believe that we have the answer; that of 'co-operative mastership' at meetings, provided: that the right type of man organises the job; that the right type is the nominal Master; and that the right men support the organisation. We have proved its success in the monthly 'crusade meetings' we have held. The 'Crusaders' guarantee full support at meetings of the co-operative efforts of the hand. Although there is an organiser of a defined policy toward whom all look, no one 'masters' in the orthodox way. One or other will 'book' a touch of something for somebody, and it comes on in turn. When it does, the question is asked: 'Is there anyone else who wants to try this? Now is the time. Does anyone want to call it? Now is your chance.' The important point is that there are sufficient skilled men in the tower to make up a full band. Some ring to strengthen the touch, others watch the not-so-skilled, each to his man, and the touch comes home. The ringing is as good, if not better than the average 'meeting stuff.'

There are about two dozen pledged supporters, and the average attendance has been 15, catering for the needs of a varying number of visitors per meeting. And what the S.W. Division can do we hope the whole of Essex will be doing, in time. What Essex can do, other associations can do. All that is required is proper organisation of a well thought out policy; unselfish co-operative support and avoidance of the limelight by all; straight up 'call-a-spade-a-spade' handling of the ringing. And you will fill your towers to overflowing with the small (and not-so-small) fry, who will depart satisfied that effort has been made to help, even if their particular need was crowded out. Ask them!

Are the right men available? Everywhere, perhaps not. But have you tried to get such support? Yes, such support! Ask and see. It is amazing how folk will rally round when they realise that their effort is part of one whole. And is it wanted? Only the 'Mr. Newmans' can answer this. We have had crowded houses, and those not-so-crowded in these bad-weather, ration-bound mealless days; and in this connection I would add a word to the 'smaller fry.'

I have no patience for the old-timer who asserts that the youngster must find for himself; must sit and watch; must be bored to tears! I am all for 'taking it' to the beginner; but the beginner must 'back up.' As an 'international' (in the sense of Mr. Newman's letter only, please; I should not be a 'Crusader' otherwise) I, too, want something out of the effort: I am pledged to be there. The smaller fry comes or stays away at his pleasure. But we want 'full houses,' enthusiasm, and just a little thanks!



## NORTH STAFFS RINGER'S FINE RECORD

### RETIREMENT OF MR. J. E. WHEELDON.

After completing 46 years as leader of the ringers at St. Bartholomew's, Norton-in-the-Moors, Mr. J. E. Wheeldon has resigned his position. Mr. Wheeldon, who still enjoys fairly good health, has completed almost 60 years as a ringer, and his resignation coincides with his 78th birthday and his anniversary of coming to Norton.

Commencing his ringing career at St. Mary's, Bucknall, Mr. Wheeldon soon became one of a band of notable peal ringers in the North Staffs Association, and whilst at Bucknall was one of the band who took part in the first non-conducted peal of Minor in England. He, along with his brother, Mr. W. Wheeldon, are the only two surviving members of the band.

It was in 1900 that Mr. Wheeldon was invited to take over the leadership at Norton, and he quickly displayed his natural abilities as a leader; during the whole of his career he has shown exemplary leadership: his patience, cheerfulness and sensible disciplinary methods in the tower have earned the love and affection, not only of his own ringers, but of all ringers in the association with whom he came in contact. He was Ringing Master for six-bell towers in the association for a number of years.

Favoured with good health during his 46 years, absence from the tower was very rare, in spite of his having to walk two miles each way to the belfry.

A presentation from the local band was made to Mr. Wheeldon on July 14th by Mr. W. C. Lawrence, who has now taken over the leadership. In making the presentation, Mr. Lawrence, who has served under Mr. Wheeldon for 43 years, referred to the good fellowship that had existed in the belfry mainly through the influence of Mr. Wheeldon, and while they all regretted his resignation they still hoped that for some years Mr. Wheeldon would be spared to come to the belfry.

