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'BELLS UNRINGABLE'

A Norfolk Restoration

THROUGHOUT the country there are many towers whose bells are unringable, or nearly so, and of course they remain unringable until someone takes an interest in them. Such an example is to be found at Shropham, Norfolk, where the tower contains a ring of five rehung in 1901, but which until recently had not been rung for several years.

The Rector of Shropham, fearing great expense, was rather reluctant to allow anyone to do anything in the tower, but eventually he was persuaded to permit a band of voluntary helpers, led by Mr. Charlie Banham, of Caston, and Dr. Jonason, of East Harling, to do some work.

A parishioner had already cleared the bell chamber of sticks, birds' nests and most of the birds—there were a couple left—so work was at once concentrated on the bells and their fittings. Several afternoons and evenings were spent in tightening the oak frame and the headstocks, in cleaning the bearings, and in fitting spare ropes borrowed from East Harling and Caston. This latter job proved rather difficult, for the guides were by no means vertically under each other! Two new stays were also provided. All the difficulties were at last overcome and, apart from a preliminary test, the bells were first rung again for even-song on September 4th.

Details of the bells, obtained from a card in the tower and from L'Estrange's 'Church Bells of Norfolk,' are as follows:—

Treble: 5½ cwt. 'Anno Domini 1618.'

Second: 6 cwt. 'John Thornton Sudbury fecit 1717.'

Third: 7 cwt. '1618.'

Fourth: 9 cwt. 'John Thornton Sudbury me fecit 1717.'

Tenor: 11½ cwt. '1618.'

L'Estrange records that the three shields on the crowns of 1, 3 and 5 are Norwich City, Brasyer ermine, and A B (Alice and William Brend). W

The bells were rehung in new fittings in an oak frame, in which provision was made for a sixth bell, by Mears and Stainbank in 1901.

But what of the future? There is nobody in this small village interested in ringing, otherwise outside help would not have been needed, and there seems nobody who is likely to want to learn to ring. When Caston and East Harling require their spare ropes, Shropham will be without—save for four frail specimens absolutely unserviceable. Even if there were youngsters willing to learn they would be put off by the 'go' of the bells, 3 and 5 being particularly bad. Thus it seems likely that once more they will be left untouched until someone rediscovers them in ten, twenty . . . years' time.

The fact remains that the bells are once more ringable, and their restoration, a credit to those who voluntarily undertook it, stands as an example of what can be done where there is an active interest in campanology. Let us take note of what has been done in this remote country village. Let us each one of us go to our nearest tower with its bells unringable and see if a few hours' work can put matters right. We shall be working for a good cause.

JOHN S. BARNES.

THE BELLS OF SAINT ANDREW

The bells of Saint Andrew
Ring out for his feast
Praise God! cries the great bell
Alleluia; the least.
The bells of Saint Andrew
For centuries have been
The tongues of His worship
The pride of Presteigne.

The bells of Saint Andrew
Have rung through the years
The clear peal for laughter
The muffled for tears.
The bride in her glory
They speed to delight,
in death! and at curfew
They murmur 'good night.'

The bells of Saint Andrew
Must never be dumb,
To aid them, good people,
The Feast bids you come.
So give your thank-offering
(Each pound, each mite tells)
To honour High God:
And Saint Andrew his bells.

Margaret House, Presteigne, St. Andrewstide, 1947.

The curfew is still rung at Presteigne.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1955, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

*DENIS A. FRITH .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANDLES .. 7
†GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 2	RONALD C. NOON .. 8
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 3	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. 9
JOHN FREEMAN .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. 10
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 11
JACK BRAY .. 6	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.
G. R. Parker has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. G. E. Feirn has now 'circled the tower.'

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

EDGAR T. SMITH .. Treble	DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 7
*HERBERT KNIGHT .. 2	ERNEST STITCH .. 8
SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 9
STELLA HUGHES .. 4	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5	HOWARD HOWELL .. 11
ALAN FOSTER .. 6	†CHARLES F. W. EYRE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

* 550th peal. † First peal on twelve bells.

Rung for the installation as fourth Residentiary Canon and Custos of Lichfield Cathedral of the Rev. Preb. A. T. Jenkins, M.A., Canon Emeritus of Birmingham, recently Vicar of Walsall.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WENDY V. R. PENNAL .. Treble	FRANK MACK .. 6
MICHAEL SPRACKLING .. 2	FRANK HANSFORD .. 7
†TUDOR EDWARDS .. 3	ALBERT M. TYLER .. 8
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. 9
BRIAN GRINTER .. 5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters 'inside.'

DERBY

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

*VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Treble	*PETER J. SKINNER .. 6
SAMPSON WALKLATE .. 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 7
HAROLD TAYLOR .. 3	*DEREK P. JONES .. 8
JOSEPH A. CONSTANT .. 4	GORDON A. HALLS .. 9
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5	MARK J. BARKER .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

D. P. Jones has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Disney, of Morley, Derby.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. Treble	BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. 6
ALBERT DISERENS .. 2	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 7
†IVOR GOULTER .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 8
†DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 9
JOHN N. DISERENS .. 5	DAVID BEACHAM .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Surprise Royal.

Rung on the occasion of the Association's annual dinner.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 2	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. 8
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 9
FRANK L. HARRIS .. 5	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	PETER LAPLIN .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal on the bells since augmentation.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., Oct. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 ARNESBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 2	*JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
SAMUEL J. HAINES .. 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 250th peal.

The first peal in the method, which is New Cambridge with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. E. Southgate, ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Leicester on October 2nd, 1955.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE CHALLANS .. Treble	†WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 5
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER .. 3	†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 7
†LEWIS HEMSTOCK .. 4	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD (C.C.C. No. 115).

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

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

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G

*G. STANLEY BREWIN .. Treble	*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 2	*RALPH ELKINGTON .. 6
*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	*ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
*REV. PETER R. BLACKMAN .. 4	*JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by Sir ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of New Cambridge.

Rung to welcome the ringer of the 4th who was made Deacon by the Bishop of Leicester on October 2nd and licensed as Curate at St. Andrew's, Aylestone, Leicester.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM. THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*J. MARY FUNNELL Treble	MOLLY P. FLYNN 5
MAUREEN M. FELLOWS .. 2	SHIRLEY V. RYMER 6
†JILL TOMBS 3	STELLA HUGHES 7
‡SAMUELA R. P. THOMAS .. 4	MURIEL REAY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.

* First peal. † First peal of Major and first in the method. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

The first peal by members of the West Midland District.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Mon., Oct. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*JOHN R. WATSON Treble	JOHN VERNON 5
MICHAEL VERNON 2	†WILLIAM JOHNSON 6
†GERALD JOHNSON 3	JOHN A. SMITH 7
JOHN H. BAILESS 4	ALFRED BALLARD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. SMITH.

* First peal on eight. † First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Michael E. Brown, of Sapcote, and Kathleen Proctor, of Ullesthorpe, who were married on Saturday, October 15th.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR G. BASON Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
*GEORGE P. ADAMS 2	†BERT GOGLE 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 3	†NOLAN GOLDEN 7
JOHN S. BARNES 4	ALAN C. HAINES Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 200th peal together.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRUNTINGTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOSEPH W. COTTON Treble	SAMUEL J. HAINES 5
*MRS. B. G. WARWICK 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	*BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 150th peal together. 50th peal of Surprise as conductor.

The first peal in the method, which is Southwell with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end.

Rung at first attempt.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

RICHARD BUSBY Treble	ROLAND PARK 5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	*THOMAS W. COX 6
THOMAS COOKE 3	KENNETH LAWSON 7
W. NORMAN PARK 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal of Cambridge.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Peter N. Wansey, M.C., M.A.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5152 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 2	*SAMUEL J. HAINES 6
†ERNEST MORRIS 3	*ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
*JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	*G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † 150th peal on the bells.

The first peal of Major in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

SHALFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK OLDROYD .. Treble	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 5
*LESLIE C. W. HUNTER .. 2	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 6
ANN M. COX 3	†WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 7
JAMES F. DODSON 4	†A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside,' and has now 'completed the circle.' † 25th peal together.

Rung on the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS Treble	L. JOHN EVANS 5
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 7
PERCY SWINDLEY 4	*JOHN T. TILSTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal on eight bells.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	D. KAY ADKINS 6
WILLIAM WENBAN 3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 7
†ALBERT C. WENBAN 4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Joan M. Wilcockson.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GORDON W. WALFORD .. Treble	WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE .. 5
REGINALD BEALE 2	JOHN T. LOCKE 6
WALTER H. POOLE 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 7
STANLEY N. BRISTOW .. 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

Rung as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor.



