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SELF-CENTRED?

THE main grievances against Victorian ringers, of drinking, smoking and swearing in belfries, are more or less a thing of the past. There are isolated incidents such as have been recorded in recent letters of smoking in belfries, but according to our experience this is in no sense a general rule. Conduct in belfries today is good and fitting to a building consecrated as God's house. But don't let us develop into a sanctimonious attitude about such things. Spurgeon, the great Baptist divine, once commented that he found tobacco an aid to holiness, and many a writer, including the Editor, will not hesitate to light a pipe as a help to stimulate thought.

The great thing to remember is that with very few exceptions we practise our art in God's house. Although the ringing chamber is invariably very distant from the altar, in every part of the building there should be a consciousness of His Presence. We cannot disguise the fact that ringing in many of its phases is a sport. The sporting element is disguised at times under the words 'the Exercise,' but nevertheless much of our ringing in peals, quarter peals and at meetings is prompted by the sheer pleasure we get from ringing bells. After all, it would be a very poor outlook for ringing in general if we only rang from There may be some who do like the a sense of duty. sexton tolling his bells, and others with a grudging sense of disciplined duty, but the glory of England's bells would never have reached its present state of rich beauty in cadence and rhythm if those who rang did not revel in the music and find a sense of immense pleasure and satisfaction when the performance reaches a high standard.

We have referred in the past to ringing as a dedicated sport or art. The association of the Exercise at large with Sunday service ringing and the recognition by many ringers and clergy that ringing for service is an act of worship and praise lifts ringing on to a higher plane. If the purport of all our enjoyment was primarily directed towards this purpose then perhaps all the critics would be silenced. The fact remains that we love ringing very largely for its peculiar fascination. We love touring the country and ringing in strange towers; we love testing our mental and physical ability in peals; we love the comradeship of fellow ringers and hearing anecdotes of the past. Indeed, we have become a community in many ways estranged from the rest of mankind. The other people, to some of our enthusiasts, are just incidental to life.

Is such a picture of ringing true or untrue? If life is self-centred in ringing, although some of that ringing may be reserved exclusively to His purpose and the work of His Church, is there not a danger of a sanctimonious halo about our art? There are ringers today who regard their Sunday service ringing as the omnia and termina of their worship. The impelling call to worship with the rest of the congregation has no part in their spiritual worship. We do not condemn them, although it is an oft-repeated theme at ringers' services. What we do condemn is an utter indifference to the Church and all it stands for. Without that recognition the belfry is turned into a secular gymnasium. Enthusiasm must be limited: it must never reach the stage when the only things that matter in a church are the bells and their music.

Practically all of the church bells in our land are hallowed and dedicated. In most dedication services a warning is given against the profane use of bells. This does not mean that the ringing of a peal is a profane act. It only becomes profane when those who ring are not conscious that the instruments that give them pleasure are provided as part of the Church's offering. And as bells ring out over town and country they bring the message to mankind of his Church on earth. In all peal ringing, even for pleasure, it is an offering to the Almighty. Because of the sacred character of the instruments it behoves us all, whether for service or practice, to give of our best. A second best or indifference is no good.

And finally, remember that bells can be false gods. We are all bounded together through our Guilds and Associations into the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The significant word is 'Church.' That does not mean we are ringers of bells in a church. No, the title goes far deeper, implying membership and servants of that Church. We cannot as a body remain aloof; we love our particular form of service as a kind of offering that relatively few have the ability or privilege to make, but at the same time we share in the common membership. We must see our ringing in a true perspective with the rest of Christ's Church. The belfry must not be a fraternity unto itself but a part of the living Church. Let us not be the one talent man of the parable, keeping all our ability exclusively to ourselves. There must be a willingness to trade or to work so as to increase that talent. That work might take us to other offices of the Church and mean the sharing of our love for the bells with a far greater love, that of His Church and the great duty entrusted to it of bringing His Kingdom on earth.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE, THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

THE PERSON OF SAUGE CHANGE	IDGE SOIGHISE MILENINGS	
Tenor		
BASIL JONES Treble	‡ROBERT SMITH 7	
*CAROL FERNLEY 2	PETER LAFLIN 8	
*EILEEN FEARN 3	BRIAN HARRIS 9	
C. Kenneth Lewis 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 10	
†RONALD J. JOHNSTON 5	DEREK OGDEN 11	
JOHN WORTH 6	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor	
Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John Worth.		
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First on 12 bells. ‡ 100th		
peal together.		

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

FRANK E. HANSFORD ... Treble | EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 1

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 2 RICHARD J. BOWDEN ... 8

*MARY H. HALL ... 3 FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ... 9

*ALBERT M. TYLER ... 3 †PATRICK J. BIRD ... 10

*TOJOHN HUNT. ... 6 †TOJOHN HUNT. ... 6 †TOJOHN H. GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

*First peal in the method. †First of Maximus, First in the method as conductor. First of Little Bob Maximus by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

TEN BELL PEALS

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor	37 cwt.
J. HOWARD FREEBORN Treble	*DAVID HOARE 6
*JOHN BRAIN 2	*George Prescott 7
*Victor Roberts 3	*GWILYM SALMON 8
*Anthony J. Sanger 4	*HENRY J. SANGER 9
*WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT 5	ALAN R. PINK Tenor
Composed by G. R. Newton.	
	First in the method on the bells.
In memoriam John H. B. Hesse.	

LEICESTER THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

	A CITOI	43 CWL.		
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	Treble	RICHARD GRANT		6
*Mrs. H. B. Bowley	55 2	SHIRLEY BURTON		7
JOHN A. ACRES	. 3	TROBERT B. SMITH		8
†JACK P. KESTERTON	4	WILLIAM J. ROOT		9
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	11 5	JOHN E. COOK		Tenor
Composed by Fredk. H.			к В.	BOWLEY.
* First peal. † First	of Stedmar	Caters.		

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 24. 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

lenor 23 cwt	. 2 qr. 23 lb.
DONALD PEARSON Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
ALAN A. POTTS 2	BRIAN HARRIS 7
HAROLD C. LONYON 3	HARRY FARRER 8
EDWARD F. POTTS 4	GERALD FARRER 9
DENIS A. HENSHAW 5	BASIL JONES Tenor
Composed by Rev. B. JEALOUS.	Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
The conductor's 950th peal	

Rung for the wedding of Margaret Clay to Edward F. Potts (a service ringer at this church), which took place at Bollington on October 15th.

BRADFORD. YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

	cwt. in D.
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 6
*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD (12) 2	GORDON BENFIELD 7
*RIIA M. JOWETT 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE 4	
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD 5	ALFRED SMITH Tenor
Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Co	nducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.	

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the ninth.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

CHARLES W. WALKLATE. Treble HAROLD TAYLOR 6	
CHARLES W. WALKLAID 176DIE HAROLD TAILOR U	
*EDWIN WALKLATE 2 *ROY STEPHENSON 7	
DENIS R. CARLISLE 3 GORDON A. HALLS 8	
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS 4 CLIVE W. WALKLATE 9	
ALBERT E. THOMPSON 5 MICHAEL R. BLORE Tence	r
Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS	ś.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.	

Rung for the Patronal Festival and to commemorate the 33rd anniversary of the hallowing of the Cathedral.

EAST RETFORD. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

	wt. in E flat.
JACK L. MILLHOUSE Treble	*WILLIAM L. EXTON 6
MARGARET A. SWANN 2	GEORGE H. RANDLES 7
NORAH M. RANDLES 3	*JAMES W. RAITHBY 8
*Albert W. A. Leggett 4	JOHN WALDEN 9
*Frederick G. Hooper 5	GEOFFREY R. PARKER Tenor
Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. * First peal of Surprise Royal.	Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

161101 1	JA CWI.
*S. MARIE DAVENPORT Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON 2	TERENCE I. ROPER 6
PATRICIA A. WARDLE 3	†PAUL MARTIN 7
RUSSELL S. MORRIS 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor
Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW.	
	in the method 'inside.' First in
the method as conductor.	

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. R. Blackman, curate and ringer at this church, who was inducted as Vicar of Ratby-cum-Groby, Leics, on October 22nd.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

lenor	13 cwt.
ANTHONY R. MANN Treble	DONALD F. MURFET 5
GEORGE E. CRISP 2	GEORGE E. THODAY 6
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 7
ROGER J. PALMER 4	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor
Composed by J. Topp.	Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
Rung as a compliment to the R	lev, and Mrs. David Howell on the
occasion of their marriage	

CLAVERLEY. SHROPSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat.. Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

lenor 15 cwt.	I gr. 7 lb, in F.		
MURIEL REAY Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 5		
RUTH M. BORDER 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6		
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 3	Peter Border 7		
DAVID J. PURNELL 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor		
Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PLARSON.			
Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Drew, of the local band, and			
Ringing Master of the Hereford Guild. Also to the Vicar, the Rev.			
J. C. Raby, a good friend to ringers.			

MANCHESTER.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle. Birch-in-Rusholme,

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

George F. Nix ... Treble *John H. Soanes ... 5

*Patricia J. Walker ... 2 Ronald J. Johnson ... 6

Cynthia Bibby ... 3 David W. James ... 7

Robert J. Warrilow ... 4 Trevor Taylor ... Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
A compliment to Margaret Ross and Robin Baker on their engage-