Mr. J. Walley, senior ringer, added his tribute to the career of Mr. Wheeldon and referred to his loyalty and affection. The seven other ringers present, all of whom had been trained by Mr. Wheeldon, had an aggregate of almost 200 years' service, which speaks volumes for the influence Mr. Wheeldon has exerted in the tower.

In reply, Mr. Wheeldon thanked the ringers for the presentation—umbrella, pipes and tobacco and cheque—and thanked them also for their loyalty during the whole of his leadership. He was leaving Mr. Lawrence with an excellent band of ringers and he saw no reason why the work in Norton should not continue. It was his intention to still come to the belfry.

The Rector, the Rev. E. B. McKenzie, M.A., added his tribute, and in thanking Mr. Wheeldon for his loyalty to the church, said that the Parochial Church Council had decided to honour the long and notable record of Mr. Wheeldon's, and the Council had opened up a subscription list and it was hoped that a suitable presentation would be made from the parish at a later day. Mr. C. S. Ryles, 5, Fairfield Avenue, May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent, was appointed treasurer.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

### MEETING AT DRIGHLINGTON.

The society's July meeting was held at Drighlington on July 27th. Owing to the uncertain weather and holidays, members were slow in arriving. The bells were rung up at 3.30 p.m., and except for the usual breaks continued in a variety of methods until 8.30 p.m.

The business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. F. Hutchinson presided and members were present from Armley, Batley, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Pudsey, Liversedge and Sherburn.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. T. Hill and seconded by Miss P. Hawley.

The next meeting will be at Calverley. The date will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

## EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

### AT THE PRETTIEST VILLAGE IN ENGLAND.

The old world village of Chiddingstone, stated by our correspondent to be the prettiest in England, was visited by the East Grinstead Guild on July 13th. Although the bells went well, they could not be heard distinctly owing to the dominance of the seventh bell. Methods did not rise above Kent Treble Bob Major.

After tea on the lawn of the Castle Inn, a short business meeting was held in the belfry, Mr. E. J. Oliver taking the chair. Further meetings were arranged for Turner's Hill in August and Shipbourne for September.

Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, of Isleworth, on their way to Hastings, and Mr. C. Parks (Croydon).

Members came from Ashurst, East Grinstead, Hartfield, Leigh, Penshurst, Wadhurst, Uckfield and the local company, with a young ringer from Leatherhead.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at Wymondham was held on July 27th and was attended by 33 members and friends from Attleborough, Dereham, Fornsett, Hethersett, Norwich, North Elmham, Redenhall, Watton, Wighton, Horringer (Suffolk), Rotherham (Yorkshire) and the local company. The Rev. C. L. S. Linnell (curate) conducted the service.

The next meeting is at East Dereham on Saturday, October 12th.

## MARRIAGE OF MR. E. C. S. TURNER

The Exercise will join with us in congratulating Mr. Ernest Cecil Seymour Turner, secretary of the Middlesex County Association and a member of the Central Council, and Miss Winifred Doris Walker on the occasion of their marriage at St. Matthew's, Ealing, on Aug. 1st.

After service ringing at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on Sunday, July 28th, the opportunity was taken to offer congratulations and good wishes to Mr. E. C. S. Turner. The ringers of Willesden and of Christ Church and St. Stephen's, Ealing, and other friends presented Mr. Turner with a cheque as a token of their regard, and ringers generally will join with them in wishing Mr. Turner and his bride every happiness and good fortune.

As a wedding compliment a congratulatory peal of Bob Major was rung on August 1st at St. Mary's, Willesden.