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THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 9½ cwt.
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. Treble †DAVID A. EDWARDS .. 5
*EILEEN M. T. POWELL .. 2 DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 6
†DAVID HODGSON .. 3 †PETER R. SANDERS .. 7
†ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 4 †JOHN J. P. ELLAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. JACKSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 2 JOHN M. JELLEY .. 6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 3 ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
JOHN R. SMITH .. 4 JOHN E. COOKE .. Tenor
Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

SUNDERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.
JOHN A. BROWN .. Treble ROBIN G. LEALE .. 5
*KENNETH LAWSON .. 2 ROLAND PARK .. 6
*†ROBERT BELL .. 3 DENIS A. BAYLES .. 7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 4 W. NORMAN PARK .. Tenor
Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First of Yorkshire. † 25th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Pickering, of the local tower, on completion of 50 years' membership of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 11½ cwt.
MARY DOWSETT .. Treble *PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
PETER J. EVES .. 2 TERRY EARLE .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 3 JOE E. G. ROAST .. 7
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 4 †DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. Treble †DAVID M. C. HILL .. 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2 ANTHONY J. SANGER .. 6
JOAN M. GRAY .. 3 DAVID HOARE .. 7
*PHILIP N. TUBBS .. 4 A. GEORGE CLARE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.
WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble HENRY TOOKE .. 5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. 2 BRIAN ELVIN .. 6
EILEEN BRACEY .. 3 THOMAS SPIGHT .. 7
MICHAEL J. DAY .. 4 CHARLES H. MOORE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

The 200th peal from this tower.

Rung for the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Treble REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 2 *COLIN A. TESTER .. 5
BETTY A. TESTER .. 3 ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* 25th peal.

The ringer of the 2nd has now 'circled the tower' four times.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)

On Tues., Oct. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD, BIDSTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.
*GEORGE M. ROSCAMP .. Treble TERRY OWEN .. 4
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. 2 ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
†BRUCE A. CRITTEN .. 3 FRANK T. PARRY .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in seven methods. Mr. C. B. Pemberton has now 'circled the tower.'

A wedding compliment to Miss Diane Minnis, of Bromborough, and Mr. Stanley D. Sutton, of Eidston, married at Bromborough on Saturday, October 8th.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 changes each of Single Oxford, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
MISS B. SPICER .. Treble HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 4
JOHN R. G. SPICER .. 2 WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD .. 3 STANLEY GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

Rung to celebrate the occasion of the 750th commemoration of the granting of the Royal Charter to Huntingdon by King John on 7th August, 1205.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 10 cwt. in B flat
STEPHEN H. HOARE .. Treble KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. 2 WILLIAM WENBAN .. 5
*WALTER G. PAUL .. 3 JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal on six bells. First peal in the method by all the band.

MEDBOURNE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.
ERNEST F. PAYNE .. Treble RONALD RUSSELL .. 4
MARY C. PAYNE .. 2 ROYSTON WILMORE .. 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3 B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.
*PAT GRADY .. Treble KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 4
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 2 ALEC WILSON .. 5
*MARGARET ROSS .. 3 HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal and first attempt. These are the first two Rampton girls to ring a peal.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*SHIRLEY PARSONS Treble	†FRANK A. STEPHENS .. 4
PATRICIA D. PROWSE .. 2	PETER CLARKSON .. 5
MARY BLISS 3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Joan Bussey to Mr. Hubert Matthews.

LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 4½ cwt.

GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. Treble	*STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 4
MAURICE BENNETT 2	JOHN G. AMES 5
RONALD C. NOON 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* 200th peal.

First peal on the bells in seven methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being five extents of Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MADLINE SMITH Treble	DAVID HOUGHTON 4
*CECELIA COWLEY 2	HAROLD MARCON 5
†TOM HARRIS 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

ADRIAN P. BECK Treble	RONALD G. BECK 4
WILKINS MASSEY 2	ERNEST E. BRAY 5
RONALD SMITH 3	DAVID HOARE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

Specially arranged for Mr. W. Massey, of Kingston-on-Thames.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

ERNEST J. TAYLOR Treble	HAROLD P. BURTON 4
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5
FREDERICK WRETFORD 3	BRIAN PIDGEON Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Skinner, of East Budleigh, on the birth of a son.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, Bourne, London, York and Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

C. AUBREY HARRISON .. Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY 4
RONALD CHAPER 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5
JACK BRAY 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

BRERETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's (16 callings) and ten 120's (ten callings).

Tenor 12 cwt.

NEIL D. LOMAS Treble	BERNARD J. ONGLEY 3
LEONARD COPNALL 2	SYDNEY SAGE 4

ERNEST PIMLOTT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

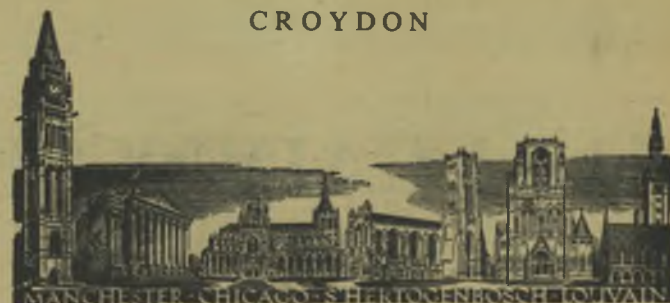


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On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 960 Stedman, 1,920 Grandsire and 2,160 Plain Bob (four, eight and four callings respectively). Tenor 9 cwt.

ANNETTE GRATTON Treble | *PAMELA J. PEARSON 3
 SHELAGH K. SEERY 2 | FREDK. E. WILSHAW 4

CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor
 Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*WILLIAM DAKIN Treble | SYDNEY ADAMS 4
 *MARGARET E. HILL 2 | ALLAN SIMPSON 5
 MRS. A. SIMPSON 3 | GEORGE R. PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.

* First peal of Minor.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WALTER WESTON Treble | WILLIAM R. PARKER 4
 JOHN F. PEARSON 2 | LOUIS WILDERS 5
 AMOS INGALL 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in seven methods.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William R. Parker, of Nettleham, on their silver wedding anniversary.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK 1—2 | JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
 ERNEST MORRIS 3—4 | JOHN M. JELLEY 7—8
 Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT No. 29.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor size 15 in C.
 MRS. J. THOMAS 1—2 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5—6
 JOHN THOMAS 3—4 | *VIVIEN BARNES 7—8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1955, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
AT 7, PENNINGS AVENUE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 1—2 | HARRY POYNER 3—4
 JACK R. WORRALL 5—6
 Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK 1—2 | JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
 ERNEST MORRIS 3—4 | MRS. B. G. WARWICK 7—8
 Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

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Last Friday Mr. Daniel Richards, of Great Cheverell, Devizes, Wilts, sailed for New Zealand, having accepted an appointment at Wellington. While at Cambridge he learned to ring with the University Guild and he is hoping to have the opportunity of ringing at Christ Church Cathedral.

BELFRY

One of our regular subscribers who was tardy with the renewal of his subscription imposed a fine of 3s. on himself for his forgetfulness.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Marsden, Yorks, on October 22nd, was rung to celebrate the jubilee of the church (October 12th, 1905-1955). It was the first peal on the bells since augmentation, and the band wish to thank the local company for the privilege of ringing the first peal on the new ten.

News of the safe arrival of the Smith twins was received in the Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, belfry by the prompt despatch of congratulatory messages and floral tokens, which were greatly appreciated. We understand Uncle J. Alan Ainsworth is busy arranging his own form of celebration.

Latest news concerning Marine E. N. Harrison, a member of the Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, belfry, is that, in between various peal attempts in the Portsmouth area, he is busy preparing for, and taking part in various ceremonial parades in London, i.e., Trafalgar Day, Armistice Day, etc.

When a peal board was dedicated on October 22nd at Heydour, Lincs, recording the record length of 14.144 London Surprise Major, rung on October 4th, 1947, it was hoped that the peal attempt which followed would be rung by the same band. This was not possible, but J. L. Millhouse and John Freeman took part in both peals.

GOSSIP

At the meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association at Heathfield, the ringers had the pleasure of being handed a bouquet instead of a brick! A gentleman at the nearby village of Little London sent the sum of £1 to the local hostelry for the ringers' refreshment in appreciation of 'the beautiful sound of the bells.'

Mr. William A. Stote, of Coventry, has now rung in 2,000 different towers each containing a ring of five or more bells.

The surnames of seven of the eight ringers in a quarter peal at Cannock, Staffs, on October 22nd began with the letter 'B.' The exception, Mr. A. Armstrong, was being complimented on his 65th birthday.

A band composed of eight visitors to Worcester for the Association's annual dinner and two resident members rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Bromsgrove on October 22nd.

The reproach to members of the Ladies' Guild for not scoring a peal in 1954 has been removed by West Midland District members' peal at Shirley on October 15th.

Congratulations to Mr. Leslie C. W. Hunter, captain of Shalford (Surrey) band, on his first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. 'He rang a very good peal,' was the comment of the conductor.

The peal at Curry Rivel had two bus drivers, Mr. W. F. Slocombe and Mr. R. Beale (conductor), in the band. They inquire as to the possibility of a bus crews' peal by either sex.

The peal attempt in honour of the wedding of Mr. Michael E. Brown (Ringing Master) and Miss Proctor, at his own tower, Sapcote, on October 18th, was concluded at the end of the third extent owing to the extremely doubtful condition of the ropes and sallies of the tenor bells.