NEW ALRESFORD. HAMPSHIRE. THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Oct., 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute. AT THE CHURCH OF ST., JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR BY A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS . 2 GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH. 3 SIANLEY G, PONTING . 4 Composed by J. S. WILDE. ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL. A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR Being 1.440 Yorkshire. 1,280 Cambridge. 1,280 Lincolnshire and 1.120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. FRANCIS R. LOWE Treble ARTHUR PRITCHARD . 2 FREDERICK E. WILSHAW. 3 RICHARD J. WARRILOW . 4 Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES. "First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. RATBY LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES. A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qt. 18 lb. in G. PAUL MARTIN Treble "George A. HURD . 2 ERNEST MORRIS . 3 BRIAN M. SMITH . 4 PETER J. STANHEORTH . Tenor Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGIEV (No. 3). BRIAN M. SMITH . 4 PETER J. STANHEORTH . Tenor Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGIEV (No. 3). ST. LAURENCE-IN-THANET. KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ON Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 HOURS and 13 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER S. OCCIETY ON Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 HOURS and 13 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FIRST SCOLLATION. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. "First peal in the method. Rung as a tribute to the Vicar the Rev. John H. Roundhill, who is leaving St. Laurence at the end of this month, and in thanksgiving for his ministry in the parish during the past 18 years. WOOLTON. LIVERPOOL. THE ST. PETER'S COCIETY ON Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 HOURS and 39 Minutes. A THE CHURCH OF ST. FIETS SOCIETY ON SAL, Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 HOURS and 39 Minutes. A THE CHURCH OF ST.	Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Ian H. Oram. First peal in the method as conductor. BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE. THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary. A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp. MAURICE J. BUTLER Treble "HILARY N. KIPPIN 2 ANN M. COX 6 "HILARY N. KIPPIN 2 ANN M. COX 6 "David E. House 7 TOM CHAPMAN I Fenor Composed by Chas. H. KIPPIN. "First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge Surprise Major. First of Cambridge as conductor. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the installation of bells at this tower. BLEWBURY. BERKSHIRE THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
* PAULINE FENNELL 4 THOMAS W. EDWARDS Tenor Conducted by REV. STANLEY M. EVANS. * First peal. † First of Triples. First as conductor. Rung as a tribute to the Vicar, the Rev. John H. Roundhill, who is leaving St. Laurence at the end of this month, and in thanksgiving for his ministry in the parish during the past 18 years. **WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL. THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY. On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER. A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Patker'S Twelve-Part. *NORMAN F. ASHWORTH Treble *WENDY A, W. KENYON. 2 **MICHAEL C. ROGERS . 3 *V. DAVID JENNER 4 *ROY M. GLOVER Tenor	FREDERICK J. CULLUM . 4 JOHN R. COOPER . Tenor Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM. First peal in the method as conductor. BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE. THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY. A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb, in F sharp. MAURICE J. BUTLER Treble HILARY N. KIPPIN 2 M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN 3 *DAVID E. HOUSE 6 **ONIT HOUSE 6 **Composed by Chas, H. KIPPIN
* First peal. Rung as a first birthday welcome to Carolyn Dorothy Jane and	tower. BLEWBURY. BERKSHIRE THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
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CHISLEHURST, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes, At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E. Trevor A. Cross Treble John R. Cooper 2 *ALAN E. BAGWORTH 6 *ISOBEL INMAN 3 FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7 SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK . 4 IAN H. ORAM Tenor Conducted by Frederick J. CULLUM. * First peal in the method. Rung for the 90th anniversary of the church's dedication; also for the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.	OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. *COLIN J. WATSON Treble ‡LINDA J. KEW 5 WILLIAM BUTLER 2 †D. KENYYN WALTERS 6 *DEREK W. STONE 3 WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 7 †HOWARD OGLESBY 4 ALAN R. PINK Tenor Composed by E. W. TIPLER (B.58). * First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise Major 'inside.'
HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary, A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 12 cwt.	THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS Treble H. DAVID HOLLAND 5 JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK 2 CYRIL RUSBY 6 IAN M. HOLLAND 3 W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7 NORMAN CHADDOCK 4 JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor Composed by Norman Smith. Rung as a 45th birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. Turley, who has now completed 25 years as a ringer at this church.	Tenor 9½ cwt. Roy Foster
HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Sat Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours, A T THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN. A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES Heywood's transposition. VICTOR G. ROBERTS . Treble MARJORIE LEGG . 2 EDWARD J. CHIVERS . 5 PETER C. WRIGHT . 6 GORDON GAYLORD . 3 GEORGE PRESCOTT . 7 JAMES E. LOOKER . 4 SIDNEY G. SMITH Tenor Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT. * 100th peal together. First of Stedman as conductor.	PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. *PAULINE ADCOCK Treble L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE 5 ERNEST WHITING 2 ROBERT PLUMMER 6 CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE. 3 LEONARD J. MINNS 7 E. AUSTIN HEAD 4 WILLIAM J. FLATT Tenor Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. * First peal of Treble Bob.
HENFIELD, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER. A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. COLIN A. S. HARWOOD . Treble *PATRICIA M. BOURN . 2 G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 6 E. WINIFRED KEYS 3 JACK S. DEAR	TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE, THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS. A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. FREDERICK E. WILSHAW Treble *BRIAN J. WYLDE 5 *ROBERT J. WARRILOW 2 *GEOFFREY DAVIES 6 *CHARLES A. S. WEBB 3 *ROBERT B. SMITH 7 DAVID W. BRUNNING . 4 *ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD. *First peal in the method.
* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. W. M. Scott, late treasurer of Henfield Parochial Church Council. HORSHAM. SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY. A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. HERBERT W. WOOLVEN . Treble CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY . 2 J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE . 3 COLIN A. S. HARWOOD . 7 G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY . 4 JACK S. DEAR Tenor	WEDMORE, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary. A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SUPPRISE MAJOR Tenor 30 cwt. 5 lb. in C. RICHARD J. BOWDEN . Treble Brynley A. SHACKLETON. 5 ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 2 REGINALD G. HOOPER . 6 *DON C. EXELL 3 *D. JOHN HUNT 4 JOHN H. GILBERT . Tenor Composed by Frederick Dench. * First peal of London Surprise. First in the method as conductor.
Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by J. Richard Castledine. HUDDERSFIELD, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Oct., 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, ALMONDBURY, A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Tenor 18 cwt. in E. FRANK POPPLEWELL . Treble *SHEILA BROWN 2 †J. RODNEY PAGDIN	DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE. THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sun., Oct. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN. A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15½ cwt. GEORGE H. PAULSON Treble *HAROLD SHERRAIT 5 MICHAEL H. PAULSON 2 BURLEY P. MORRIS 6 RONALD H. BULLEN 3 HERBERT E. TAYLOR
his fellow members and friends of the Huddersfield St. Peter's company. KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes, At the Church of St. Wilfred. A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F. BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble ERNEST MORRIS 2 MARTIN C. FAULKES 6 MRS. H. POYNER 3 RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7 HARRY POYNER 4 JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor Composed by Ernest W. Tipler (No. B.55). Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Fred Staniforth (Jocal Ringing Master) and Mrs. Staniforth.	GUILDFORD, SURREY. THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. On Mon Oct. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minuest. At the Cathedral Church of The Holy Trinity. A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D. DAVID J. TUBBS Treble *JILL M. Lane 2 HAROLD A. MAY 6 ' WILLIAM T. BEESON 3 † DOUGLAS A. R. MAY 7 6 ' WILLIAM T. BEESON 4 A. PAIRICK CANNON Tenor Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON. * First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Cambridge Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. Ivor S. Watkins. Bishop of Guildford and president of the Guild, who died on October 24th.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sal., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

GIBBERT D. PARK ... Treble JAMES E. DICKINSON ... 4

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ... 2 JAMES BLACKBURN ... 5

THOMAS F. METCALFE ... 3 ALEX EDGAR Tenor
Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

Rung for the diamond jubilee of the dedication of the church.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
*ROGER PAYNE Treble | JAMES LINNELL . . . 4
MRS. G. SHELLARD . . . 2 † GEORGE W. HOLLAND . . 5
CHARLES E. TRUMAN . . 3 | WILLIAM A. YATES . . . Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

*First peal. † 150th peal.

SNODLAND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Stamford and Rossendale,
(2) London and Wells, (3) York and Durham, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Annable's London, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

PETER F. BORER. . . . Treble | TREVOR A. CROSS 4
IAN H. ORAM 2 RAIPH BIRD 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES 3 JOHN R. COOPER . . . Tenor

Conducted by RAIPH BIRD. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 gr. 25 lb. in A flat.
MICHAEL T. HOPKINS .. Treble CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4
*CAROLINE WILLS ... 2 JUNE I. DEAR 3 EDWIN G. BUCK ... Tenor
Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

* First peal.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of St. Simon's, ten of Grandsire and 15 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in G.
*ELIZABETH M. PAUL ... Treble | MALCOLM R. C. HENSHER 3
*GRAHAM C. PAUL ... 2 | RICHARD J. DANBY ... 4

JOHN E. GODDARD ... Tenor
Conducted by JOHN E. GODDARD.

*First peal.

* First peal.

* First peal.

BUXTON. NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., Oct. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced St. Clement's and Plain Bob. and combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: 25 changes of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt, in F sharp.

WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD . Treble | NOLAN GOLDEN 4

DAVID CUBITT 2 WALTER C. MEDLER 5

ARTHUR G. BASON 3 H. WILLIAM BARRETT . Tenor Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

ARTHUR G. BASON . . . 3 H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor
Conducted by Nolam Golden.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. K. Birch, M.A., inducted to the living on the 24th.
First peal on the recently-rehung bells.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAITHNESS SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... Treble RAYMOND G. SMITH ... 4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ... 2 JOHN R. MAYNE ... 5
FRANK C. PRICE ... 3 JOHN HILL ... Tenor
Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

the Association.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

(The Reading University Society.)

On Wed., Oct. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

T. FELICITY WEBBER ... Treble | JENNIFER M. DAVIES 4

*PAMELA M. MILLHOUSE... 2 | FREDERICK J. SAGE 5

JANET K. SECKER ... 3 | JOHN MANLEY Tenor

JANET K. SECKER . . . 3 JOHN MANLEY.

Conducted by JOHN MANLEY.

* First peal. First as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

LOIS-WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents (four different callings). Tenor 5½ cwt.
J. George Shellard ... Treble
*Charles E. Truman ... 2
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3
WILLIAM A. YATES ... Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
*First peal in the method.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day, 12

of Plain Bob. 16 extents and one 240 (Morris') Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt.

STANLEY SUTTON ... Treble | Herbert Sutton ... 4

JOHN E. BROUGH ... 2 FREDERICK S. SUTTON ... 5

EDWARD J. BCFFEY ... 3 *DAVID E. PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN F. BROUGH. Conducted by John F. Brough.

* First peal.
Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Alma Gregory, former ringer at Acton, who is the daughter of the fourth ringer, Herbert

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, ten six-scores and ten 240's Grandsire by Pitman and Morris.

BARRY J. COUZINS ... Treble JOHN T. WILLIAMS ... 4

*GARETH H. JONES ... 2 GWYN I. LEWIS. ... 5

HARRY BOYCE ... 3 JOHN MATTHEWS ... Tenor Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

*First peal.

* First peal.

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ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 6 Hours and 31 Minutes, At the Church of All Saints, A PEAL OF 12240 MINOR

In 17 methods, being 720 each of London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, London Scholars' Treble Bob. College Exercise Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Bob. St. Clement's Bob. Childwall Bob. Ipswich Surprise. Cambridge Surprise. Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob. Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble Treble Bob. Oxford Norman. ... 4

URBAN W. WILDNEY. ... 2

ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 3

WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* 100th peal. Longest length of Minor by the Guild.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE. THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Chapel-en-le-Frith.

DAUNTSEY, WILTSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sal., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great, A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 12 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and four extents and two 240's (Morris') of Grandsire.

*IAN G. SMITH Treble | ALAN F. LEE 3

TERENCE J. MILSOM . . 2 CLIFF RICHARDS 4

CEDRIC J. A. BROWN 4

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

*First peal. The conductor's 50th peal. First on the bells.

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR Being one extent each of London, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. * 50th peal for the Association.

ARTHUR G. BASON 3 H. WILLIAM BARRETT . . Tenor
Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* 100th peal for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Goodman on the eve of their silver wedding anniversary: they were married at this church.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

WATLINGTON, OXON,—On Oct. 29th, 2.880 Minor (1,440 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Plain Bob): Christine Clayton 1, B. Wakefield 2, P. J. Wycherley 3, A. N. Stubbs 4, N. J. Martin (cond.) 5, D. T. Darby 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.-At St. Matthew's, Widcombe. on October 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Vincr I, Mrs. P. Newman 2, H. C. Newman 3, June P. Crees 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, K. Harrison 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. J. H. Higgins. who had expressed the wish that the bells be rung

open.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Oct. 2nd.
1,320 Grandsire Cinques: Miss M. A. Hancock 1,
P. J. Bird 2, Miss M. D. Hancock 3, T. Bennett 4,
F. G. Leaker 5, M. J. Hancock 6, D. Helliwell 7,
E. F. Hancock (cond.) 8, F. C. Mogford 9, W.
Abraham 10, F. E. Hansford 11, S. Gillett 12, First
for 1, 4 and 7, Rung after Evensong for Harvest
Festival. Also on Oct. 18th, at Christ Church, 1,263
Stedman Caters: Mrs. A. E. Cox 1, C. Richards 2,
D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, J. C. Baldwin 4, D. J. Hunt
5, S. G. Riches 6, J. Brain 7, D. C. Exell 8,
D. G. Yeo 9, F. C. Mogford 10, For St. Luke's
Day.

On Oct. 23rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: P. Cattermole. (first of Stedman and on 10) 1, C. Wood 2, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 3, G. Parsons 4, E. Talbot 5, G. Peters 6, J. Euston 7, H. Clark 8, R. Sanders 9, J. Smith 10, Rung for induction of new Vicar, Rev. John Glasson Nicholls. CAMBERWELL, LONDON -At St. Giles' Church.