## THE LATE MR. D. H. ARGYLE

### LIST OF PEALS.

Minor in 4 methods 1; Minor in 5 methods 1; Minor in 7 methods 2; Grandsire Triples 3 (conducted 1); Erin Triples 1; Stedman Triples 16 (conducted 11); Stedman Caters 1 handbells; Plain Bob Major 9 (conducted 3), 1 handbells; Little Bob Major 2; Double Oxford Major 1; Double Norwich Major 13 (conducted 5); Cambridge Court Major 1; Duffield Major 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 6 (conducted 1), 2 handbells; Cambridge Surprise Major 12 (conducted 3); Superlative Major 8 (conducted 1); Bristol Major 5; London Major 6 (conducted 1); Ashted Surprise Major 1; Ipswich Surprise Major 1; Lincolnshire Major 1; Pudsey Surprise Major 1; Staffordshire Major 1; Stratford Major 1; Warwickshire Major 1; York Major 1; Yorkshire Major 1; Plain Bob Royal 1; total 100 (conducted 26).

## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

### 30 NEW MEMBERS FROM SALFORD PRIORS.

Between 80 and 90 members and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Guild at Salford Priors on July 20th. A splendid welcome was accorded the visitors by the Rector, the Rev. C. Newton, who conducted the Guild's own service in church.

A fine tea was served at the Bell Inn, after which the ringers adjourned to the church, where the business meeting was held. It was decided to answer the appeal of the church authorities at Tredington for assistance in the rehanging of the bells to the extent of £5 from the Guild's Bell Repair Fund. Leamington was selected as the meeting place for October. Thirty-seven new members were elected, 30 of them being members of the local band.

The deaths of Mr. D. H. Argyle (captain of the Nuneaton band) and Mr. A. G. Taylor (former captain of the Bedworth band) were mentioned by the Master (Mr. F. E. Pervin), and the meeting stood in silence for a few moments.

The collection for the Bell Repair Fund resulted in the record sum of £2 5s

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### THE RETURN OF THE NATIVE AT BEENHAM.

When the Newbury Branch met at Beenham on July 27th a cordial welcome was extended to Mr. C. Gardiner from Swindon. A native of Beenham, he learnt his change ringing in the tower of the Parish Church and the joy of ringing with him again was expressed. Between 30 and 40 members and visiting ringers were present from Beenham, Bucklebury, Basingstoke, Bramley, Donnington, Hampstead Norreys, Peasemore, Swindon, Hatcham, Twyford and Woolton Hill.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. N. G. McWilliam), who gave an interesting account of Beenham church and bells. Tea, kindly provided and given by the Beenham ringers and friends, was greatly appreciated.

The chairman (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford), presiding at the business meeting, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to welcome to the branch meeting the new Oxford Guild secretary, Mr. W. Hibbert, and heartily wished him every success in his new office. A telegram of good wishes for a successful meeting was received from the Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg.

Two honorary and two ringing members were elected. Hungerford was chosen as the next meeting place on September 7th.

## PETERBOROUGH GUILD

### WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH AT YARDLEY HASTINGS.

A company of 45 attended the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch at Yardley Hastings on July 20th. The Rector (the Rev. L. J. Thompson) conducted the service, and in his address urged the need for Christian witness.

Tea was enjoyed informally in the Rectory, and the business proceedings followed later in the west end of the church. Eight new ringing members and one out-county member were elected, including Mrs. G. Lovell and her son, of Wollaston.

Mr. G. Deighton proposed that the next quarterly meeting be held at Mears Ashby in September instead of October and this was carried.

The peal of six were rung before and after the meeting, Cambridge Surprise Minor and the less complicated methods being successfully brought round.



## BY CAR AND MOTOR COACH

### BUCKLEBURY RINGERS IN WILTSHIRE.

The ringers of Bucklebury (Berks), augmented by a few friends from Reading (St. Laurence's) and Newbury, had a very enjoyable outing on July 13th.

A start was made at 7.30 a.m. for a trip into Wiltshire and Somerset. The first call for ringing was at Bishop's Cannings, a very fine ring of eight. Then on to Devizes (St. John's), another fine eight.

The high spot of the day was Trowbridge, where the party was met by another friend, Mr. Sam Hector. After lunch a move was made to the tower with its very grand peal of twelve, and the bells were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire. Thanks are accorded for permission to ring at the various towers. R.W.R.