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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Dinner

A VERY pleasant evening was spent by the 130 members, guests and friends present at the annual dinner of the Coventry Diocesan Guild on October 15th. The chair was taken by the Rev. D. M. Davies, Rector of Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry.

The toast 'The Church and State' was proposed by Mr. D. A. Carpenter, one of the younger members of the Guild, who said that it was not by coincidence that this toast had appeared on the toast lists of ringers' functions for so many years, since ringers were all members of an organisation whose aims included the support of the Church and State. He drew attention to the debt ringers owed to the Church for their existence as ringers, and to the State for not making off with the bells during the recent war. He pointed out how encouraging it was to have the support of the clergy—particularly the local clergy.

THE CATHEDRAL BELLS

In his response the Provost of Coventry, the Very Rev. R. T. Howard, said how much he appreciated bellringing. This, he said, dated from his first appointment—to Luton—where, on his first Sunday, he had been moved to visit the ringers at their work, and while ascending the belfry steps during ringing for evening service the sound of bells had come to have a completely new meaning for him. He went on to refer to the 'Tragedy of Coventry Bells.' These he hoped to see rehung as ringable bells some day, since he appreciated the difference between the sound of bells rung to changes and just chimed in a carillon. Until that day, however, he hoped that ringers hearing the sound of the carillon would understand and still enjoy the fine tone of the bells.

Mr. J. Pinfold, Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, proposed the toast 'The Coventry Diocesan Guild.' His first duty, he said, was to convey greetings from the St. Martin's Guild. This done, he recalled that the Guild was formed in 1907 to fill a local need. He called for all foundation members present to rise and, besides himself, Mr. William E. Collett, of Warwick, was the only one present.

Mr. Pinfold then drew attention to the fact that the Guild was now in a very flourishing state, as evidenced by the gathering present at the dinner. After pointing out that the ringers' number one priority was Sunday service ringing,

he said that ringers should be grateful to the clergy for having so often given permission for peals rung for the ringers' pleasure. He called on all ringers for their full co-operation in seeing to it that the bells were rung for Sunday services.

The toast 'Our Guests' followed and, in proposing this, Mr. R. J. Edden, the Ringing Master, welcomed the visitors by name. These included Mr. and Mrs. L. Walmsley, from Leyland, Lancs. and Mr. and Mrs. B. Ellender, from Hemel Hempstead, Herts, amongst many others from nearer to hand. He read apologies from several absent friends including the Lord Mayor and the Bishop of Coventry, Dr. N. Gorton, who, as patron, would have liked to be present but who was prevented by his daughter's wedding. Mr. Edden went on to read messages of greeting from the Kent County, Yorkshire and Essex Associations.

DINNERS A POINTER TO PROSPERITY

The reply to this toast was made by Mr. F. E. Haynes, of Birmingham, who said that there were no less than five annual dinners taking place that evening. Several times in 'The Ringing World' questions had been raised as to the current prosperity of the Exercise and, in his opinion, this large number of dinners provided a favourable answer. The excellent attendance at this dinner was a good indication of local progress. He said that the fact that Coventry possessed no central ring of bells had been to the advantage of Birmingham ringers. They had enjoyed the company of many of the Coventry ringers who might otherwise have stayed at home. But that would not prevent him from saying that he hoped to see a ring of bells in Coventry.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, Northern District secretary. In this he thanked the chairman and speakers and Mr. H. Webb, the veteran Coventry ringer, for his diligent and painstaking work in keeping the Guild peal book up to date. This he described as a labour of love, and the book was available as evidence in the dining room. He also thanked the entertainers. These included Mr. and Mrs. Reg Hall with songs at the piano; Delmo, the mystic; Messrs. Albert Barclay and Hubert Summers, duets; and members of the Guild, who rang Stedman Cinques and tunes on handbells.

During the afternoon the towers of St. Andrew's, Rugby; St. Nicholas', Kenilworth; St. Michael's, Stoke; and All Saints', Allesley, were open for ringing.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret to hear as we are going to press of the deaths of Mr. Lionel H. Page, of Titchfield, Hants, and of Mr. Reginald Charles Sharpe, for many years captain of St. Mary's ringers, Newmarket.

There should be a good attendance at the meeting at St. Mary's, Wisbech, on November 12th, as the bells in this tower have not been rung for over 40 years. The bells have been overhauled and augmented to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

Readers will congratulate William Mann, of Caston, Norfolk, on being appointed head boy of Thetford Boys' Grammar School. This is the second year in succession that a ringer has held this appointment, for last year's head boy was C. J. Billin, of Wymondham. We wonder who will 'complete the hat-trick'!

There is an interval of almost 34 years between the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Hingham, Norfolk, and the only other peal of Stedman rung for the Norwich Diocesan Association on these bells.

FOUR GREAT TOWERS OF CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

By JAMES R. LAWSON

A ROUND four great towers revolves the life of Chicago University. Mitchell tower, the towers of the Chicago Theological Seminary, the First Unitarian Church and the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel combine to make this a university of notable towers. All are in Gothic harmony with one another. Though three were built almost simultaneously, each stands independent with its own distinct beauty. All contribute toward making this, architecturally, one of the most impressive universities in the world.

Oldest of the four, Mitchell tower, rises above Hutchinson Commons and the Reynolds Club. It was built in 1903 and named after John J. Mitchell, benefactor of the University. Every autumn for the past 50 years its bells have sounded a welcoming peal to new students. During the Orientation week members of the Societas Campanarium (Society of Bellringers) presented special concerts of English folk music.

MODELLED AFTER OXFORD

Mitchell tower was modelled after Magdalen tower at Oxford. Magdalen tower is somewhat higher than Mitchell (127 feet and 3 inches) but except for differing corner pinnacles the copy is almost perfect. Magdalen tower has ten bells and Mitchell tower has exactly ten bells.

The ten bells came from the Whitechapel foundry in London, where 'Big Ben' and some of the largest bells in the world were cast. The 'tenor', or largest bell, in Mitchell tower has a weight of 2,443 lb. and is inscribed: 'A gracious woman retaining honor.' The 'gracious woman' was Alice Freeman Palmer, dean of women when the University was young. Directly opposite the entrance to Hutchinson Commons is a plaque designed by Daniel Chester French, which indicates that the ten bells ring as a memorial to Mrs. Palmer.

ONE OF A DOZEN

The Palmer chime is one of approximately a dozen outside England which can be rung by ropes and wheels in the traditional English manner known as 'change ringing.' At the moment authentic change ringing in Chicago must wait until another benefactor presents the ringers with new ropes to replace those rotting after years of disuse.

Before the first world war English change ringing was actually practised in Mitchell tower. On November 21st, 1908, history was made with the achievement of the first successful extent; 720 changes of Plain Bob Minor were rung in 26 minutes by a band of eight trained ringers specially imported from England by the University. One of the original ringers, Francis J. Rumens, from Leeds, is still living in Chicago and is an honoured friend of the Societas Campanarium.

To-day the bells are sounded by a method known in England as 'clocking.' New students are invited to climb to the fourth-floor ringing chamber and watch the ringers at their 'clocking.' Also in the ringing chamber the Societas Campanarium holds weekly practice sessions with English handbells loaned to the ringers by another English change ringer, Ernest Weatherby. The 'clocking' is performed each Monday through Friday at 12.15, 6 and 10.5 p.m.

RING GRACE PERIOD

Each night at 10 Bruce Cushna walks across University Avenue from his Alpha Delta fraternity house to play at 10.5 the Alma Mater. This is done in cheerful compliance with a request made by coach Amos Alonzo Stagg, who wanted his football players on their way home to bed by a decent hour. The five-minute grace period was granted so that they might have time for a farewell kiss with their girl friends. Now Bruce rings the Alma Mater for an evening hymn, not as a curfew for amorous football players, but as a bell benediction on the day.

TOPIC FOR THE MONTH - X.

Ringers' Club

SOME say it's only the tone and 'go' of the bells and the ringers' ability that matter. Is this true?

Well, it isn't difficult to say which you'd rather ring in—a badly-lit, untidy, dirty tower; or one neat, clean and bright, where you can hang up your jacket without dusting the hook and sit down without brushing off the bench, and see the ropes without peering through a gloom or being dazzled by sunbeams. Of course such towers are not in the majority, but there are enough of them to affect ringing adversely; and, come to think of it, there's more to carp at! How much more?

WORK FOR MORE THAN ONE

In days gone by these physical aspects were within the province of the 'steeplekeeper,' who sometimes received a token recognition of his services. Nowadays things are frequently left to the tower captain or leader of the band, who is then too often considered responsible for the condition of the ringing chamber and the bells as well. But is this fair? His job is to organise and lead the band of ringers, to plan the training and to direct the ringing, assisted by those with special ability in conducting and instructing. To-day, when spare time is all too readily absorbed, and when modern ways of doing things require closer attention to planning and detail, this maintenance of the belfry in fully efficient condition is more than one person can cope with. In fact, it seems that the present-day tower band, with some exceptions, of course, needs to regard itself, for the efficient pursuit of its pastime, more like a self-administering club, with its headquarters as the belfry.