John Glasson Nicholls.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Oct. 3rd.
1.260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Gardiner 1, W. Smith
2, L. Hewitt 3, V. Sheppard 4, R. Law (cond.) 5,
J. Ernstzen 6. For Evensong, Also on May 10th.
1.272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. Riadore 1, R. Law 2,
V. Sheppard 3, L. Hewitt 4. First touch of Minimus
by all the band, and in Africa. Rung in despair at

meeting short.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 28th. 1.280
Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Riley 1. D. Heapy 2.
N. Sherratt 3. R. A. Challinor 4. R. Worrall 5.
P. A. Mason 6, W. Sherratt 7, B. Corbishley (cond.)
8. First in the method by all except 2 and 8.
CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Oct. 9th. 1.260 Grandsire Troples: Miss B. Hall 1, H. J. Shuck (cond.)
2. Mrs. H. White 3, A. G. Hall 4, H. Wyre 5, J. Griffiths 6, H. White 7, L. R. Hall 8. For Harvest Festival

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS .- On Sept. 11th, 1,260 DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1.260 Minor (Little Bob. Plain Bob and St. Clement's): G. Bonsor I. Gillian Tavener 2, Elizabeth A. Negus 3, Hilary M. Johnson 4, H. M. Johnson 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6, For Parish Communion, Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Bonsor I, Elizabeth A. Negus 2, Mary J. Marshall 3, Gillian Tavener 4, Hilary M. Johnson 5, H. M. Johnson 6, P. I. Chapman 7, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 8, Rung as a farewell to the ringers of 2 and 3, who are leaving farewell to the ringers of 2 and 3, who are leaving for London and Durham, respectively, and to Frances

for London and Durham, respectively, and to Frances Johnson, who has left for Hascombe.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alison Read 1, C. A. Read 2, G. Marriner 3, Ethel Clear 4, G. F. Pratt 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, B. Coward 8. Rung half-muffled for the late Bishop of Guildford. Rt. Rev. Ivor S. Watkins.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260
Plain Bob Minor: B. Wilde (first quarter) 1, R.
Mills 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, N.
Wilde 5, J. Higgs (first as cond in own tower) 6.

FPSOM, SURREY.—On Oct. 30th, at Christ Church, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: R. E. Fentiman I. Barbara Spencer (first quarter) 2. D. Herschell 3. Sylvia Marsh 4. F. Oakshott (cond.) 5. W. Parrott 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rt. Rev. Ivor S. Watkins.

Bishop of Guildford.

EXNING, SUFFOLK,—On Oct. 30th, in St.
Martin's belfry, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor; R. J. Palmer 1-2, A. R. Mann 3-4, Irene Cross (first quarter, age

FINCHLEY, MIDDX .- On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Frances Campbell 1, L. Tubb 2, F. Barker 3, A. Richardson 4, A. Warren 5, S. Wallace 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, B. Watson 8, First in the method for 4, 6 and 8, Rung for the marriage of Miss Jennifer Mary, daughter of the Rector, Rev. R. Matthews, to Mr. Adrian John Flowers, formerly organist at St. Mary's and now at Southwark

GRITTLETON, WILTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,440
Plain Bob Minor: Jean Palmer 1. Rita M. Webb 2,
Gloria M. Newton 3, T. J. Milsom 4, C. J. A.
Brown 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6. Believed 10 be the first of Minor on the bells for about 25 years. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Henry Taysom and Miss Janice Organ, who were married at Berkley, on

OUARTER PEALS

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDX.—On Oct. 2nd 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire); Miss C O'Kelly 1, D. G. Pickett 2, C. Stevenson 3, Miss J. Richardson 4, D. C. Morgan (cond.) 5. song, and as a compliment to Miss Juliet Wooders, ringer at Harlington, who is going to Exeter Univer-

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Gordon I, H. K. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, G. W. Bishop 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 5. G. W. Bishop 6, M. Bishop (cond.) /, L. F. Cox 8. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major; Mrs. N. Bennett 1, W. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, G. W. Bishop 7, A. H. Webb (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4 and 5. Both quarters rung for Ringers' Sunday, 33rd anniversary of the consecration of the new bell-frame.

HALLOW, WORCS,—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. J. Bayliss 1, W. Collins 2, F. C. Pugh 3, P. Bullock 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, A. Herman 6. For evening service,

HERSHAM, SURREY .- On October 30th. Grandsire Triples: Jean Warner 1, H. Colcombe 2, Joan A. Smith 3, C. N. Chinnery 4, C. Webb 5, Mrs. A. Smith 6, J. King (cond.) 7, Gwen May 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rt. Rev. Watkins, Bishop of Guildford.

HERTFORD.-On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Carter 1, J. W. Thorn 2, E. J. Phillips 3, C. Springham 4, A. S. Carter (cond.) 5, J. M. Kemp 6, C. E. Hayter 7, P. W. Saunders 8, A welcome to the new Vicar of All Saints', who was instituted by the Bishop of St. Albans immediately after this quarter peal.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS .- On Oct. 2nd, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: A, O'Shaugnessy (first on treble) 1, N, Leslie 2, R, Hayden 3, F, Moland (first 'inside') 4, M, Edney (cond.) 5, D, Leslie 6.

(first 'inside') 4, M. Edney (cond.) 5, D. Lesne 6.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 30th. 1,260 Plain
Bob Doubles: Miss S. Baxter 1, Miss I. M. Lander
2, M. B. Butterfield 3, R. L. Arnold 4, J. G. Cull
(cond.) 5, P. A. Gibson (first quarter) 6. Rung for
morning service on the eve of the first anniversary
of the rededication of the bells after rehanging.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.-On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Sally Parrott 1. Adrienne Gibson (first in two methods as cond.) 2, J. Munton 3, W. Parrott 4, A. G. Clark 5, R. E. Fentiman 6. First in two methods for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.-On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan Beil (first of Stedman) I. G. Marriner 2. Hilda Oatway 3, Rev. E. Wood 4. B. Hawkins 5, A. H. Smith 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7. W. F. Oatway 8.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS,—On Oct. 30th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: 1. Goulter 1. Mrs. M. A. Wratten 2, A. Pendlebury 3, D. Newcombe 4, C. Burridge 5, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 6, T. Boreham Newman 8, For Evensong.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On Oct. 29th. 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles; M. Castle 1, J. Pinchin 2, Mrs. F. Belson 3, R. Cummins 4, N. Belson (cond.) 5, R. Hope 6. A farewell to the Vicar, on his retirement and leaving the parish.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.-At St. R. J. G. Spicer 1, H. Goakes 2_g J. Woodham 3, Ruth Anderson 4, D. French 5, M. Dyer 6, H. S. Peacock 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. For morning service. and to welcome the Rev. H. Sheasby as Curate at St

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 1st, at the Church of St, Andrew. 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Milford 1. Miss Y. C. Porter 2, F. E. Day 3, H. H. Thomas (first on 10) 4, J. Perkins (first on 10) 5, W. G. Lavers 6, D. R. Bould 7, A. W. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. Rung for Solemn Holy Communion on All Saints'

PUTNEY, LONDON .-- On Oct. 30th, 1,279 Doubles Gredman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Antelope and Grandsire): A. Clayton 1, Miss C. Carpenter 2, B. Coatsworth 3, A. Bishop 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, B. Bull 6, First in 5 methods for all. First quarter containing Antelope and St. Simon's for all, Rung for Evensong and in memory of Thomas Chambers, verger of this church.

ROCHESTER, KENT.-At the Cathedral, 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (with 9, 8, 10 covering): J. Sellen I. W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, Eliz. Wharton 3, J. Colman (first quarter of Grandsire Triples) 4. B. Baker 5, C. J. Gould 6, P. Bond 7, R. Norris 8, C. E. J. Norris 9, D. Norris 10, First quarter on the 10 bells since the new frame was investigated. ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,320 Old Doubles: Miss K. M. Featherstone (first quarter) 1, K. D. Perkins 2, G. C. Paul 3, M. R. Bennett (cond.) 4, M. R. Harvey 5. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. E. Goode (first quarter) 1, G. C. Paul 2, Miss P. F. Curiis 3. M. R. Harvey (first as cond.) 4, K. D. Perkins 5.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1.260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss S. Edwards 1, Miss A. J. Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, M. J. Northway (cond.) 4. H. J. Page 5. K. J. Jacobs 6, C. M. White 7. C. Churchill 8. For the Patronal Festival.

RUGBY, WARWICKS .- On Oct. 17th. RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 17th. at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Underwood 1, A. Barlow (cond.) 2, E. Hunt 3, Miss C. Eustace 4, S. Osborne 5, P. Fisher 6, E. Orland 7, P. Howitt 8. For the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Vann.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Oct. 1242 Stedman Course.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peters, on Oct. 22rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. R. Agg 1, F. J. Plummer 2, C. F. Sayer 3, G. Dodds 4, K. Darvill 5, B. C. Johnson 6, H. V. Frost (cond.) 7, W. C. Hughes 8, T. J. Southam 9, G. W. Debenham 10, For the Oddfellows' service.

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ST. LAURENCE-IN-THANET, KENT,—On Oct.
30th. 1.080 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering):
R. D. Miles 1. Miss C. Cobbold 2, Mrs. N. Bridges
3. G. C. Durham 4, Rev. S. M. Evans (cond.) 5,
T. W. Edwards 6, R. S. Weekes tenor. Rung for
the Rev. J. H. Roundhill's last service as vicar.
SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Minor
(Kent. Single Court, Plain Bob): H. Dove 1, M. L.
Mann 2, H. W. Cox 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, D. Crosby.

(Kent. Single Court, Plain Bob): H. Dove 1, M. L. Mann 2, H. W. Cox 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, D. Crosby 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival. SILSOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Piain Bob and Grandsire): D. R. Brazier 1, B. A. Martin 2, Ann Culpin 3, P. J. Lawton 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, G. F. Olney 6, Rung as a compliment to Susan and John Olney, on the birth of their son and heir.

their son and heir.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Oct. 30th. 1,260 Grandsire
Doubles: Miss A. Robertson I. R. A. Routh 2,
C. E. Wakefield 3, C. R. Jeiley 4, C. M. Press
(cond.) 5, Miss C. C. Robertson 6, Rung for the
birth on September 16th and baptism on November
5th of Sarah Jane, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs.
D. J. Snelgar, her godfather being the ringer of

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 16th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D, Cox 1, G, E, Vernon 2, L. Towers 3, J. H, Bailees 4, M, Lindsey 5, J. A, Hill 6, M, Vernon (cond.) 7, N, L, Walker 8. Rung half-muffled after Evensong, on the occasion of the Village Wakes feast.

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STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct, 24th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chacksfield 1, Mrs. Chacksfield 2, Jean Horton 3, L. Stilwell 4, J. Newell (cond.) 5, M. Davies (first quarter) 6, Rung to mark the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Chacksfield.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Ensor 1, D. L. Hooper 2, Miss R. Morgan (first quarter) 3, L. L. Willis 4, W. C. Rhodes (cond.) 5, E. Hill 6, Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Rich and Miss J. Butler, and 22nd wedding anniversary of L. L. Willis.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—1.260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Galloway 1, R. Spray 2, Miss M. Tyson 3, T, Griffiths 4, J. W. Perkins (cond.) 5, J. Crook 6, To honour the Bishop of Coventry on his visit to Studley.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1.260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss G, Newcombe (first of Royal) 1, P. D. Chapman (first of Royal 'inside') 2, Miss D. Lawless 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, F. Sykes 5, T. Hawkins 6, D. Hewitt 7, C. Willmington 8, B. Downes (cond.) 9, A. Frost 10, Rung for Evensong, and as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. H. Rumens, secretary of St. Mary's Society, and Mrs. Rumens.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 4th. 1 296

WICKEN, NORTHANTS,-On Oct. 4th. Surprise Minor (720 Beverley, 576 Cambridge): P. D. Taylor I, F. C. Case 3, G. E. Green (cond.) 4, C. E. Truman 5, T. E. Roberts 6, J. Linnell 7, G. Foddy (covering) 8, First 720 of Beverley for 3, 4

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.-On Oct. 16th,

WILLESBUROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 16th, 1,320
York Surprise Minor: Rosemary Gower 1, C. T.
Hillis 2, R. J. Carlton 3, L. T. Pope 4, W. P.
Carner 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.
WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260
Grandsire Doubles: B. Linacre 1, G. Pullinger (cond.)
2, Janet Percy 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, H. S. Hobden 5,
R. Percy 6. First quarter for 1 and 3 who are
both aged 12. For Evensong.
WILLINGHAM. CAMBS.—On Oct. 36th, 1,306
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both aged 12. For Evensong.