### ESSEX RINGERS' TOUR.

The ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, Essex, selected some noted towers for ringing on the occasion of their annual outing on July 27th.

The first halt was at St. Mary's, Ickleton, where a good pull was enjoyed on these very nice bells. The next stop was at St. Mary the Great, Cambridge. After a good lunch at the Dorothy Cafe they then made for St. Mary's, Over. Tea was partaken of at St. Ives and the final halt was at the Priory Church, Dunstable, the fine old peal being in lovely going order. Home was not reached until 12.15 a.m. The ringers would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all steeplekeepers for having the bells in readiness, which contributed so much towards the enjoyment of the day. Ringing included Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. J.W.D.

### KENT RINGERS' 'HALF DAY.'

A motor-coach ride for 70 miles, ringing in five towers, ten different methods, was the half-day outing of 20 ringers from Willesborough and Ashford (Kent).

At Frinthead, the first call, Mr. G. Kenward welcomed the party and good use was made of this five for an hour. Owing to the party being held up at the ferry by a barge, the coach arrived late at Queenborough. Mr. Wood was waiting to greet the visitors and for an hour this little six were rung to various methods.

At Eastchurch a cordial reception was received from Mr. Fagg. The lovely tone of this six compensated for the going, which was none too good. For an hour the bells were rung.

Tea was enjoyed at Blue Bird Minster, and at the church the party was joined by a youthful band. These six bells are on the light side and require a bit of handling. The hour went quickly, and then on to Tunstall, where ringing on this light eight included Treble Bob, Cambridge and rounds. To towerkeepers and all who helped the company extend their best thanks.

### ST. MARY'S, PORTSEA.

The St. Mary's, Portsea, ringers in conjunction with the Cathedral ringers resumed their annual outing on July 13th after a lapse during the war years.

A cross-country drive via South Harting, Rake and Liphook brought the party to Grayshott, and this light ring was found most suitable for the warm afternoon. Easebourne was the next stop, another light eight, where the party were joined by a well-known ringer from Sussex. Through Cowdray Park and on to Pulborough, where a splendid tea was enjoyed. The last ringing of the day was at Pulborough Church. Methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

A pleasant evening run through Slindon and Chichester brought the party to Portsmouth after a most successful outing, blessed by perfect weather. Thanks are accorded to all incumbents for permission readily granted to ring at their churches. A.T.G.

### ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH.

A party of 26, which included the ringers of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and a few friends, enjoyed a full day's outing in Dorset and Somerset on July 27th.

The first halt was made at Dorchester, where some fair ringing took place on the bells of St. Peter's, the parish church. On the way to Lyme Regis the coach stopped at a picturesque spot for a snack of refreshment. The party voted this al fresco 'elevenses' the most enjoyable meal of the day. The Rev. C. Carew Cox, Vicar of Lyme Regis, and Mr. Powell welcomed the ringers at the tower, and after a short ring the journey was resumed to West Bay for luncheon.

Beaminster with its fine 'maiden cast' peal of eight was the next tower and some excellent ringing resulted. After tea in Yeovil the ringers adjourned to the Parish Church to try out the magnificent peal of ten bells. It was here that the 'touch of the day' was rung. 395 beautifully struck changes of Grandsire Caters.

The young ringers acquitted themselves well on the heavy eight at Sherborne Abbey, where the bells were kept going from eight until nine before resuming the journey homewards. A successful day concluded by the party arriving home in time to catch last buses, many of the younger ones having bagged five new towers, whilst the seniors enjoyed revisiting familiar ground after a long interval. Methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire Triples up to and including Cambridge Surprise Major. St. Peter's band of ringers would like to thank all the incumbents and steeplekeepers for permission to ring so readily given and for the kindly welcome received everywhere.

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**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.** — Turners Hill (8), Aug. 10th. Tea for those who notify Mrs. Pollard, Forge Tea Rooms, Turners Hill, Crawley, Sussex. — C. A. Bassett.