CLUB PREMISES AND MAINTENANCE

In such an analogy we may, with all due reverence, regard that part of the Lord's House with which ringers are particularly concerned as the ringers' club premises.

Consider any club activity involving equipment or apparatus housed in a related building. For example—a model yacht club, an amateur dramatic society or a gliding club. Generally, in such organisations, the members give a hand in the maintenance of the quarters and the equipment used. Additionally, the social side is encouraged and developed, even to the extent of admitting 'associate' members; i.e., those who, not being 'performing' members, join in and render invaluable help with the ancillary activities that are essential to the healthy life of the club. Purely social occasions such as outings and dinners and dances all play their part in the club's cohesive progress, in fact these supply the 'jam' for the associate members' invaluable work for the club.

From this standpoint we may consider just what, in the belfry, is to be cared for and maintained and how the division of labour for this may be arranged. (Space in this issue is at a premium so the presentation of matter may seem a bit 'telescoped'; but we hope it may nevertheless provoke thought, and action.)

THE SEVERAL JOBS

The maintenance of the fabric of the belfry is, of course, the responsibility of the incumbent; but the tower band may regard as its province the 'conditioning' of the interior and its contents, in its own interests. By 'conditioning' is meant the provisioning of voluntary labour and perhaps a small item or two of furnishing; and not, of course, material replacement, which is normally provided out of church funds. The interior comprises three main portions: (a) the bell chamber; (b) the ringing chamber and (c) the stairways thereto; and in each of these portions some or all of the following eight job categories are called for, as indicated: 1, electrical (a, b and c); 2, mechanical (a and b); 3, ropework (a and b); 4, cleaning

(a, b and c); 5, decorating (b); 6, sewing (b); 7, secretarial (b and home); 8, direction (b and home).

In most towers, for efficient working, a different person should assume responsibility for each job category, thus calling for eight in all. But it should be realised that in ringing, as in other activities, it is not essential to have performing members of the band for these jobs, except the last-named; and this is where the associate members of the band can be invaluable in their aid. But if all jobs can be done by ringing members, so much the better.

Viewed as indicated above, this is how the work pans out:—

Job 1.—In (a), bulb replacement, making up of wander leads and safety light. In (b), bulb replacement, adjustment of lighting, preferably central and from ceiling. (Extension leads from wall sockets are useful.) Attention to electric fire where provided. In (c), bulb replacement. Also electric warning bells, where provided.

Job 2.—In (a), on bells and frame, attention to nuts and bolts. Lubrication of bearings and pulleys. Stay reserves and replacement. In (b), attention to rope guides and repairs to pedestal boxes, etc.

Job 3.—In (a), periodic examination, especially before peals, and taking up, as necessary, for wear, etc. In (b), adjustments for end-length and for rope heights; and in both (a) and (b), splicing as required. Attention to stretching of new ropes and fitting same.

Job 4.—In (a), occasionally, and by a male member preferably No. 2. But in (b) and (c) a female member could do the work; (b) requires regular attention, sweeping floor and dusting round, but (c) only occasionally. There is also the 'spring-clean' of (b), when walls should be swept down all round.

Job 5.—Much can be done in (b) to make the chamber attractive and give a pleasant atmosphere, conducive to relaxed mental condition for concentrating on the ringing. Walls can be distempered, even if only from a lower level (say seven feet) downwards. A coat of paint on old cupboards and other woodwork makes a wonderful improvement, but care is needed in choosing colours!

Job 6.—This is one for the ladies. Curtains at the windows are essential in some towers, where sunbeams can dazzle. Repairs to rope-mats and other articles, where the needle can be used, should be dealt with promptly, for obvious reasons.

Job 7.—The secretarial work can be quite heavy in some towers. It may include:—Correspondence, accounts, treasury, tower library, arrangements for outings, suppers, etc., and Press reports.

Job 8.—This is the king-pin of the jobs, of course, and is for a well-chosen tower leader. He must plan (at home) and direct the instruction and the practice-ringing, calling in the assistance of others to help with the conducting and teaching, as necessary.

'CLUB' ORGANISATION

And so a tower band may be organised on a 'club' basis, calling itself what it pleases—'Guild' has been used successfully. Its president might be the incumbent, the tower leader, the chairman and the secretary (sometimes called the tower correspondent), also acting as treasurer, will be responsible for the 'Belfry Fund,' out of which the sundry ancillaries mentioned in 1 to 8 above should be provided. He would also organise the social functions. (Many towers have a summer outing and a winter supper, anyway.) Other jobs could be nominated as 'offices' and appointments made annually. The incumbent should be approached for an annual 'Ringers' Guild' Sunday, when services would be attended by all members—associates and performing—in full force. Ringers would

perhaps read the lessons, and give handbell voluntaries in the nave, in lieu of 'anthems.' Addresses could be given on the subject of ringing as a service of the Church, and as to the relationship of the Guild to its territorial association and to the Exercise at large. Trainee members and associate members would be invited to join the Guild and notice might be given of talks and demonstrations to be presented on the national art of change ringing. Collections might be given to the Belfry Fund.

A NEW LOOK

In such an atmosphere the matter of ringing, as viewed by the community, instead of appearing as some remote and mysterious rite (which from that very aspect can become something merely to be tolerated), develops as a vital, even intimate, interest; while the ringers themselves are active in an aura of ever-growing keenness and pride of performance—not the least founded on the attractiveness and efficacy of their 'club' premises.

Isn't it worth more than a thought?

A. Y-B.

A GREAT DAY AT SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE

The tiny village of Shotwick stands at the edge of the Dee marshes and in days gone by was famous as the haunt of smugglers. The tower of its ancient church contains a delightful ring of six installed in 1937, when four trebles were added to two of the three seventeenth century bells which had been derelict for many years. The other bell, the smaller of the old three, cast by Scott of Wigan in 1664, now rests in the north aisle, where it keeps company with the three-decker pulpit and the canopied churchwardens' stalls.

The outstanding event of the year at Shotwick is the harvest festival, the main service being held on a Sunday afternoon in October, when folk from far and near flock to the church to fill not only its ancient box-pews, but also the forms, stools and chairs of many varieties which are packed into the narrow aisles and in every conceivable corner.

Ringing for this great occasion is always provided by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and the fascinating dance of the ropes holds the attention of the many people who arrive very early to be sure of a seat. Regular visitors note that, although the ringers change from year to year, there is always one whose name is Bob, and curiously enough this fellow seems to be the weak member of the band who has to be spoken to so often. The general opinion is that this awkward person is the one standing at the south-east who must surely be very conscious that the great sandstone weights of the clock dangle so perilously above his head.

This year the congregation was greater than ever, for the Lord Bishop was making his first visit to the church. A well-struck extent of Bob Minor being brought round, the bells were set and the floor space beneath the tower was quickly filled. The church was now closely packed from the altar rails to the west door, and the opening hymn, 'Come, ye thankful people, come,' resounded in the timbers of the ancient roof. Later a passage was made—not without difficulty—for the Bishop to proceed to the three-decker from which he preached, and after the concluding hymn the space beneath the tower was eventually cleared and more ringing took place.

It is pleasing to record that the Bishop came down to the belfry with all speed and took a rope in some Grandsire Doubles while those who still remained within the church watched with considerable interest. The Chester Diocesan Guild is very proud of the fact that in the new Bishop of Chester it has its first ringing president and it is hoped that he will be able to visit many towers as he travels about his diocese.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEAVIEST TENOR IN WALES

Dear Sir,—In reference to the 'Monmouth and South Wales Tour,' reported in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated October 21st, 1955, the reporter states that at Cardiff (St. John's Church) an attempted peal of Cambridge Royal came to grief after three hours and ten minutes' ringing, and that, with the peal of Rutland Surprise Major at Pentre Parish Church, the heaviest tenor of the tour was rung. This, however, it not the case.

The tenor of the Pentre octave is exceeded in weight by the tenor the ring of ten at St. John-the-Baptist, Cardiff, the heaviest ring in Wales, viz.:—

St. Peter's Church, Pentre: Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

St. John's Church, Cardiff: Tenor 27 cwt. in D.—Yours truly,

Barry, Glam. PETER J. ROBERTS.

WITH TRUMPETS AND SHAWMS

Dear Sir,—In the psalter version of Psalm 98 verse 7 is: 'With trumpets also and shawms: O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.' On going to St. Mary's Church, Barking, near Needham, Suffolk, for a peal, I noticed a shawm in a glass case. The Rector explained that this was played by one Thomas Emsden in the choir orchestra, before the general introduction of an organ in his church, about the year 1830. I had the pleasure of meeting his granddaughter.

The instrument is curved like a serpent, has a mouthpiece similar to brass band, six holes (three for each hand) conveniently placed for the production of different notes.

The Bible version has cornets in lieu of shawms.

Ipswich. G. E. SYMONDS.

WHY THESE SEVEN VARIATIONS?