WILLINGHAM, CAMES.—On Oct. 9th, 1,296
Surprise Minor: A. Benson 1, D. Murfet 2, D.
Robinson 3, G. Thoday 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn
(cond.) 6. For Festival Evensong. Also on Oct. 30th,
1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Benson 1, N.
Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. Lucas 4, G. Crisp 5,
G. Thoday (cond.) 6. For Matins.

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Long lengths of Minor are rare in these days. One of 12,240 changes was rung at Ashbocking. Suffolk, on October 29th. It consisted of 17 extents in 17 different methods and was completed in 6 hours 31 migutes. Mr. F. B. Lufkin, who had participated in a number of long lengths, conducted.

The band who rang the first peal on Dauntsey, Wilts, bells report that they are a very pleasant-toned ring on ball bearings.

Exning, Suffolk, ringers have great hopes in their latest recruit, 14-year-old Irene Cross, who rang her first quarter ('in hand') on October 30th.

The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Goodman, of Costessey, was marked by a peal at Mulbarton church, where they were married, and in a hospitable manner afterwards at their home.

The peal of Doubles on page 717 stated to be rung at St. Augustines's Church, Locking, Somerset, should read the Church of St. Leonard, Shipham, Somerset, Apologies are sent by our correspondent for the mistake.

When a peal was rung at Buxton, Norfolk, as a welcome to the Rev. A. K. Birch, the newly-inducted Vicar, he recorded part of the peal and afterwards played it back for the ringers to hear. They were not ashamed at what they heard. It was a joy to the band having Mr. W. C. Duffield peal ringing again after a lapse of so many years.

The Vicar of Hagbourne, Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters, asked the tower secretary what the ringers were going to do for Ringers' Sunday. Quick as a flash (and without thinking!) he replied that three quarters would be attempted—one for each service. Thus it was that the ringers, casting reproachful glances at the malefactor, assembled at 7 a.m. on the Sunday. A good quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung, following which all the ringers attended Holy Communion. Stedman Triples was attempted for Matins, but this unfortunately came to grief due to a missed call one course from home. To finish the day, a quarter of Plain Bob Major was rung for the special Ringers' Sunday Evensong; this included four parts in the method.

Records are given in the July issue of 'Ringing Towers' of peal and quarter peal totals for each year since the formation of the New South Wales Association in 1946. Peals total 32 (26 tower and 6 hand) and quarter peals 425 (331 tower, 94 hand). The leading peal ringer is W. Rowe with 18, followed by T. Goodyer 15, R. Ferris 14 and J. Duncan 11.

Our newer universities are in the news this week with peals from Nottingham and Reading University Societies.

The ringer of the 2nd in the quarter peal of of Grandsire Triples, on October 15th, was Maria E. Kirby and not Maria Thoday as printed on page 743.

The work of restoration of the tower of St. Nicholas', Kenilworth, is now completed and the bellhangers have commenced the work of rehanging the bells. They hope to have them ready for ringing by the end of the month. Fifty-four sacks of twigs, stones, bottle tops and rubble, carried there by jackdaws, have been removed from the bell chamber of Repton Parish Church, states 'The Church Times.'

Times.

Mr. E. L. Humphriss had great satisfaction over the peal he conducted at Woolton, Liverpool, on October 22nd. Seven of the local St. Peter's Society scored their first peal. They are all teenagers, four being still at school and three started work this summer.

Great credit is due to the four 'first-timers' in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Bradford Cathedral, on October 29th, all of whom really 'did their' stuff,' particularly Master Barry Schofield, who at the age of 12 years earned full marks by not making a single trip.

Four anoient bells have recently been rehung at Spofforth Parish Church, Yorks, as the result of a memorial benefaction of 1,000 guineas. It is thought that the bells may contain metal from bells used at the Trinitarian Priory, Knaresborough, and at Fountains Abbey. This third and tenor bells were cast by William Oldfield, of York, in 1609.

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KIMPTON CUP CONTEST

THE first Hertfordshire ringing competition was held at Kimpton in October, 1959, following the rededication of the bells after rehanging; the trophy was a solid silver cup given by the Kimpton Guild of Change Ringers to mark the occasion.

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Kimpton was the meeting place for the second event which took place on October 22nd. A rainy, dismal afternoon did nothing to dampen the spirits of the 6 competing teams that gathered outside the tower just before 3 o'clock to draw for order of ringing. With the two judges safely 'locked away' the first team drawn were soon ringing the 'test piece,' 360 Minor, own choice of method. Meanwhile, teams who were to ring later, together with other ringers and friends, were able to partake of light refreshments in the Memorial Hall, and here also were available darts, table tennis and billiards, which were put to good use throughout the afternoon.

All teams successfully completed ringing

All teams successfully completed ringing by 5 o'clock and in the time remaining betore tea the bells were open for general use. The judges were 'released' and had the opportunity to try the bells. Their verdict was 'not an easy ring.' However, the competing teams would have had difficulty in faulting the judges! Over 70 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea in the Memorial Hall. Among the distinguished ringers present were the president. Mr. W. C. Hughes, and three past presidents of the Heriford County Association, and Mr. A. E. Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire County Association. After tea the Vicar of Kimpton, Rev. C. W. Lawrence, welcomed the company and said it was a great thing in the life of the church that the bells should ring out their message and it was a joy to see so many ringers, some young and some not so young, gathered together on this occasion.

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Mr. T. J. Lock, in introducing the judges, Miss Hilda G. Snowden and Mr. Ralph Edwards, said he thought there could be no one except the veriest beginners who did not know of the achievements of these two eminent

ringers.

JUDGES' COMMENTS

Miss Gnowden, in her remarks, said that the ringing generally had been of a very high order: the principal faults were erratic leads and the little bells 'clipping' the big bells, two of the teams did not seem to settle into a good beat and she felt the ringing was a little slow with some teams.

Mr. Edwards supported these remarks and also said he was surprised that no team had made full use of the two minutes allowed for rounds; a peal band would often ring rounds for a full five minutes before starting their attempt.

their attempt.

The teams who entered, methods rung, and marking were then given as follows: Apsley End (Cambridge) 44 faults. North Mymms (winners last year) (Cambridge) 49, Baldock (Cambridge) 58, Hatfield (Plain Bob) 101, King's Langley (Plain Bob) 115, Kimpton (Plain Bob) 154.

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The Kimpton Cup was then presented to Mr. R. E. Sheppard, of Apsley End, who said he felt that it was regular Sunday service ringing together as a band that had helped

ringing together as a band that had helped his team to success.

Mr. J. G. Cull, on behalf of the competition committee, thanked the judges for their services and they were each presented with a box of chocolates as a small token of appreciation. Mr. Cull also expressed the thanks of the Kimpton Guild to the North Mymms band who, as first holders of the cup, had generously had it beautifully engraved with a suitable inscription.

Mr. A. V. Good, secretary of the winning team, invited the company to Apsley End for the 1961 competition.

The very enjoyable social evening which followed included a smoking concert, during which several well known ringers displayed their talents in other directions. Included in the programme were songs from Mrs. Kathleen Lock and entertainment at the piano from

the programme were songs from Mrs. Kathleen Lock and entertainment at the piano from Martyn Jordan, of Tewin. All the ringing had been tape recorded and during the evening teams were able to hear their efforts played back. The ringers' other needs were adequately met by some of the Hatfield team, ably led by Mr. Stan Huckle, who served behind the bar.

J. G. C.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE - No. 46



MR. JOHN WILLIS Kent County Association

Whether we describe Mr. John Willis as a Kentish man' or a 'Man of Kent' it is 'Kentish man' or a 'Man of Kentan undoubted fact that he has made siderable impact on the ringers in the great county of Kent. He is yet another member of that honoured profession—the teachers, which has provided us with so many reliable stalwarts who have carried the torch so well

and so long.

Such is the estimation in which he is held, that when Mr. E. H. Lewis left Kent, Mr. Willis was appointed a vice-president and succeeded him as chairman. He is modest and unassuming, but firm and efficient in conducting the affairs of the Kent County Association.

Born at Egerton in 1883, he was taught to ring in 1896 at Charing by the late William Spice, to whom he is eternally grateful for introducing him to an art which has given him

much happiness all through his life. He rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Quex Park in 1902, and nobody could ever accuse him of suffering from 'pealitis' for his total stands at the very modest figure of 25. He seems to have been more adapted for administration then peal tripling and he has given all through have been more adapted for administration then peal ringing and he has given all through his life most valuable service as an administrator not only in the field of ringing—but also in other fields—and has earned for himself the highest regard of his fellows. He is now one of the members of the K.C.A. with longest service, having joined it in 1896, and he became a committee member in 1910.

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He held teaching appointments at Faversham and Canterbury and in 1912 left Kent on becoming head of Pondsbridge C. of E. School, Huntingdon. In 1915 he went to Fortyfoot Bridge School, Ramsey, and stayed there for over 30 years, until retirement in 1945. He went to live at Folkestone. and at once resumed his activities in the K.C.A. Reappointed to the committee in 1946, he also served as trustee. Then in 1951 he was elected as Central Council representative, and, as stated above, vice-president in 1953.

In 1952 he was appointed to serve on the Biographies Committee, and at once set about the task of bringing the work up to date, by writing up the details of careers of over 300 deceased members of the Council. Owing to the illness of his wife, he did not seek reelection in 1957, but offered to carry on with his work in connection with the biographies—and was promptly made an honorary member.

Amongst other offices Mr. Willis has filled are: Honorary secretary of Hunts County Teachers' Association for 27 years, a service recognised by the presentations of a gold watch and cheque in 1923, and a further cheque for £50 on retirement; member of County Education Committee; East Anglian representative, National Union of Teachers' Executive; honorary secretary, District Hospitals Committee, Ramsey; governor, Peterorough Memorial Hospital; member of the Urban District Youth Committee, etc., etc. In Freemasonry he has served with distinction, being W.M. of Arlwyn Lodge 3535: Pr., Gd., Std. B., and P. Pr., S.G.W., Northants and Hunts; and W.M. of Shorncliffe Lodge 4330. His whole life has been one of service to his fellows, and the Exercise will wish him many more happy years of retirement.

JAFUS.

RECORD LENGTH FAILURE

A telegram was read by Mr. F. Sharpe at the dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday that the attempt for the 40,320 changes of Plain Bob Major at Over that day failed at 11,000 changes. The news

was received with regret.

We have since heard that the attempt failed in the 100th course after 64 hours' ringing.

The band stood as follows: B. F. L. Groves
1. F. Dunkerley 2, C. K. Lewis 3. B. Jones 4,
J. Worth 5, E. Jenkins 6, R. B. Smith 7, B. Harris 8.

The umpires were H. O. Baker, D. Motters-ad. P. Laflin and R. Boumphrey.

WANTAGE RINGERS' 'THANK YOU'

An attempt was made, on October 29th, to ring J. J. Parker's Twelve Part peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples on the bells of the Parish Church. Wantage, as a tribute to the Rev. A. C. A. Chetwynd-Talbot before his departure from the parish. The ringers were Ian Stoter. K. Leach (conductor). Jim White, H. V. Booker, A. E. Fullbrook, David Stoter, A. R. Wood and H. White.