**ELY ASSN.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Winwick on Saturday, Aug. 10th: Bells 3 p.m. Tea at Hamerton Vicarage 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Ringing meeting at Boldmere Parish Church, Erdington, Birmingham, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea only provided. Bring own food.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — Next meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Aug. 10th, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. —A. B. Peck.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.** — Southern Division. — Practice meeting, Twineham (5) on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. — E. L. Harris, Hon. Div. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Northern District.—St. Ippolyt's (6), Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells 5 p.m. First meeting since being rehung.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting, Horbury, Aug. 10th, 2.30 p.m. No tea. Bring food. Cups of tea arranged if possible.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**GUILDFORD GUILD** (Farnham District), **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Basingstoke Branch), **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District). —A joint meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.30. Tea in Church Schools 5.15. All who require tea notify C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot, by Tuesday, 13th.

**MIDDLESEX ASSN.**—North and East District. — Northaw (6), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food. No. 342 bus from Potters Bar Garage.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**NORWICH ASSN.**—East Norfolk Branch.—Ringing meeting at Lowestoft (8) on Saturday, Aug. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Make own arrangement for tea. — J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Misterton (6) and Lutterworth (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea, 5 p.m., at Lutterworth. Names by Aug. 13th to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Syston District.—Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, Saturday, Aug. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 o'clock. Bring own food. — H. Humphreys.



**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Aldbourne, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Names to T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts, by Aug. 13th.

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Warburton, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Grappenhall.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Llanfigan (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea 5 p.m. Bring own food. Names to D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon, by Aug. 14th.

**BEDS ASSN.**—Luton District.—Toddington (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea at Sow and Pigs Hotel.—H. C. Hillyard.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Meeting at Cheddleton, on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (6). Cups of tea provided. Please bring own food. Committee meeting after tea.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Tarporey (8), Aug. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, for those who send word by Aug. 14th. — Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Slinfold (6), Aug. 17th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—E. Treagus, Bognor Regis.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.**—Northern and Western Districts.—Joint meeting, Hexham, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Names for tea (3s. 6d. per head) not later than Aug. 15th to J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.** — Christchurch Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Milford (8) from 2.30. Lymington (8) from 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Next quarterly, Sept. 22nd.—Arthur V. Davis, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Manchester Branch. — Next meeting, St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Aug. 17th, at 3 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec.

**PEAK SOCIETY.** — Eyam (6), Aug. 17th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. Tea and meeting at 5.30 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Hillside, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON GUILD.**—South and West District.—Next meeting at Cranford, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by the 14th inst. to Mr. P. J. Woodgyer, 92, Meadowbank Gardens, Cranford, Middlesex.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells from 2.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 14th, to J. Coulton, Coe Lane, Tarleton.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec.

**ELY ASSN.**—Cambridge District. — Sawston (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—H. L. Martin.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.** — Rossendale Branch. — Annual, Rawtenstall (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Brading (8), Saturday, August 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, please notify Mrs. A. M. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W.

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.** — Canterbury District. — Meeting at Teynham, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Bring own food. Cups of tea available. Names to Mr. V. J. Page, No. 1, The Crescent, Teynham, Sittingbourne, not later than Wednesday, Aug. 21st.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Eastern District.—Next meeting, Maldon, Aug. 24th. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea and meeting after. All Saints' bells also available. Numbers for tea by Aug. 21st.—A. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting, Shere, Aug. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the White Horse. Names to be sent by Monday, Aug. 19th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

**ELY ASSN.**—Ely Branch.—Chippenham (6), Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Waldron (8), Saturday, Aug. 24th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. One week's notice, please, to John Downing, Hon. Sec., 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

**BRISTOL, ST. STEPHEN'S.** — Ringing: Sundays, 10 a.m. Ten bell practice Mondays 7.30 p.m. — E. F. Hancock, 124, Coronation Road, Bristol 3.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. Walter Allman is now 11, Hope Street, Runcorn, Cheshire.

#### MARRIAGE

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