Dear Sir,—'Dictators, dictators, dictators'—what a world this is getting! I thought we had a war to do away with these people! Not content with exalting their ugly prowess in political circles, in ministerial and local government offices, they cannot even let so simple a thing as ringing alone—as if the decision of the Central Council last Whitsun was not enough to curb their powers and activities!

Good luck to the team who want to ring Bob Triples, Grandsire Royal and all the rest of it—and I say the same to the team who want to ring a peal of Bob Minor, whether it be seven callings or one, or a peal of Grandsire Doubles, whether it be ten callings or one—what's it to do with anyone else? If there was a competition and a prize at the end, all well and good—but there is not!

Ringing is purely a voluntary thing, and ringers have the perfect right to please themselves what they shall ring. A peal of Bob Minor in one variation (if that is a young band's limit), providing it is decently struck, is far better than some conglomeration of badly struck Surprise Major or Maximus—I've heard some of the latter not worthy of the name of ringing! In any case, why must any young band wait until they can ring seven variations, ten variations, extremes, and all the rest of it, before they go for a peal, if they wish? I repeat—what's it to do with anyone else?

There's enough 'crying the odds' about shortages of young ringers, everywhere, without anyone trying to dictate or put obstacles in the way of the few who do come forward.

The world has far too many dictators nowadays in every phase of life, and the sooner they are put down and their bureaucratic ideals with them, the better. Ringing is not a Trade Union, and I for one strongly resent anyone trying to introduce or force Trade Union tactics into it!—Yours sincerely,

Weston Favell, Northants. P. AMOS.

SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN EIGHT METHODS

Dear Sir,—In view of the interest taken in Spiced Surprise Major, in which all the bells do all the work in each method, I continued to investigate the possibility of adding something to my last composition, which was in seven methods. I have worked on several, but the only one I have found suitable up to the present is Lincoln, which contains a lot of Pudsey. However, it is a distinct method and I have used it for making up my composition to eight methods as shown in following figures. As pointed out by Mr. L. W. G. Morris in his kind letter of appreciation of my work, there is a limit to the number of methods one can include on this plan.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

2 3 4 5 6					M	B	W	H	Methods
2 3 5 6 4	2		2	1					LBNBL
5 2 3 6 4				1					PWW
6 5 3 2 4			1						NNDDW
3 5 2 6 4			2	1					WPBL
6 3 2 5 4			1	(3)					LPNNBB
4 5 2 3 6	1		1	1					NNNPL
2 4 5 3 6			3	1					LDSLBCSP
3 2 5 4 6			1						LDL
2 4 3 6 5	2		2						LBCBL
5 3 4 6 2	1			1					LDL
4 5 3 6 2	3			1					PSCBLLSDL
6 4 3 5 2			1	3					LCWBB
3 4 5 6 2			2	1					LSBW
6 5 2 4 3	1		1						SPPDW
2 5 4 6 3			2	1					WCBL
4 2 5 6 3				1					PDCCL
3 2 4 6 5		x	1						SDBBBW
5 6 4 2 3	1		1	1					CNCCW
4 5 6 2 3				1					DCLSS
6 4 5 2 3				1					SSLCD
2 5 3 4 6	1		1						WCCNC
5 4 3 2 6	1	x							WBBBDS
5 4 2 6 3	2		2	1					LBWWWWWBL
6 2 3 4 5	1		1	(3)					WCWBB
4 3 5 2 6	1		1						WCW
6 3 4 2 5	2								LBCW
5 2 4 3 6	1		1	1					WDPPS
6 2 5 3 4	2			3					WBSLBB
3 5 4 2 6	1		1						WCCDP
4 2 3 5 6			1	1					LCL
6 2 4 5 3	2								LBPW
3 4 2 5 6	1			1					WDDNN
2 3 4 5 6				1					WWP

N. Lincoln. 416 Lincoln, 448 Superlative, 448 Pudsey, 512 Dorchester, 672 Cambridge, 896 Bristol, 928 Watford, 960 London.

To reduce, omit three Bobs Home (3) and the Bristol leads between at one or both places.

YORKSHIRE ROYAL IN SHROPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—The claim regarding the peal of Yorkshire Royal at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, as the first in the county, is not correct. A peal of Yorkshire Royal was rung at Coalbrookdale on August 21st, 1954, conducted by Wilfred Williams.—Yours faithfully,

Wood Green, N.22. JOHN G. NASH.

Dear Sir,—The first peal of Yorkshire Royal in Shropshire was rung at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, August 21st, 1954.

The footnote to the Shrewsbury peal should have read 'The first of Yorkshire Royal by the Association.'—Yours faithfully,

WILFRED WILLIAMS.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Andrews (first quarter) 1, C. Murphy 2, Ann Vinter 3, N. Hayes (cond.) 4, R. Payne (first 'inside') 5, Alice Reed 6, R. A. Reed 7, L. W. Stead 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, both members of the band. Rung by the Sunday service band.

PEAL APPRECIATED

Dear Sir,—I was one of the ringers who took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Matthew's Church, Buckley, on Saturday, October 22nd.

Many people have since expressed to me their appreciation of the ringing, but none pleased me more than the lady who approached my Vicar and asked who were the ringers on Saturday, as she and her friends had sat and listened to the peal right to the end and they had never heard such lovely music or good ringing, and then she handed him a donation to the Bell Restoration Fund as a mark of appreciation!—Yours fraternally,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Chester.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND BELLS

Dear Sir,—The announcement that Stoke-by-Nayland is to have a full octave can only be full of interest to those of us who are critical as to the sound of bells.

This fine tower standing on a hill overlooking the Stow Valley (Harwich can be seen from the top) is ideal for a ring of bells, the acoustics being all that one could wish for.

The tenor is a very good bell by Thomas Mears, 1811, but to my mind fall some bit short of 28 cwt. Allowing for the removal of the cannons and the bellfounders scraping a bit of spare metal in tuning, I should assess the weight at 23 cwt., so they will be a long way from being one of the heaviest eights in Suffolk.

All Saints', Sudbury, was listed at 30 cwt., but the true weight was discovered as 26½ cwt. Bures (Thomas Mears, 1826) was known to be 23 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat, but in 1951 tuning forks and measurements have told us that it is a good 20 cwt. in E. Ringers used to judge the weight of a bell by how it went; bad-going bells gained a little weight every few years.

Those who have not rung at Stoke will be interested to learn that they are hung 123465, with enough timber in the frame to build Nelson's 'Victory.'

The bellfounders have everything in their favour so after June, 1956, Stoke should prove to be a Mecca for ringers.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS

Bures.

A PEAL AT RICHMOND, SURREY

Dear Sir,—The account of the quarter peal at Richmond reminds me of a peal I rang there on June 4th, 1898, under rather trying circumstances. At that time I was frequently at Isleworth for practice, and an attempt for Oxford Bob Triples was discussed, but Freddie Goddard informed us that ringing at Richmond was controlled by a steeplekeeper called 'Old Wheelbarrow,' who sat on a stool and directed the ringing (call changes, I understood), and that until he was gone no peal would be allowed.

It so happened that this old gentleman passed away, and permission to ring was obtained by F. G. Apparently this did not meet with the approval of the locals, as soon after the peal was commenced the clockwinder turned up, making all the unnecessary noise he possibly could in the clock chamber above; then later a stone was thrown through the window, of course breaking it.

Thanks to a very efficient conductor a very good peal was rung. The band was Thomas Beadle 1, Evered J. Walsom 2, John Basden (conductor) 3, Harry Newnham 4, William Crockford 5, Frederick G. Goddard 6, George A. Ransom 7, William Stanney 8.

W. Crockford is still alive, but has not rung for many years. Excepting myself, I do not know whether any others of the band survive.—Yours truly,

H. NEWNHAM.

Alresford, Hants.

REDEDICATIONS

EWHURST, SUSSEX

Many ringers from neighbouring towers attended the rededication of the bells of Ewhurst, Sussex, by the Lord Bishop of Chichester on Saturday, October 22nd. This ring of five bells was last rung on VE-Day, 1945. Much money had to be spent on the roof of the church before the bells could be attended to.

The tenor and treble were cracked and have been recast at the Whitechapel Foundry. All the bells have had the old crowns removed and replaced with the modern type and clappers and have been hung on ball bearings. The wooden beams supporting the bell frame were found to be badly decayed at the ends, and the masonry, where they joined the walls, broken up. They have been replaced with steel girders firmly fixed into the walls.

The original five bells were cast in 1760 and it is possible they were a recasting of an earlier ring of four bells with a new one added. The bell frame, still retained, is dated 1760.

These five bells had their weights cut in, and were inscribed just above the sound-bow wires:

Treble.—Mr. John Richardson, Curate. Lester and Pack, of London, fecit 1760. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. (diameter 29½ inches).

Second.—Lester and Pack of London fecit 1760. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. (diameter 32 inches).

Third.—Lester and Pack of London fecit 1760. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. (diameter 33 inches).