Some 5,040 changes were rung in 3 hours 4 minutes, but owing to the fact that a shift occurred during the last quarter-hour, the effort unfortunately could not be counted as a true peal. So far as is known, this is the first time that a peal has been attempted by the Sunday service band at Wantage, and the ringers were particularly pleased to be able to make this effort as a 'thank-you' to Fr. Talbot,

BELL RINGING CLASSES IN **DERBYSHIRE**

A series of 12 evening classes on bellringing is being run by the Derbyshire Education Committee, on behalf of the Derbyshire Association, at Scargill School, West Hallam, with Mr. Gordon A. Halls as instructor.

The attendance each week is about 14 and fortunately for the instructor all the pupils can handle a bell. The two hour class comprises one hour of practical ringing at West Hallam church, and one hour of the theoretical aspects of change ringing.

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Lectures have so far included bell founding and tuning, method structure and place notation, others will deal with touches and peals, how to write them out and prove them and finally, a little talk on elementary composition. Recently the class visited Loughborough Foundry and that night doubles its strength. An interesting tour of the foundry finished up with ringing on the campanile.

College Of Campanology

Of the two new officers, recently appointed the Registrar is Mr. D. P. Jones, of Balliol College. Oxford, and whose home is in Southsea; while the Press and Public Relations Officer is Dr. R. G. T. Bennett, of Harwell, and formerly of the Christchurch (New Zealand) Cathedral band.

The College hopes shortly to announce details of its next week-end residential course to be held in the South Midlands, next spring. The course will be suitable for both learners and instructors and reduced terms will be available for local students.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER & SOCIAL

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The annual dinner and social of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held on October 29th, in the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester. For some years past, criticism has been passed regarding the venue for the annual dinner, but this year everyone appeared to be satisfied with the arrangements made. Although situated only two miles from the centre of Leicester the hotel proved to be a little difficult to locate, but the three or four late-comers were served.

Promptly at 6.30 p.m., Mr. J. P. Fidler, toastmaster, called for the company to be seated. The chief guests were the Lord Bishop of Leicester and the Provost of Leicester Cathedral, together with their wives. Supporting the president (Mr. P. J. Staniforth) and his wife were the vice-presidents (Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. F. K. Measures) and their wives, general secretary (Mr. B. G. Warwick) and Mrs. Warwick, the peal secretary (Mr. J. A. Acres), the treasurer (Mr. Ernest Morris), the trustees (Mr. C. Harrison and Mr. J. P. Fidler) and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton and Mr. F. W. Perrens.

PRESENTATION TO PEAL SECRETARY
After an excellent meal came the formal
part of the proceedings. First of all, the Lord
Bishop presented Mr. Shirley Burton, who
has just retired as peal secretary, with a picnic
set on behalf of the Guild in recognition
of all the hours of painstaking work which
he has put in for the Guild. This gave the
Bishop an opportunity of speaking to the
Guild, but as he spoke last year he was able
to keep his remarks quite short on this
occasion. Mrs. Williams (the Bishop's wife)
presented Mrs. Burton with a bowl of fruit.
In reply, Mr. Burton thanked the Guild
for their gifts. He hoped that more young
ringers would take up the theoretical side of
ringing and suggested that the Guild organise
a study group with which he would be happy
to assist.

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The toastmaster then announced that a touch of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells would be rung by Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth. Mr. A. Ballard and Mr. J. A. Acres. This consisted of a lead each of London, Superlative, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire and was practically faultless.

The toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild' was proposed by the Provost of Leicester. This was the first occasion he had been present and he expressed great pleasure at being invited. He made reference to Mr. P. L. Taylor and the famous bell foundry stating that he first came across Taylor's bells when he was Vicar at Holywood in Ireland. He also mentioned Ernest Morris and the fact that Ernest had rung more peals than any living ringer, having rung his 1.960th peal that same morning. He ended by saying that the clergy did appreciate the help given to the church by the ringers.

The president replied to the toast on behalf of the Guild. He thanked the Bishop and the Provost for their speeches and their wives for their attendance.

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A short recital of handbell tunes was then given by three members of the St. Thomas'. South Wigston. band.

Mr. C. Harrison proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' These included Mr. and Mrs. L. Walmsley and Mr. and Mrs. Toossthwaite (Leyland, Lancs). Mr and Mrs. J. R. Smith (Southrepps, Norfolk). Mr. F. Hinds and his party of six members from the North Leicestershire and South Derbyshire Association, and Mr. F. W. Perrens (Coventry). librarian of the Central Council. Mr. F. W. Perrens replied on behalf of the visitors.

The social evening that followed was organised by a professional entertainer and all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Bells On The Oueen Mary

Mr. W. B. Cartwright, the honorary solicitor to the Central Council, returned from his visit to the United States and Canada on the Queen Mary. On the Sunday morning he went to the service conducted by the Staff Captain in the first-class lounge. Passing along the promenade deck he was surprised to find a seaman trying to knock

along the promenade deck he was surprised to find a seaman trying to knock out some rounds and queens on a set of tubular bells. 'If I had been a bit earlier,' he writes, 'I might have tried to show him how to do it.'

At the Riverside Church, New York, he met Dr. Lefevere, the carillonneur mentioned in a recent front page article in 'The Ringing World.' Dr. Lefevere is a carillonneur at Bournville, As a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright he started his afternoon's recital by playing the National Anthem!

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

The annual ringing festival took place at Blandford Forum Parish Church on October 29th, when some 60 ringers and others were present. Unfortunately, the ringing was restricted by the collapse of two stays, but that still left 6 good bells on which Doubles and Minor methods, as well as rounds, were

and Minor methods, as well as rounds, were rung.

At the service in the lovely Restoration Church, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. G. Goodall, an address was given by the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Canon C. Carew Cox. His text was appropriate, 'Seek, that ye may excel.' As progress was expected in all men's activities, he said, so in the art of ringing we should not be content with a fixed level of proficiency, but always be pressing on to a higher standard. The tea was presided over by the Mayor of Blandford, who was accompanied by the Mayoress and Deputy Mayor. In welcoming the ringers the Mayor said that church bells always spoke to him of joyful times, whether Christian Festivals or Royal occasions: he was glad to know that ringing was a growing art, and he hoped it would continue to flourish in Dorset. Later, the Mayor visited the tower and watched the ringing with great interest.

interest.

This festival is the result of a bequest by a late citizen of Blandford. Samuel Francis Pond, who left money for the curfew to be rung every day, and for an annual ringing competition. Dorset ringers felt that competing for a prize was not in keeping with the spirit of ringing, and that a festival in which all would compete to ring their best would be equally agreeable to their benefactor; and so it remains, the money being spent on the expenses of the festival and the tea.

SOLIHULL TRIBUTE

On October 30th the ringers of St. Alphege's Church. Solihull, Warwickshire, paid a tribute to Mr. P. W. Harrison on the occasion of his On October 30th the ringers of St. Alphege's Church. Solihull. Warwickshire, paid a tribute to Mr. P. W. Harrison on the occasion of his 80th birthday, which took place on the following day. Mr. Harrison has served Solihull church for a great number of years, and it is mainly due to his devoted service as Rector's warden and treasurer of the Parochial Church Council that the finances of the church have been for so long in a healthy condition. A great lover of the bells, and a firm believer in the part they play in worship, Mr. Harrison has never ceased to champion the cause of the ringers, and it was due to him that the custom of the Pancake Bell on Shrove Tuesday was resuscitated.

In appreciation of Mr. Harrison's services 1.280 Plain Bob Major was rung by: W. Leeson 1. C. Dale 2. V. W. Rigg 3. A. Walker 4. T. Warner 5. R. Cann 6, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 7, C. Bragg 8.

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK.

"T"

TITTUMS.—The Tittums change on eight bells is 15263748, and on ten bells is 1627384950, and as you will observe it causes the lighter of the bells to strike alternately with the heavier bells. It is one of the most musical changes there are and the ear can stand its repetition at succeeding strokes, as one may get in call change ringing. You could work out for yourself the Tittums change on twelve bells, and when you have got it, it would be worth playing on the piano.

There is also the Tittums position but in practice it occurs only in odd-bell ringing. If the bells were put in the Tittums position in even-bell ringing it would mean parting the tenors from their natural positions and would produce some unpleasant and unnecessary musical changes. The bells when in the Tittums position are made to course down to lead in the order of 7.8.9. in Caters or 7.8.9.0.E. in Cinques.

TOUCH.—As soon as a conductor calls the first bob or single the ringing is transformed from what would have been a plain course into a touch. In other words a touch in ringing is when the bells have been turned over from their plain coursing order. And, of course, a true touch is when the bells are brought back into rounds without repetition of any of the changes. A touch, you will recollect, can in some methods be so short as to contain less changes than the plain course itself.

TRANSPOSITION.—To quote an example of this term I would refer you to Thurstans' Four Part peal of Stedman Triples. Sir Arthur P. Heywood moved or adapted the calling slightly so that the bell unaffected by extras and omits is the treble. This composition is now known as Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four Part.

TREBLE BOB HUNT.—A bell which treble bob hunts is one which dodges in every pair of adjacent positions as it progresses from front to back and from back to front.

TREBLE BOB METHOD.—This class of method requires the treble bell to treble bob hunt and no internal places to be made at any of the cross sections in the half-lead.

comprises five recognised tones—the 'strike' the 'hum' (an octave below strike), the 'nominal' (an octave above strike), the 'tierce' and the 'quint,' a third and a fifth above strike respectively. The sketch shows their positions on the stave when the strike note is G. TUNING OF BELLS.—The note of a bell



The actual tuning of bells is done, so to speak, behind the iron curtain of the foundry and is a secret which has been jealously guarded and is a secret which has been featously guarded for generations. It has been said, however, that there are well over eight hundred known ways of tuning a bell, from small to large no doubt, but it is presumed some ways are not quite so successful or convenient as others. Should you hear reference to bells forming a maiden peal it indicates that, when cast, they each produced their correct note and thus did not need to be tuned. did not need to be tuned.

ICKLETON, CAMBS .- On Oct. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F, Peacock 1, Frances Secker 2. Clare Webster 3, Hilary Muirhead 4, D. J. Roaf 5, A. J. Griffin 6, P. H. Langton (cond.) 7, J. R. Taylor 8. For the Cambridge University Guild.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir.—On checking through the figures of my arrangement of the 50 Plain and Little method peal. I find there is a repetition of changes in the leads of Cambridge Court and Hastings Little Bob.

I therefore wish to withdraw two peals, one rung 'in hand 'at Burton-on Stather on March 11th, 1951, and the other at Lincoln on May 31st, 1960. I tender my sincere apologies to both bunds.

both bands.

This means that the peal in 46 methods rung 'in hand' at Burton-on-Stather, on February 19th, 1951, is now the record for handbells for Major. The figures for the 50 Major methods were published in 'The Ringing World' shortly after the first peal was rung.—Yours sincerely.

Viston Lindwey.

Kirton-Lindsey.

SMOKING IN BELFRIES

Dear Sir.—How nice for some North Devon ringers to be able to smoke in the belfry! Perhaps, that is where the ashtrays went, that disappeared from South Shropshire, 12 years

Might I suggest that some of our more prosperous towers extend this idea by having television sets installed for those waiting their

turn to ring.

Come to think of it, perhaps, we could even suggest to P.C.C.s that coffee and biscuits are served in church during the sermon!—Yours faithfully.

DAVID G. BRUNNING.

Usk. Mon

NOTE.—While smoking is forbidden in the ringing chamber of Holy Trinity Pro-Cathedral. Guildford, ash trays are provided in the room below, which is used as the Provost's office, and have been used.—Ed.

'BRIDGING THE GAP'

Dear Sir.—I regret that Mr. Gray found my letter alarming. I appear, unwittingly, to have given the impression that the College wishes to impose some totalitarian and sterile uniformity on the methods of teaching ring. This is emphatically not the case. This is brought out in the 'Manual' itself, where it is made quite clear that different treatments are necessary for different circumstances, and that the tutor must always be ready to

ments are necessary for different circumstances, and that the tutor must always be ready to adapt his teaching.