Fourth.—Edwd. Cox and Jno. Bartlett, Ch. Wardens. 1760. Lester and Pack, London fecit. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. (diameter 34½ inches).

Tenor.—The Rev. Thos. Nairne, Rector. 1760. Lester and Pack of London fecit. 10 cwt. 12 lb. (diameter 38 inches).

The inscriptions on the recast bells read now:

Treble.—Edwd. Wm. Perry and Chas. Jno. Gray, Churchwardens. L et P fecerunt 1760 M et S refecerunt iii Eliz: R. ii (round the lower part of the bell just above the sound-bow wires). And (round the crown of the bell) Sancta Maria o.p.n.

Tenor.—Kenneth Arthur Pearson, Rector. L et P. fecerunt 1760. M et S refecerunt iii Eliz: R. ii (just above the sound-bow wires) and Sancte Jacobe o.p.n. (below the crown).

A tablet on the wall under the tower records that the restored ring was consecrated by George Kennedy Allen Bell, Bishop of Chichester, on October 22nd, 1955.

The verdict of visiting ringers was that the tone and go of the bells were good. Refreshments were served after the service.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

For 80 years the bells of St. Mary's, Queniborough, Leics. have been silent. Through the initiative of this small parish, which has perhaps the finest spire in Leicestershire, the four old bells have been retuned and a new treble added. These have been rehung in a metal frame, the contract having been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The tenor is 10½ cwt.

The dedication service took place on October 27th, Bishop H. A. Maxwell performing the ceremony. Rounds were rung on the five bells immediately after the dedication as the clergy returned to the chancel, the ringers being representatives of the district committee and the founders.

After the service touches were rung by visitors from seven local towers, and all visiting ringers with Bishop Maxwell were entertained to a buffet supper by the Vicar and churchwardens.

A band of learners has been receiving instruction for some time so that the bells will be rung regularly by a local band. Good luck, Queniborough!

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE

The rededication of the fine eight at Eccleston, following their rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co., took place on Sunday, October 23rd. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Stockport, the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders Davies, at morning service, and began at the chancel steps when the Bishop called for the Archdeacon's Certificate authorising the work to be carried out. This document having been examined, the Bishop, Rector and wardens proceeded to the west end and ascended to the ringing chamber where suitable prayers were said.

The ropes, suitably tied together with ribbon, were handed to the Bishop by Mr. Samuel Jones, who has been a ringer here since the bells were opened in 1907. The ribbon was released and the bells rung in rounds for a few minutes as the procession returned to the vestry, the ceremony having been relayed to the congregation in the church below by means of loud speakers.

To the singing of the hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple,' the Bishop, Rector and choir entered by the west door and processed to the chancel. A break was made in the service at the end of the first lesson and the procession re-formed and moved to the undertower where a single rope was suspended from the tower above. This the Bishop handed to the Rector as a token with the injunction, 'Receive these bells and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.' The procession returned to the choir during the singing of the Te Deum.

In his sermon the Bishop spoke of the use of bells in the service of the Church and also of the unique English art of change ringing, drawing a parallel between the path of a bell in changes to the path of the individual through life. At the conclusion of the service the bells were again rung as a very large congregation left the church.

The present church at Eccleston was built by the first Duke of Westminster and dedicated on Ascension Day, 1900. Its bells, a very fine ring of eight with a tenor of 26½ cwt. in D, are well known to ringers, and to the older members of the Exercise the name of Mr. H. W. Wilde, the eminent composer and conductor who died in 1932, will be associated with them.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Mr. M. Orme Leaving for National Service

The Northern District met at Great Offley on October 22nd. After a short service, at which Miss Mayes played the organ, the ringers were greeted as they walked through the fog along the road to tea by the strains of 'Old Man River.'

The chairman for the business meeting was Mr. M. Orme, who is about to leave for National Service. The problem of the lack of Hitchin ringers was discussed, the final decision being that the secretary should write to Mr. Fidler suggesting that monthly special practices should be held in order to help learners and in the hope that interest would be aroused.

Miss Elizabeth Symons, of Norton, was elected a member.

The Rector of Stevenage will be unable to be present on the fourth Saturday in November, so the next meeting has been brought forward to the 19th, with Dr. Gullick as Ringing Master. The special method will be Painswick College Bob.

Ringings in the evening ranged from rounds to Bala Bob. J. S.

THE MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END

The annual gathering at Wrington to honour the memory of Major John H. B. Hesse was held on the fourth Saturday in October, the Saturday nearest the anniversary of his death. Major Hesse was a well-known ringer throughout the country and it was he who was the prime mover in the augmentation of Wrington bells from six to ten in 1911.

A good peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Wraxall in 2 hours and 56 minutes on the Friday evening, but the peal attempt at Wrington on Saturday afternoon came to grief after just over one hour's ringing.

Tea was afterwards taken at a nearby hotel and Mr. Knight said he had received a letter from Mrs. Hesse, who was very sorry she was unable to be present as she was away from home for three months. Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas and Messrs. Stafford Green, H. Sanger and A. A. Hughes also sent letters of apology for absence. After tea Stedman and Grandis Triples were rung on handbells. Those present at tea were the Rector of Wrington, the Rev. B. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight and Messrs. W. Birmingham, R. Bowden, L. Derrick, J. Dyke, R. Fry, W. Kingcott, C. Lewington, B. Lister and H. Price. M. J. H.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

Four teams entered for the Halifax Association quarterly cup contest held at Earlsheaton on October 22nd. Result:—

Meltham	.. 58 faults
Sandal	.. 123 "
Lindley	.. 144 "
Friezland	.. 29 "

The test piece was 600 changes of any Treble Bob Minor method.

Friezland were declared the winners.

At the business meeting following the contest votes of thanks were expressed to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company for the excellent arrangements made on behalf of the Association, and the bells of Friezland were offered for the venue of the next meeting and contest in April, 1956.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringers from Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Northampton, Earls Barton, Bozeat, Rushden, Finedon, Higham Ferrers, Easton Maudit, Dallington, Irchester, Stanwick, Mears Ashby, Isham, Billing and Ecton attended the quarterly meeting of Wellingborough branch at Ecton on October 22nd.

The Guild service in the afternoon was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Woolcombe). Mr. J. S. Line was the organist. A collection for the Restoration Fund amounted to £1 12s. 7d. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Irthlingborough in January.

The bells were rung in the afternoon and evening by ringers of both sexes, whose ages ranged from 14 to 85.

Handbells were rung by Messrs. A. J. Tyler, J. King, J. Skeritt and A. Bigley.

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A Week-end in East Devon

A party of six ringers from Long Ashton, Clutton, Leicester and Nailsea, with the organiser, Cyril Deem, and other local friends, enjoyed a ringing week-end on August 8th-9th in East Devon. Headquarters was the 'ringers' hotel, the King's Arms, East Budleigh.

Proceedings got off to a fine start on Saturday, when, after ringing on the light six at Otterton, one of the 'away' team got locked in the tower. This was purely accidental but the gentleman in question thought it was a practical joke and patiently sat down on the steps to wait. While his chauffeur was wondering where he was, and the tower captain was in the process of being whisked off (complete with key) to the next tower, the imprisoned ringer went back to the ringing chamber and furiously chimed the treble, thereby narrowly averting solitary confinement!

Colaton Raleigh's six were next tackled, followed by the beautiful light ring at Harford (7 cwt. 4 lb.), where Reverse Canterbury Minor was one of the methods rung. After a welcome cup of coffee Aylesbeare was visited and then on to the Taylor eight at Ottery St. Mary, where good Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Bob Major were rung.

An excellent lunch at Ottery preceded ringing at Feniton, Payhembury (a lovely tenor) and Clyst Hydon, where, while some watched the antics of the local football team, others watched the antics of the tenor man coping with a brand new rope! Plymtree was the last stop before tea and we feel we did not disgrace ourselves at this champion call change tower.

A hasty call at Cullompton and we were able to ring some good Grandsire Caters and passable Stedman Caters on the lovely light ten there (one member's 600th tower). The light eight in the tiny tower at Sowton were next visited and ringing included a lightning touch of Stedman Triples—so fast, in fact, that, as someone said, there wasn't time to go wrong! Pinhoe and the octave at St. David's, Exeter, concluded the day's ringing.

Sunday service ringing was at Sidmouth and East Budleigh (where all the party attended the harvest festival service) and we had a final pull at Lymington after lunch which concluded the official operations, although one of the party rang at Heavitree (Exeter) for Evensong, and the Somerset contingent were made very welcome at Ruishon, with its lovely little six augmented from three a couple of months ago.

M. J. H.

Nailsea Seek Adventures On Outing

The annual meeting of the Nailsea ringers was on October 1st, when they were joined by friends from Backwell, Long Ashton, Clutton, Langport and Coventry.

None of the towers had been chosen by merit of their tone of 'go,' and Iron Acton, the first visited, was not conspicuous for the latter. The next tower was Wapley (tenor 17 cwt.), where it was unanimously decided that the five bells were 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of a ring of eight. Erin Minimus with a tenor sounded better than Doubles.

The Vicar met the party at Grittleton and told them that he knew the condition of the ropes was not good. Part of the way through the last touch Mr. Derrick proved too much for the fourth rope, which broke below the sally, so the bells were rung down and the rope spliced before going on to Yatton Keynell, where minimus methods were rung on this recently rehung four.

Ringling at Corsham (6, 23½ cwt.), where two local ringers joined in, ended the day's scheduled activities. Some of the conductors had great difficulty here in making themselves heard on account of the noise in the ringing chamber and the bells cast rope easily—the tenor ringers noticed this particularly.

Sincere thanks were expressed to Michael Horseman, the organiser, and to the clergy (who met us at every tower) for the use of their bells.

M. E. F.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Society of Rambling Ringers

During their tour of Norfolk and Suffolk, which started on July 30th, the Society of Rambling Ringers held their business meeting and elected the following officers:—Ringing Master, John E. Cook; Deputy Ringing Masters, Denis Mottershead and Clive M. Smith; hon. secretary, Jean A. Brooks, 78, Melton Road, Syston, Leicester; peal secretary, John R. Ketteringham.

It was decided that all non-touring members should pay a yearly subscription of one shilling, and touring members 2s. 6d. (as at present). The annual reunion will be at Leicester on December 17th. All past and present members and any interested in joining the Society will be welcome and should contact Jean A. Brooks.

New members predominated in this year's tour, which lasted 15 days. Methods rung during the tour were Cinques: Grandsire; Royal: Cambridge, Kent, Plain and Little Bob; Caters: Stedman, Grandsire; Major: Bristol, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Rutland, Superlative, Ipswich, New Cambridge Surprise; Triples: Grandsire and Stedman; Minor: Cambridge, Bourne, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Lightfoot, London, Wells, Chester, London Scholars, Kent, Oxford, Plain St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Double Oxford; Doubles: Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's.

Towers visited:—

Saturday, July 30th: King's Lynn, Gaywood (6), Clenchwharton (5), Tilney, All Saints' (6).

Sunday, July 31st: Fakenham, Wells-next-the-Sea (8), Wiverton (6).

Monday, August 31st: Cromer (6), Aylsham (10), Marsham (8), Buxton (6), Lammas (5), Salle (8).

Tuesday, August 2nd: Northrepps (6), Paston (6), Knapton (5), Scottow (6), Coltishall (6), St. George's, Colegate, Norwich.

Wednesday, August 3rd: Mattishall (6), East Dereham (8), Hingham (8), Garveston (6), Wyndham (8), Hethersett (8), St. Giles', Norwich (8).

Thursday, August 4th: St. John-de-Sepulchre, Norwich, St. Michael, Coslany (8), Saxlingham Nethergate (8), Shotesham (5), Lodden (8), Norton Subcourse (6), St. Peter Mancroft (12).

Friday, August 5th: Randworth (6), Wroxham (6), Catfield (5), Winterton (6).

Saturday, August 6th: Beccles (10), Bungay (8), Alburgh (8), Redenhall (8), Diss (8).

Sunday, August 7th: Stowmarket (8), Farnham St. Martin (6), Farnham All Saints (5), Bury St. Edmunds, St. Mary's (8), St. James' (10).

Monday, August 8th: Eye (8), Debenham (8), Stonham Aspal (10).

Tuesday, August 9th.—Ipswich, St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Grundisburgh (10), Woodbridge (8).

Wednesday, August 10th: Lavenham (8), Sudbury, St. Gregory's (8), All Saints' (8), Bures (8).

Thursday, August 11th: Great Tey (8), Earls Colne (8), Halstead (8), Pebmarsh (6), Sible Hedingham (8), Castle Hedingham (6).

Friday, August 12th: Clare (8), Cavendish (6), Foxearth (8), Radwinter (8), Saffron Walden (12).

Saturday, August 13th: Ickleton (8), Cambridge, Great St. Mary's (12), Cambridge R.C. (8), Cambridge, St. Andrew's (8).

The Mobile Youths' Tour

We had decided to take advantage of the September 'long week-end' to make our excursion into the country, and chose Manchester Cathedral as a suitable marshalling point. Both cars successfully fought their way through Manchester's chaotic traffic to Cheshire's open country, and we reached Bollington at the appointed hour. Here we met Mr. Moss, 64 years a ringer at this church. He still rings regularly and looks good for another 64! The way to the belfry was almost as tortuous as our navigation in Manchester, but after passing through the organ-blowing mechanism we soon had this good-going but rather harsh-toned eight ringing Bob Major.

At Sutton we received a cordial welcome from Mrs. Lawson and thoroughly enjoyed a very pleasant six rung from the ground floor. The only real mishap here was the mistaking of this tenor for one later in the day less than half the weight by one of the female members of the party.

After receiving directions from local guides for finding our next tower, Bosley (6), the two cars performed superlative long dodges from one side of the lane to the other in their attempts to turn round. The stone tower at the west end of Bosley's brick church was ascended by a near vertical ladder from a form in the church. The bells proved to be a most unbalanced ring of four old bells and two trebles. The tone of the tenor made Minor sound very odd, so it was here that we made our first ventures in Doubles ringing.

After a meal at Congleton we finally persuaded the sexton to open the tower. If the sexton did not know we were coming 'The Congleton Chronicle' certainly did, for we had hardly rung a course on this excellent-toned but not easy-handled bells when the Press entered. However vague the reporter's views on ringing had been before, they were now quite distinct!

The next call will long be remembered for the fine-toned six at Holmes Chapel, recently put in good order; the delightful multi-bob touch of Bob Minor called by Anne; and the magnificent wood ceiling in the church recently exposed by the removal of plaster covering.

Goostrey (6, 6 cwt.), our next call, had a tower of hazards. Heads were bumped, dresses were ripped, shins were barked on doors, organ-blowers and projections, and all this for an odd-going ring which the local ringer told us went better to Doubles.

The two cars then left this all-brick church by entirely different routes, one guided by Ordnance, the other by intuition, and finally arrived on opposite sides of the same famous beauty spot—Lower Peover. Here we preferred to ring with the church door closed, for when it is open, though it is both cooler and lighter, the fifth cannot see the fourth and vice-versa.

The husbands in the party were quite relieved to find their wives' attempts to prove themselves worthy of being the wives of Cheshire yeomen, by the lifting of the church chest lid with one hand, were foiled by the chest being locked. We were then able to get down to serious ringing, rendered difficult by new ropes. We liked this Warner six and considered this delightful half-timbered church deservedly popular.

Thence down the cobbled lane to the main road, the bigger car leaving the smaller in a fine burst of speed. We soon came to Knutsford, another good six, but, for a change, rung anticlockwise. Lower Peover, as a half-timbered church, is long remembered as a fine example of its kind, so also is Nether Alderley, a beautiful stone church in a truly glorious setting. This, plus a fine Rudhall six, recently brought up to scratch by a dose of bellhangers' tonic, made a perfect ending to a good day.

Methods.—Doubles: Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob; Minor: Plain Bob, Little Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent; Triples: Grandsire, Stedman; Major: Plain Bob.

P. J. H. H.

OBITUARY

MR. CLEMENT GLENN

A dear friend, Mr. Clement Glenn, known affectionately as 'Clem', collapsed and died by the roadside after ringing for service at Bulwell, Notts, on Sunday, October 23rd.

The news of his sudden death spread very slowly over the country, and few friends saw him laid to rest on Thursday, October 27th. It was a sad end that such a brilliant conductor of odd-bell methods had so few ringers attend his funeral at Horbling, Lincs.

A brother and sister-in-law and three friends were present, together with the following ringing friends: Mrs. A. Richardson and Mrs. E. Wayman (Surfleet), Mr. A. Holmes (Edenham), Messrs. J. E. Allen and C. Wander (Donington), Messrs. W. E. Allen, G. Carpenter, B. H. Dalton and J. T. Rolt (Billingborough). Mrs. A. Richardson represented the Ladies' Guild, and Mr. J. E. Allen the College Youths.

Two courses of Grandsire Doubles on handbells were rung over the open grave by: J. E. Allen 1-2, C. Wander 3-4, Mrs. A. Richardson 5-6.

After the interment the tower bells were raised, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor was rung and the bells were lowered by Mrs. J. T. Rolt 1, J. E. Allen 2, Mrs. A. Richardson 3, A. Holmes 4, B. H. Dalton 5, C. Wander (conductor) 6.

Clem's oft-repeated wish 'to lie in Horbling Churchyard with my feet to the Fens' had been fulfilled. J. E. A.

MR. FRANCIS SHEPPARD WILSON

Many ringers will be sorry and surprised to know that Mr. Francis S. Wilson, of Lilliput, Parkstone, Dorset, passed away on May 30th. The tardiness of the announcement arises from Mr. Wilson having withdrawn from active ringing for some long time before his death.