Whether the principles are sound and sufficient, whether the exercises illustrate them properly, whether, in short, the 'Manual' succeeds or fails in its purposes are things on which ringers who have read it and tried out its proposals will naturally hold their own opinions. To stigmatise it as worthless and foolish merely because it attempts to present a 'graded set of exercises for the learner' while commending Mr. Price for doing so does not appear to be consistent.—Yours etc..

R. G. T BENNETT.

R. G. T BENNETT.
P. & P.R.O.. College of Campanology.

*HENRY VIII *

Dear Sir.—The passing of George Gilbert was mourned by all ringers, and the articles about him in recent 'Ringing Worlds' have been most interesting.

I well remember the sensation caused when he rang the peal with seven ladies at Shiplake in 1930. Owen W. Porter, who was captain of the Shiplake tower at that time, gave him the name of 'Henry VIII' and by that name we shall always remember him.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST H. SMITH

Henley-on-Thames.

PEALS OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—From the letters that have appeared since my original one on the subject of peals of Minimus, it seems probable that the majority are, in fact, opposed to 4-bell peals being recognised. It is, of course, up to us who have feelings on the matter to put them forward at meetings of our own Associations so that our representatives can take action at the next Central Council meeting.

Mr. Amos puts forward two arguments typical of those in favour of 4-bell peals. I should like to comment briefly on these: Firstly, there is no objection to performances of any length on 4-bells: the objection is to them being recognised as 'peals.' This objection is not 'dog-in-the-manger.' but comes from a wish to preserve standards before they become so low as to be meaningless.

Secondly it seems unlikely that recognition

Secondly, it seems unlikely that recognition of 4-bell peals will encourage the augmentation of 4-bell rings. Far more likely that the 4-bell ringers will be content to go on ringing 4-bell 'peals.' Perhaps if six-bell performances had not been recognised as peals, more six-bell rings would have been augmented to eight!—Yours sincerely.

P. H. WHITAKER.

Coleraine. Northern Ireland.

STAINDROP, CO. DURHAM

Dear Sir.—With reference to the letter from Mr. Halls. page 724. I wish to point out that Staindrop is in County Durham and the Diocese of Durham and it is difficult to see how the Yorkshire Association is in the case of a peal rung there the 'appropriate territorial

association.

It is not a new thing for peals rung in County Durham (or elsewhere for that matter!) to be appropriated by the Yorkshire Association, but in this case Mr. Williams was forced to adopt such a course, as insufficient of his band were members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association to comply with our rule concerning helfry elections of the others.—Yours sincerely.

DENIS A. BAYLES. Honorary General Secretary. D. & N. Association.

OXFORD GUILD'S SUBSCRIPTION

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Dear Sir.—In the report of the Oxford Diocesan Guild's meeting in 'The Ringing World' of October 28th I am quoted as having seconded a resolution moved by Mr. A. Diserens that the subscription be raised to 5s. I did not second Mr. Diserens' resolution. I did second a resolution moved by Mr. D. Smith, which was subsequently withdrawn by him in favour of the honorary secretary's resolution, that the subscription be raised to 3s. 6d.

A further point about your report. You state, correctly, at the beginning that the meeting decided to raise the subscription to 3s. 6d. but at the end of the section of the report dealing with this matter it is stated that it was agreed to raise the subscription to 3s.!—Yours faithfully.

P. PEARCE.

P. PEARCE

Stonesfield. Oxford.

NOTE.—The new subscription rate is 3s. 6d. The error is regretted.—Ed.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir.—As has already been pointed out, the peal of New Cambridge rung at Henley, Suffolk, on August 8th, was false, and I therefore withdraw it.—Yours faithfully, R. W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh. Suffolk.

RINGING COMPETITIONS

Dear Sir.—While the memories of another successful ringing competition at Kimpton, Hertfordshire, are still fresh. I would like, through your columns, to submit a few points in favour of such gatherings with a view to promoting discussion in your paper.

The interest shown by, and the number of, eminent ringers—often from other Associations—present at these functions leads us to suppose that many more competitions would be welcome; instead of being the exception they could almost be the rule.

The objects of our local Association, the Hertford County, are given as:

(1) Belfry reform.

(2) The promotion of change ringing and of social intercourse amongst change ringers within and around the county by means of the various annual and district meetings.

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Most worthy objects they are, interest and social intercourse are promoted by meetings and also by peal attempts. However, we consider that the inclusion of ringing competitions into the present Association activities would be welcomed by most members and be stimulating to the Exercise in general and to Sunday service bands in particular.

We submit that competition ringing—for no financial reward—has the following points in its fayour.

in its favour.

(1) A condition of entry is that the band must be entirely and without exception com-posed of service ringers local to one tower.

(2) The improvement in the standard of striking and knowledge of the chosen method by a band practising for a competition is considerable.

(3) The limited social arrangements for a peal attempt or a meeting just will not do. Bearing in mind that only one team is in the tower at a time arrangements for the remainder must be adequate. Wives and friends must be catered for. The evening, too, lends itself to informal entertainment, handbell ringing and that beloved pastime of all ringers—beer and chatter.

(4) Young ringers there for the day really do hear good striking, good handbell ringing—rare in some areas—and see the freemasonry

of ringers in action,

(5) A tape recording made during the afternoon and played back during the evening when there is leisure to listen critically often convinces us that we do not strike as well as we ought.

as we ought.

In conclusion, may I repeat that the purpose of this letter is to promote discussion on this topic. Are we right to continue and encourage competitive ringing? Will it corrupt the good things of the Exercise? Will competitions not endure so long as traditional peals and meetings? Could their scope be made wider? Could the local competitions lead to a national final?—Yours sincerely.

DONALD PRICE

Kimpton, Herts.

POSTCARDS WANTED

Dear Sir.—With reference to my appeal for postcards, published in 'The Ringing World,' I have received many from all all parts of the country. Last week I received a parcel from a ringer at St. Mary's. Woodstock, Cape Town, who also read the appeal in 'The Ringing World.' It does show how ringers, so very far away, welcome your paper and how well they read it.

I am still collecting postcards for our tower fund and I am particularly asked for cards from 1900 to 1936.—Yours sincerely,

I. M. RICHARDS

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LETTERS—Continued THE OFFICIAL RECORD

Dear Sir.—When the footballer or football supporter surveys the official league table at the end of the season he will find that that record agrees with all the individual records of the clubs in that league and he would think it ridiculous if that were not so.

Once again the Central Council, through its Peals Analysis Committee, has produced its 'league table' in the Peals Analysis for 1950 (p. 706 'R.W.'), but no ringer should be so naive as to think that this will agree with the individual records of all the affiliated societies or associations in their own reports. I know that these often begin their year at some time other than January 1st (as this analysis does) and I do not refer to apparent discrepancies resulting from comparison of different periods of time. After making these adjustments I understand that there are associations, such as Chester Diocesan Guild, where the figures will agree as a result of a deliberate policy but there are others, such as the Yorkshire and Lancashire Associations, where the figures will not agree as a result of a deliberate policy and any resemblance will be entirely coincidental.

will be entirely coincidental.

As peal secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association my figures would have accorded with the official 'league table' but that policy has recently been rejected and I have therefore taken what I believe to be the only honourable course open to an accountant who is instructed to falsify his accounts and resigned the position.

The earliest relevant publication of the Central Council that I have seen is the Rules and Decisions publication of 1927 and on p. 31 of that we read:

BOOKING OF PEALS—With a view to the regulation of the records of peals in Peal Books, the Council has passed the tollowing resolution:—

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"It is desirable, when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, that they should decide beforenand to which Association such peal shall be credited, and that for the future no peal shall be published under the name of more than one Association" (1893)."

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one Association" (1893).

The other resolution deals with performance of new peals and is not relevant to this discussion. In the Central Council Handbook of 1956, pp. 21 and 22, the spirit of this earlier publication is clearly preserved, although the wording is slightly different.

I know that there are a number of people who share my view that it is completely nonsensical to have different and discordant records. Indeed, the only defence that I have heard is that it has been done in the past, in spite of the Council's campaign almost from its inception against that sort of thing! One obvious course is to bring all records into line with the official central records and this I sought to do at Folkestone earlier this year. There I was surprised to learn that the Central Council cannot be expected to give any instructions to its affiliated societies (although Handbook p. 11 these 'shall subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by

(although Handbook p. 11 these 'shall subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council') or to the Editor of the paper that it owns!

In the Handbook of 1956, p. 31, we read of the work of the Peal Analysis Committee—
'This work of analysis is a valuable piece of recording and demands from the committee great care and accuracy.'

While we have affiliated societies which say in effect that they do not 'give a rap' for the Central Council's records and will continue to compile their own differing records where it

Central Council's records and will continue to compile their own differing records where it suits their own purposes to do so is there any justification for the claim that the Peals Analysis is 'a valuable piece of recording'? Does it in fact serve any useful purpose? I must make it quite clear that this criticism is entirely limited to the system and is not in any way an attack on the persons who have produced this analysis.

The full extent of the discrepancies is hard to assess for peals may appear in more than one association report, although published in 'The Ringing World' under one association's name only, e.g. see my letter earlier this year on p. 91 (February 5th).—Yours sincerely.

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL AT ST. EWE

More than 100 ringers attended the festival of the Mid-Cornwali Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild, held at St. Ewe. Various tests were arranged by Mr. H. Lander (St. Stephen's), and 14 first-class certificates were awarded. Mr. J. Keatte (St. Merryn) was the judge. Among those present were Mr. W. H. Southeard and the Rev. A. S. Roberts (vice-presidents), the Rev. J. R. Jose and E. Thomas. Tea was provided by local ringers' wives and helpers and the festival organisers were Messrs. D. Burnett and H. Lander.

TRAFALGAR DAY DINNER

When Sir Christopher Furness kindly posed to give a dinner for the ringers of

posed to give a dinner for the ringers of Truro Cathedral. A was suggested that this should be held on Trafalgar Day, because it was to Cornwall first of all that news of the Battle of Trafalgar was brought by the schooner Pickle' to Mounts Bay, only a few days after October 21st, 1805.

Thus on Friday, October 21st, at the Brookdale Hotel. Truro, a company numbering 25 met for a sumptuous dinner. Those present included the Dean (the Very Rev. H. M. Lloyd). Sir Christopher Furness, Mr. Guillaume Ormond (organist), Mr. W. H. Southeard (Master), Miss H. Penrose (vice-Master) and Mr. A. Davidson (secretary).

Sir Christopher, in a short and witty speech. expressed his pleasure at being in the company

Sir Christopher, in a short and witty speech, expressed his pleasure at being in the company of the Cathedral ringers, and gave some amusing and suitable remarks with reminiscences concerning Truro and its Cathedral.

The Dean proposed the toast of the evening 'Lord Nelson' and told the company that young Horatio was the son of a Norfolk clergyman, and in his early years could possibly have pulled the ben's in his father's church tower. At the age of 12 Horatio went to sea and had a very distinguished career in the Navy, becoming a captain at the age of 21 years. Nelson was 47 years of age when he died at the battle of Trafalgar. He was probably the greatest admiral England ever had.

Mr. W. H. Southeard proposed the health of the host, Sir Christopher Furness, and said that out of a total of 50,000 ringers in England he felt that it was a great honour that the ringers of Truro Cathedral should be given such a splendid dinner.

Bellringing, he said, was an art, sometimes unrecognised by people in general. But this evening the company were delighted to accept the hospitality of one who greatly loved and admired church bells, especially those of Truro Cathedral.

Following the speeches an entertaining hour was given by Mr. Peter Penwarden, the magician, and the evening was brought to a close with some very pleasant and suitable remarks from Mr. Alan Carveth, on behalf of all the ringers present. all the ringers present.