Mr. Wilson, in his profession as a bank clerk and manager, had moved around the country quite a bit and had at all times keenly fostered activity in the Exercise at his 'home' tower for the time being—Ludlow, Cheltenham, Wincanton and Midhurst were some of them, and there is a photograph of F. S. W. hanging in St. Mary's, Portsea, tower. It is said that whenever he went to ringers' meetings he always carried a gladstone bag full of handbells 'just in case.' Certainly on one occasion he 'dropped everything' and picked up his handbells to join an outing party who had stopped for 'elevenses' at Wincanton.

In the Bournemouth district he did much to pioneer the double-handed handbell ringing movement, which was started with the imposition of the ban on tower bell ringing in 1940. He took part in all the first odd-bell peals rung on handbells in Bournemouth and, on occasion, generously 'stood' a small celebration after success.

One must be honest in writing of the departed, however; Mr. Wilson's limitation in double-handed ringing (he could only ring the back pair in odd-bell methods) made him a little 'difficult' in later years. He was so keen that he wanted to be 'in' on everything, and was undoubtedly 'hurt' when even-bell methods were chosen for peal attempts and that there was no place for him in the wonderful records put up by the Bournemouth handbell band in later years. This undoubtedly led to his withdrawal from the scene and in consequence, gave more time to his beloved bowls. Nevertheless his keenness and pioneer work should be remembered with gratitude by the Exercise. An attempt is being made to get possession of his ringing records with a view to compiling a list of his peals. A. V. D.

MR. WILLIAM KEATES

A ringer of Mere, Wilts, Mr. William Keates died recently at Chichester, at the age of 69. He was the best type of ringer, for although not particularly skilled, he was never late for, or absent from ringing. A good churchman, he was a great supporter of all his church activities, and during his association with his church frequently acted as voluntary verger on week-days. A record of service such as his—he was a ringer for 50 years—provides a worthy example for emulation.

He was a man of singleness of purpose, and it is related of him that when he was asked to ring the tenor to what proved to be his first peal he asked for time to consider. A few days later he agreed to make the attempt. It was found out subsequently that, in order to make sure that he could ring the tenor for three hours, he had tied the clapper and rung the bell silent for three hours. Only when he was sure that he would not let the band down did he consent to make the attempt. Would that we were all as conscientious.

The funeral took place at Mere, where many mourners attended, and these included both ringers and members of the British Legion.

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ENGAGEMENT

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CHISLEHURST, KENT.—The Annunciation Church. A new band has been formed. Practice, Monday evenings. Visitors welcome. Enquiries to the Secretary, Miss M. Scollon, 25, Elmhurst Road, Mottingham, S.E.9. 7231

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7118

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey Heath (8), Nov. 5th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7184

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Thame on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available afternoon and evening, commencing at 2.45 p.m. All welcome.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame. 7163

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wyke Regis, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting following.—Hayne, Sec. 7166

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Kelsale and Saxmundham on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells: Kelsale (8) 2.30 p.m.; Saxmundham (6) after tea. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Clark's, Saxmundham. Names for tea to Post Office, Theberton, Leiston.—A. R. Bridger, Hon. Sec. Phone Leiston 57. 7170

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Hartfield (6), Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7183

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Nov. 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. N. Guy, Hon. Sec. 7180

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Fareham (8), Nov. 5th, 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. 7169

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Sheffield, Nov. 5th. St. Marie's R.C., Norfolk Row (8), 2.30-5; Cathedral (12) 6-9 p.m. Tea in Wostenholm Hall 5 p.m.—J. Scager and J. J. L. Gilbert. 7155

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (near Tottenham Court Road Tube Station) on Monday, Nov. 7th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 7198

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 7215

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—318th anniversary dinner, Nov. 12th. Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d. Ringing at St. George's, Camberwell, 12-1 p.m. Southwark Cathedral 1.30-2.30 p.m. St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3.30 to 4.30.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7087

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Shelley, Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Gardeners Arms. Those requiring tea must notify, not later than Nov. 9th, Mr. J. W. Buxton, Royd House, Shelley, near Huddersfield. D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 7227

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Rockwell Green, Nov. 12th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 7225

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Silsoe on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: St. James' Youth Exercise. All welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 7192

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Patrington on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Church Room 4.30 p.m. (price 3s. 6d.). Names for tea to Mr. L. Rodmell, Highfields, Patrington, E. Yorkshire. 7220

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 12th, at St. Peter's, Macclesfield. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Dolphin. 7206

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea available.—A. B. Cooper. 7228

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (3s.), by Nov. 10th, to Mr. N. Elliott, 18, Mersey Road, Gateshead-on-Tyne. Method: Yorkshire. 7204

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at Clay Cross. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Thursday, to Rev. Wynford Phillips, The Vicarage, Clay Cross.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 7209

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Leigh (6), Nov. 12th. Names to B. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, Leigh, Tonbridge. Dinner postponed to Jan. 14th.—C. A. Bassett. 7210

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District — Meeting at Little Shelford, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Stapleford (6) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7214

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech, St. Mary's, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7218

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N. District. — Meeting, Bocking, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 7176

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Wanborough (6), Nov. 12th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Phone 3936. 7212

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Esher (8), Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Sandown Tea Rooms 5 p.m. Meeting to nominate officers for 1956, following. Names for tea, by Monday, Nov. 7th, to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham, Woking. 7167

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Cound, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 7201

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Meeting, Weston-under-Penyard, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names for tea to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Ross-on-Wye. 7194

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Great Berkhamstead (8), Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamstead. 7189

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Cheshunt, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 7217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting on Nov. 12th at Willesborough. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 8th, please, to Mr. J. Carlton, 10, Hunter Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. — W. P. G. 7179

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—The social will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12th. St. Dunstan's bells available from 2.30. Tea in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall at 4.45 p.m., followed by the social evening. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, cash with order, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 9th, please, from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7175

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Hailsham, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Ladies please support. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 9th, please, to Miss K. Yeo, 118, Station Road, Hailsham. 7162

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby (6), on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall, Moscow Drive, at 5, followed by business meeting. Nominations required for Branch officers. Names of all those requiring tea must be forwarded, before Wednesday, Nov. 9th, to Mr. W. H. Rawthorne, 35, Liddell Road, Liverpool 12.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 7196

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston, St. Mark's, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 9th, to Mr. R. Cliff, 10, Mona Street, Preston. Frequent buses, P1, from Town Centre (Lancaster Road) and Railway Station. Everybody welcome.—L. Walmesley. 7226

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Bay Horse, only for those who notify, by Wednesday, 9th, Mr. P. Scholfield, 3, Joshua Street, Todmorden.—F. Pritchard. 7205

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at St. Martin's, Bowness, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7209

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Meeting at Cossington, Nov. 12th. (Please note altered date.) Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by the 10th to Miss M. Carpenter, Main Street. 7190

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District. — Meeting at Waddington (5), Nov. 12th (first meeting in new church). Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln (20236). 7190

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Holloway (between Holloway Tube Station and Highbury Corner) on Nov. 12th at 3 p.m. Service and business. Tea shops nearby.—T. J. Lock. 7199

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Souldern (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 7197

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nov. 12th. Pangbourne bells at 3. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 at Lantern Cafe. Names, by Nov. 2nd, to W. D. Short, Church Cottage, Whitchurch, Oxon.—R. G. Burton. 7224

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Cuckney (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. No tea arrangements.—H. Denman. 7222

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting at Mersham, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Nov. 9th, to Mrs. Morris, Merlebank, Church Hill, Mersham. 7211

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Pulborough (8), Nov. 12th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 7223

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A combined meeting of Alton and Petersfield and Winchester Districts at Alton on November 12th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. No business meeting. Numbers for tea, by Nov. 9th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnyside, Warsash, Southampton. 7216

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Upton-on-Severn, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Names, by Tuesday, Nov. 8th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 7229

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at Ightham. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7202

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Derby Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 16th, to Mr. H. Taylor, 27, New Chester Street, Derby. For people in Leicester area, train leaves London Road Station, Leicester, 1.52 p.m.—meeting in booking hall 1.40 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. M. Simpson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7200

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Surfleet (12), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 7203

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Upton on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 7232

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, at Bassaleg, near Newport. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business.—Jacqueline Evans, Branch Sec. 7195

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — The annual dinner will be held on Feb. 11th, 1956. Full details later. Please note new secretary's address: D. Priestley, Bentham Hall, Cartwright Gardens, London, W.C.1. 7221

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Recently a young ringer from Newcastle-under-Lyme, John Beardmore, decided, when his own bells were out of action, to give his time and energy to reviving ringing at Silverdale. He has stayed there and under his guidance and leadership the young band has been re-formed and the bells are once more rung regularly in changes for Sunday services and on practice nights. Tuesday, October 18th, was the patronal festival of the Church of St. Luke, and an unsuccessful attempt was made to ring the first quarter peal since the band was re-formed.

A second attempt was made on October 20th, when 1,320 of Plain Bob Doubles was brought round by the following: G. Beardmore 1, John Ford 2, M. Beswick 3, R. Nicklin 4, J. Beardmore (conductor) 5, S. Robinson 6. All are service ringers at the church.

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