D.B.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL

On October 29th the ringers of Crantock, with friends from St. Columb Minor, St. Mawgan and St. Breock. Wadebridge, had an afternoon's ringing in the Camelford area. The three cars met at Tintagel to ring on the six in the church on the top of the cliff. It was one of the few lovely days of this autumn and Tintagel looked beautiful.

and Tintagel looked beautiful.

From there we went back to Camelford and into the lanes to find Advent. This church is in a field and has no road to it. Advent has a beautiful tower with eight small pinnacles: there are five bells which are the lightest ring in Cornwall (tenor 3½ cwt.) and the best of the county's seven fives. We began with Bob Minimus and ended with Grandsire Doubles. The captain of Advent ringers. Mr. F. Bartlett. greeted us just before we left which we much appreciated.

Later we joined the Launceston Branch.

Later we joined the Launceston Branch Festival at St. Breward, where we had tea, attended the service and had a ring on the bells, being joined by three change ringers from St. Mary Magdalene, Launceston. On the way home we called in at St. Breock. Wadebridge, and rang several good touches on the recently restored six.

W. H. R. T.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

On October 15th the Society held its quarterly meeting at Walsall. It was a typical autumn day, dull and dry, but this did not deter members from visiting this Black Country' town. The meeting began in an unusual manner

The meeting began in an unusual manner with a carillon recital on the bells of the Town Hall given by Mr. C. M. Smith, assistant secretary of the Society. This was followed by ringing at St. Michael's Church. Rushall, a little church amid the fields just outside Walsall. For an hour the six bells of this church (tenor 7 cwt.) were put to very good use. Afterwards the gathering of ringers moved to St. Matthew's Church, where the magnificent 'Taylor' twelve were soon booming out over the roof tops. It is always a pleasure to ring in this well kept belfry: the bunch of flowers in the corner added a delightful finishing touch for the occasion. Ringing for all comers was arranged by the

bunch of flowers in the corner added a delightful finishing touch for the occasion. Ringing for all comers was arranged by the Ringing Master (Mr. E. Malin)—rounds for the learners, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Surprise Major and Royal.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. Vernon S. Nicholls. In his address he said how very good it would be if everyone could learn to say 'thank-you.' He would like to say 'thank-you' to his own ringers and the thousands of other ringers throughout the country for the faithful service they performed each Sunday.

Tea followed in the Church Institute, where about 80 members and friends enjoyed an excellent meat. During the business meeting the lay secretary, Mr. D. J. Tranter, read a letter of resignation he had received from the clerical secretary, the Rev. C. Holroyd Barker. He had, he said, been clerical secretary for the past 44 years and had been a great servant of the Society. In recognition of his service the committee had unanimously proposed that he be made an honorary life member of the Society. A fund is to be set up and it is hoped to raise enough money to enable a suitable presentation to be made to him.

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Ringing continued on these fine bells after tea. Altogether it was a most successful meeting, due in no small way to the hard work and enthusiasm of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughes, the local band and their many many

D. J. T.

RECORD GATHERING AT **STAMFORD**

The joint meeting of the South Lines and Peterborough Diocesan Guilds held at Stamford on October 29th attracted a gathering of over a hundred ringers, which is a record

ford on October 29th attracted a gathering or over a hundred ringers, which is a record for either Guild.

The bells of All Saints' and St. Martin's were set in motion about 2.45 p.m. and rang touches from rounds for the beginners to Spliced Surprise methods until 4.15 p.m. when a service was held in All Saints' Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. F. Wright.

After tea, at the White Heather restaurant, ringing continued at both Stamford churches and also Castor and Wansford until about 9 p.m. The counties from which the ringers came were: Lincoln, Northampton, Leicester, Huntingdon and Norfolk.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

In honour of the birth of a son (Michael Charles) to Dr. E. V. Woodcock, a keen member of the Hope band, members of the North Wales Association met at Hope. Flintshire, to ring a quarter peal of Minor, on October 17th.

October 17th.

As the treble rope broke shortly after the start, it was decided by the eight ringers present to ring two 720's with rounds while a change of ringers was made. Two excellent extents were rung—Plain Bob (conducted by Christopher Gudgeon) and Kent Treble Bob (conducted by William Cathrall).

Those taking part were: W. H. Lewis and Harry Price (Hope), F. R. Evans and W. Cathrall (Wrexham), B. Jones and B. Griffiths (Mold), D. H. B. Millward (Buckley) and C. Gudgeon (Flint).

Chester-le-Street.

BRIEF SURVEY OF HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Over 400 Bells — 39 Founders

By T. A. BEVIS

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I UNTINGDONSHIRE is a small county, compressed between two great rivers—the Nene and the Ouse. To the north are the low Fenlands of which the shire forms a small part, but its most attractive scenery is found in the pleasant, undulating countryside: little hills capped with centuries-old churches; lazy streams meandering peacefully through rich, green meadows. green mendows.

Due, perhaps, to its unassuming nature the Due, perhaps, to its unassuming nature the county is not often seen to the fore in news appertaining to bells and bellringers. The bells, naturally, are there—over 400 of them—and there are a number of enthusiastic campanologists, several of whom are well known in neighbouring shires and beyond. One of the most interesting features in Huntingdonshire's bell-fore is its wealth of bells which represent no less than 39 founders, a surprising revelation when considering the size of the

As far as can be ascertained the earliest founders are represented at Water Newton and Bury, John Rofford and William Rofford each providing a bell to those respective churches. John, a Londoner, was appointed Royal Bellfounder in 1367, and he died about 1390.

Next we have W. Dawe, who had a peculiar habit of inscribing his work with William flounder. His real name very rarely occurred on his work, and he is represented at Abbots Ripton, where the treble is inscribed (translated): 'Of its favour heaven is chary to the man that loves not Mary.'

Dawe's establishment flourished from about 1381 to 1418, and it has been suggested. with some truth, that another person of the same name in the same ward of London's East End carried on practice as a 'dresser of white leather.' It is possible that they were father and son. At any rate it is reasonable to assume that for the sake of identification the 'bell-man' styled himself as 'William flounder.' Three bells at Great Paxton, Grafham and Great Staughton may also be Dawe's work, although he may have had a partner at that time, as indicated by later bell stamps. later bell stamps.

John Michell and Roger Landon are two worthies who are found at Chesterton; the latter expired shortly after 1495. Michell succeeded him and it is believed that he cast a bell for Old Weston.

Ellington. Chestron and Overton Longue-ville saw bell installations carried out by John Walgrave, who is reputed to have been William Dawe's foreman. John's bells are numerous throughout the country, and the founder appears to have been prosperous.

John Danyell was an excellent founder, but he was not merely contented in that capacity alone. It has been recorded that he supplied wine to King's College. Cambridge, at about the time he ended his career as a 'man of metal.' Danyell provided a bell for Haddon church, and was succeeded by Henry Jordan, who cast two bells for Steeple Gidding and inscribed one 'Sancta Anna Ora Pro Nobis.' His stamp is comprised of the cross-keys and a dolphin—the badge of the Fishmongers' Company, of which he was a member. He enjoyed a prolific period of activity between the years 1442 and 1468, and several of his bells remain. John Danyell was an excellent founder, but

Will am Culverden, of London, did business at King's Ripton, and is found from 1513 to 1523. Culverden's rebus consists of a shield depicting a bell surrounded by seemingly meaningless symbols and letters: there is usually a bird on the shield, possibly a pigeon. 'Culver' is Old English for pigeon, hence the appearance of the bird in the founder's riddle. His bells are rare. 18 having survived the ravages of time, most of these in Suffolk.

Buckden's treble was made by Thomas Bullisdon, also of London, who was casting bells in 1500. His father was Mayor of London and M.P. for the City in 1492. Bullisdon cast a complete ring of five for the old Priory Church of St. Bartholomew the Great. Smithfield, and these earned him a good name.

a good name.

Robert Oldfield may be represented at Denton, a bell in the church tower bearing a shield with the letters R. O. S. (Robert Oldfield, of S - --?). Oldfield's family hailed from Nottingham, and this founder also installed bells at Buckworth, Catworth and Stilton.

The foundry at Leicester managed by Newcombe and Watts sent several bells into the fair county of Huntingdonshire, and several still exist, mostly in pairs at Little Stukely, Buckworth, Easton, Winwick, Fletton, Farcet, Great Stukely, Upwood, Conington and Houghton.

This founder delighted in his quaint inscrip-This founder delighted in his quaint inscriptions, e.g. 'Remember the Pore and Nede' (Great Saukely), and at Upwood we are reminded 'A Petetente Harte is Good.' Buckworth implores 'Geve God the Prease' and 'Geve Thanks to God Alwais.' while Winwick concludes with 'Prease God Only.'

At Keystone, Watts comes out with 'Feare the Lord, and a very encouraging inscription 'Kemember the Ende!' and 'Com, Com and Preay

Little is known of the founder John Greve, who cast a bell tor Kimbolton church in 1571 and one for Abbotsley (1575).

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The opening years of the 17th century saw much activity at Newcombe and Watts' premises, and Newcombe provided the treble, second and third for All saints', Huntingdon, in 1606. Watts despached bells to Great Staughton and Kimbolton in 1633 and 1634, respectively, and cast a complete ring of five for Spalawick in 1638. Watts' bells are numerous in Northants and are supposed to excel in fine tonal quality.

Richard Holdfield's abode was probably at

Richard Holdfield's abode was probably at ambridge. He may have been a relative of Cambridge. He may have been a relative of Robert Oldfield, for both used the same stamp and often the same inscriptions. The former cast bells for Hilton in 1604, Little Stukely (1607), Woodstone (1608), Little Paxton (1612), Everton (1611), and Wyton (1612).

William Hausley, of St. Ives, created four bells for the church at Houghton, one in-scribed: Man Taketh Paine But God Giveth Gnine (gain). He is also represented at Fenstanton (1620). Offord Darcy (1620), Great Stukely (1622), Broughton (1624), Wood Hurst (1624). Wyton (1626), and tour bells at Holywell (dated 1625).

It is interesting to note that the then popular Stamford foundry, under the Norris family, sent no less than 47 bells to Huntingdonshire. Tobias Norris expired on November 2nd. 1626, and is buried in one of Stamford's churches. Hunts has 12 of his bells, the earliest at Orton Waterville, 1606, and the latest at Stanground, 1622.

Thomas Norris carried on the business after John's death and cast about 24 bells for the county, dating from 1628 (Hamerton) to 1679 (Brampton): his most notable bells are at Leighton Bromswold (1641), the tenor inscribed Esme Cathertua.

Tobias III (baptised April 25th. 1634) is buried at St. George's Church. Stamford. This founder has been described as a plain man who believed that 'the less said the better.' Consequently he produced bells with only an occasional scroll or initial as testified by those at Water Newton. Great Gidding and Holme.

Eleven bells were sent to the county by James Keene, of Woodstock, who died in 1654. His bells are found at Swineshead (1629), Old Hurst. Offord Cluny, Everton and Brampton. James was succeeded by his son Richard (who has no bells in Hunts), and after the latter's death the foundry was closed. death the foundry was closed.

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For nigh on forty years John Draper carried on the business of bell founder at Thetford. Norfolk. His death occurred in 1644. Draper made only two bells for Huntingdonshire and these were installed at Colne. Said to be a good founder, he enhanced his reputation as such by marrying a sister of John Bend (also a founder), and between them the two men endeavoured to build an active concern against the then growing reputation of 'Colchester Graye.'

It seems ironic that Miles Graye's son made a bell which was hung at the side of Draper's bells at Colne in 1654! Miles cast but one bell for the county and this was installed in

1632 at Bluntisham. Something like 80 of his instruments are still to be found from 1605 to 1646. He died in 1649, 'weak in body and crazed with age, but yet in pfect mind and memory,' leaving two sons. Christopher and

The former is represented at Hailweston (1665). Everton (1681). Yelling (1660). Pidley-cum-Fenton (1675). and Offord Darcy (1676). Miles II made bells for Abbotsley (1653). Buckden (1654) and Colne. naturally (!), (1564). This founder. like a good many others of his day, possessed a nomad-like streak, having lived in Suffolk. Bedfordshire and Cambs. Hot finally settled down in Suffolk and expired in his father's old town. Colchester. in 1686, leaving a shilling each to his six children.

Bryan and William Eldridge had their businesses at Chertsey. Surrey, and they provided bells for Great Gransden (1658) and Kimbolton

Charles Newman, of Haddenham (Cambs). just managed to get his nose into the picture with two bells at Colne and Bury, respectively (both dated 1700). Most of his work is to be found in Suffolk. He. like Miles Graye II, possessed nomadic habits and was also established at King's Lynn.

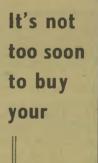
Lichfield Cathedral has 10 bells, eight of which were cast by **Henry Bagley**, of Ecton. in 1688. He also appears in Hunts with bells at Bythorn (1682) and Kimbolton (1702).

Richard Chandler died in 1755 and is described in a bur al register as a 'poor bell-founder.' this presumably from a financial point of view. Chandler had his foundry at Drayton Parslow. Bucks, and he produced bells in 1688 and 1699 for the Huntingdonshire villages. Ellington and Diddington, respectively.

Three bells were provided for churches at Great Paxton (1721). Keystone (1733) and Brampton (1741) by Thomas Russell. of Wootton. Bedfordshire. Apart from casting bells he also enjoyed the additional occupation as a clock and watchmaker—not an unusual sideline for a founder in the 1700's. His bells are found from 1715 to 1745, in which year

(To be continued.)

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting. including election of officers, at 'The Rising Sun.' Carter Lane, E.C.. Saturday, November 12th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: November 15th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; November 22nd. St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.45 p.m.; November 29th, St Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30 p.m.; December 6th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott, Hon, Sec. 6922

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD — Meeting at

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Cudham, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tea at The Cottage, Cacketts Lane, Cudham, Sevenoaks. Please notify Mr. K. J. Bickle at that address. No notification, make own arrangements.—C. A Bassett A. Bassett.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—A meeting will be held at Duxford (6) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W.) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E.).—
Joint meeting, November 12th, St. John's, Loughton (Church Lane). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in adjoining hall. 6837
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Extraordinary general meeting, combined with Guildford District nomination meeting at Shalford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing to commence 2.30 p.m. 6898
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Charing, Novem-12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills.
MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD—New

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Shiplake (8), on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Henley (8) available 7 to 8 p.m. 6874

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Rogate (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. No service owing to the illness of the Vicar.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Western Branch.—Practice at Wychbold. Saturday next. November 12th. Bells (6) available 7-9 p.m.—F. Hyde, Branch Sec. 6940

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Kingston Seymour (6), Saturday, November 19th, Bells 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon, Branch

BEAMINSTER. DORSET.—An open day will be held on Saturday. November 19th, in aid of Bell Rehanging Fund. Tower open to the general public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-9 p.m. All ringers welcome to ring from 6.30-9 p.m.

6.30-9 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Luton District.—Meeting and ringing contest. Westoning. Saturday. November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Contest 4. Tea and presentation of cup 5. Service 6 p.m. Names MUST be sent to Mr. R. Churchill. 33. Turnpike Road. Husborne Crawley. Bletchley. not later than 16th.—K. G. Spavins. Dis. Scc. 6296. CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Alsager meeting. November 12th. cancelled. Meeting at Barthomley. November 19th. Usual arrangements. Names by November 16th.—W. Kerr. 102. Moreton Road. Crewe.

Crewe.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Wallasey St. Nicholas', November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Tuesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin. 19, Falcon Road. Birken-6950

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern
District.—Meeting at Bilton. on Saturday.
November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30.
Tea 5 p.m. at St. Mark's School. where nonringers can visit the Christmas bazaar. 6912EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.— Next meeting on Saturday.
November 19th. at Clay Cross. Bells 3 p.m.
Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. W. Price. 1. Bertrand
Avenue. Clay Cross. Derbyshire.—B. A. Tollis.
Hon. Sec. 6934

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester. Saturday. November 19th, Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—M. J. Dyer, Dis Sec. 6955

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Kirby-le-Soken. Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday. Nov. 16th. to Mr. U. Wildney. Laurel Cottage. Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea. GUILD-GORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Banstead. Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Lady Neville Pavilion, 5 p.m., followed by business. To ensure tea please notify by Nov. 16th Mr. N. Pitstow. Saffron, High Street, Banstead.—A. H. Smith. 6893
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— Farnham District.—Meeting at Yorktown (8) and Hawley (8). on Saturday. November 19th. Ringing at Yorktown 2.30-4.30 p.m., followed by service. tea and business meeting. Ringing at Hawley 6-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday. November 16th. to Mr. F. J. Farr. 1. Bristow Road. Camberley. Surrey. 6928
HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice. Westbury. Saturday. November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—G. Randle, Hon. Sec. 6941
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8) bells). Saturday November 19th. 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Names for tea to Mrs. M. A. Coburn. 3. Lea Road. Harpenden. Special method: Gainsborough Little Bob Major.—S. Huckle. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Bethersden (6). Saturday. November 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. H. Jarvis, Cheriton. Ashford Road, Bethersden.—C. T. H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chislet (6), Saturday. November 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Service

to Rev. A. J. Day. Measham Vicarage, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.—W. M. Warwick, Actg. Hon-Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting. Saturday, November 19th. at West Didsbury (Christ Church). Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Cups of tea.—W. H. Riddle. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Long Clawson. on Saturday. November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Church Room at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday. 16th. please. to Mr. E. Tinsley. Long Clawson.—T. Templeton. Hon. Dis. Sec. LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Woodhouse Eaves. Saturday. November 19th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.. Church Room. Names by 16th. to Mr. F. Chambers. Main Street. Woodhouse Eaves.—C. W. Hall.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting. Great Glenn. November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.. the Crown Inn.—L. W. Allen. 6939 LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.— Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Donington (8). Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 16th to Mr. S. V. Woods, 14, Market Place. Donington, Spalding.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.— West Lincoln DIOCESAN GUIL

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—
Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 19th. Nomination of officers.
etc. Place and times will be announced in next week's issue. Everyone welcome.—L.
Bullock. Dis. Sec. 6953
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—
South and West District.—Meeting. Saturday,
November 19th. at St. Martin's, Ruislip.
Ringing 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Business meeting 6 o'clock in St. Martin's Vestry. followed
by further ringing. Own arrangements for tea.
—E. R. Gotham, Dis. Sec. 6952
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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Arborfield, on November 19th, at 6 p.m. Special method: Norwich Surprise.—B. C. Castle.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Weeting. Compton Bassett (5), November 19th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Rumming. 43A. Compton Bassett. Calne. wilts.—W. Hacker.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, South Collingham (5), Saturday, Nov. 19th. 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Bring own tea—cups of tea available. North Collingham (6), 6 to 8 p.m.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Edwinstowe, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m., for those notifying by Thursday. 17th. Mrs. R. Woodhead. 12. Church Street. Edwinstowe, Mansfield, Notts.—D. H. Rooke. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Practice meeting at Thrandeston (6). November 19th. Bells 6.30 p.m. Special methods: Ipswich. Oxford Bob and College Exercise.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice neeting, Ditchling (8). Saturday. November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers by Tuesday. November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers by Tuesday. November 19th. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m.—D. Cane.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wolverton. on Saturday. November 19th. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m.—D. Cane.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIO-CESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Practice meeting, Havant, Saturday, November 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names by previous Tuesday, to Mr. A. M. Marshall, Springfield, Rectory Lane Havant 6945 WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIO-

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food. cups of tea provided.—R. W. Worrall. Hon. Sec. 6924 ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting. Saturday. November 26th. Wethersfield. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea. please. to Mrs. M. E. Moore. 244, Broad Road, Bocking. Bramtree. 6925 GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting. St. Paul's. Chippenham, Saturday. November 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. St. Paul's Hall. followed by business meeting. Service 6.15 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath. 89, London Road, Chippenham, Wilts. GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Lon-

Wilts. 6937
GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting. Saturday. November 26th. Ringing: Holy Trinity. West Hill. Wandsworth, 3-4 p.m.: St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington. 4.45-6. Dinner—Redeliffe Hotel. Fulham Road. 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Names to D. L. Gullick. Mount View. Stevenage. 6954
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—
Chobham. Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday. to Mr. R. Colkins, The Mount Cottage. Mimbridge. Chobham. Surrey. 6948

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Western Branch.—Meeting at Watton. on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, 24th, to Miss Dorothy Wilton Jones, Watton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting and rededication of 7th bell. Buckland, November 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea. please. by Wednesday, November 23rd. to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec.. Fernham. Faringdon. Berks. 6944
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—November 26th. practice meeting. Broadchalke. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 22nd, please, to Miss Eloie. 8 Albany Road. Salisbury.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, November 26th. Immanuel. Streatham, bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to Mrs. O. Collins, of 17, Hamilton Road. Thornton Heath. Ringing at St. John's, Croydon. 7-8 p.m., followed by a performance in the church, especially arranged for ringers, of 'Son et Lumiere'. This is a portrayal of 1.000 years of Croydon's history in sound and light.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6931

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SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS Annual dinner and A.G.M. at the Imperial Hotel. Birmingham. on December 10th. Ringing at St. Chad's, St. Philip's and St. Martin's Names by December 1st. please, to Miss C. Eustace, 28, Vicarage Road, Rugby. 6946

KETTERING RINGER'S LONG SERVICE RECORD

October 1st was a red letter day for Mr. R. F. Turner, Kettering's veteran ringer. He celebrated his 80th birthday and also his 60 years' as a ringer at the Parish Church. He joined the new band, formed in 1900, and is the

only survivor.

An attempt for a peal of Little Bob Royal (Mr. Turner standing in) was lost after 14 hours through a shift course. In the band was Mr. G. C. Goodman. of Kingston-on-Thames. formerly of Kettering, who learnt to ring here under Mr. Turner and others.

After the ringing the Rector, Canon H. G. L. Roberts. and the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. Turner in the Parish Room. The Rector paid tribute to Mr. Turner's long service. loyalty and regularity for service ringing, and wished him health and strength to add to this wonderful record. He also extended to him birthday greetings from the company present.

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Mr. A. H. Idle, captain of the tower, also added his tributes and thanks to Mr. Turner for his hospitality Mr. Turner was captain of the tower for well over 30 years, and many years ago did good service as branch secretary of the Kettering Branch of the Central Northants Association, the forerunner of the Peterborough Guild. He now is always willing to help out in the surrounding towers. He is a real 'Servant of the Exercise'. R G B.

Society Of Sherwood Youths

The meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths, held at Hucknall, on October 29th, was attended by about 45 members and visitors. Methods rung included Superlative, Bristol London, Stedman and Spliced Bob methods. A free tea was provided by the ringers of Hucknall, and a short service was conducted by Canon Thompson. Amongst the visitors were Mr. Scattergood, from Chesterfield, and another ringer from the same tower.

OBITUARY

MR. TOM MILLINGTON

The death of Mr. Tom Millington in bospital on October 23rd came as a great shock to all his ringing friends in the North Wales Association and in the Chester area.

He had been a ringer at Hope for many years, and his enthusiasm and ready smile were year, inspiration, and encouragement to all who

years, and his enthusiasm and ready smile were an inspiration and encouragement to all who had the pleasure to meet him. He was most regular in his attendance at meetings and often his car arrived, bursting at the seams, with those he was always 'giving a lift' to. He attended our last monthly meeting at Wrexham, on October 12th, but he was not able to take part in the ringing.

Recently he gave up farming on his own account and took a post with the Forestry Commission, to 'keep him out of mischief.'

To his widow we express our deepest sympathy and trust it won't be too long before she joins us again at our practices. R.I.P.

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