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DOWN REDCLIFFE WAY

THE Church of St. Mary Redcliffe is undoubtedly well known to most ringers, standing as it does in its most majestic form near the centre of Bristol. Queen Elizabeth once said of this church, 'The fairest, goodliest and most famous parish church in England.' We at Redcliffe feel that she was correct in her statement. That was in the year 1574 and I think it is safe to assume that the six bells then hanging in the tower were rung in honour of the visit. It is stated that the number of ringers then were numbered as 12 to 16, and except for a record of a society being in existence in the year 1835, it seems that a regular band of ringers has never existed at this tower.

What of the present day? The tower now has a fine ring of twelve bells with a tenor of 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb; these are well known to a large number of ringers, both old and young.

During the war the bells were lying on the floor of the church and were replaced in the year 1945 by Messrs. Taylor and Co. It was then that ringing activities really began, Mr. D. G. Clift taking charge with the object of Sunday service ringing in view. Regular Sunday ringing was unknown before at Redcliffe, and with the assistance and co-operation of other bands in Bristol it was achieved.

It was in 1950 that it was made obvious to me that we still did not have a guild of our own. A ringer from a far distant tower came to join us for ringing on one Sunday evening, and he remarked what a good thing it was that Redcliffe now had a band of ringers of their own. It was the beginning of the laying the foundation for the formation of such a guild, and on February 15th, 1950, the St. Mary Redcliffe Guild of Ringers was formed.

It is always easy to start something new, but a far different thing to keep it going. The ringers who formed the Guild did not belong to any tower as members, but all joined together so that their ringing should be for the benefit of the Guild.

What do we do to keep the interest alive? First and foremost we ring our bells every Sunday evening and welcome all other ringers who care to visit us when not ringing in their own towers. We take an interest in the welfare of our fellow-ringers; after all, the family spirit is as necessary as the team spirit.

We have rules which have to be adhered to; these were drawn up by the members themselves. We elect our officers at the annual meeting and at this and other meetings, held when necessary, criticism of the way things are done is not withheld.

The social side of the Guild's activities is of great importance; outings are arranged, usually preceded by some weeks' hard practice, together with evening trips when possible. The winter programme will no doubt see further gatherings for handbell ringing practice; this includes tune ringing at functions associated with the church.

Now that is all very well, but have we forgotten anything? The probationers—oh, yes, we have some, and these, I trust, will become the mainstay of the Guild in the future. These lads are keen and play their part in the Guild's activities as the members do. They have to pass a test in order to become members, and three have succeeded in the past year.

None of this would have been possible but for the support of the Vicar, Canon S. E. Swann, and the Church Council. The interest taken has been abundant and was made evident in the support given to installing the new 'flat sixth.' This was undoubtedly one of the finest acts of appreciation the Guild could have received. I trust we shall ever be worthy of it.

On Saturday, August 18th, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung as a farewell to our Vicar, at our third attempt. The notable thing about the peal was that the first probationer to become a member rang his first peal at the first attempt. His age is 15 years.

A ringer, paying his first visit to Redcliffe whilst here on holiday, was invited to ring. He remarked how surprised he was that he had been asked to ring, as he had been informed that he would not get a ring at St. Mary's. I wonder how many more ringers pass our tower with the same thing in mind. No, we welcome all visitors to Bristol to come and visit us and to join in ringing with us. We expect all ringers to give of their best, whatever method may be rung.

Above all, we remember that we are in the House of God and that nothing but the best is worth while. This means discipline; but as long as we obey the conductor in understanding and love we cannot go far wrong.

E. F. H.

TEN BELL PEALS

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

RONALD C. NOON Treble	JOHN KING 6
ERNEST E. WHITMORE 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 7
BURLEY P. MORRIS 3	BRIAN WARWICK 8
ROBERT G. BLACK 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON 9
RONALD J. SHARP 5	BRYAN SIMS Tenor

Composed by J. COX (C.C.C. 26). Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

First peal of Caters as conductor. Mr. Black has now rung each bell in this steeple to a 10-bell peal.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Ancient Society of Cambridge Youths.)

On Mon., Sept. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 29 cwt.

*CYRIL HURST Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 6
FRANK E. HAYNES 2	CHARLES A. SMITH 7
*JOHN G. GIPSON 3	*HARRY L. MARTIN 8
T. REGINALD DENNIS 4	*JAMES W. R. QUINNEY 9
†PETER BORDER 5	*HAROLD F. BROWN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. Treble	*RAYMOND W. SKINNER .. 6
GEORGE F. CANTRILL .. 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 7
*GLADYS K. JARRETT .. 3	†VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 8
HARRY SPRINGATE .. 4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 9
*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5	*DEREK NORRIS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman, also of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	*HENRY O. BAKER 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	ERIC J. GILBERT 8
WALTER ALLMAN 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS 9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor. First peal in the method for the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

RUTH TABRAHAM .. Treble	BRIAN TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM H. EASTWELL .. 2	DAVID H. PEARCE 6
JANET S. BAILEY 3	FRANK C. PRICE 7
WILLIAM BUTLER 4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Arranged by F. T. BLAGROVE. Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

First peal of Spliced Major by all and shortest peal on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. Treble	*C. WILLIAM HALL 5
ERNEST W. BEARDSMOORE .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
*ROLAND BENISTON 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
WM. THORNLEY, JUN. 4	PERCIVAL GRICE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung on the 60th anniversary of the first peal on these bells and in the same method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*†BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS 5
†ANNE B. STOCKDALE 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
W. NORMAN PARK 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER 4	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* 50th peal together. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the third.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

EDWIN BARNETT .. Treble	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5
*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	PHILIP A. CORBY 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* 150th peal on the bells. The conductor's 500th peal. Half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. T. L. Wilkie (82), churchwarden, who died suddenly in church the previous Sunday, interred this day.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

MARIE R. CROSS .. Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD 5
*RUTH PATON 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 6
†DAVID WOODLEY 3	EDGAR J. SMITH 7
KATHLEEN HIGGINS 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE (C.C.C. No. 24). Conducted by A. R. PINK.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED F. WEBB .. Treble	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 5
*FREDK. J. SAMPSON .. 2	ERIC SUTTON 6
ERNEST PALMER 3	*TREVOR PRITCHARD .. 7
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' A birthday compliment to E. Palmer.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*KENNETH EDWARDS .. Treble	†ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	JACK ASHCROFT .. 6
JAMES S. WEBB .. 3	†PETER CROOK .. 7
RONALD KENRICK .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Major. † 500th peal for the Lancashire Association.

‡ First peal in the method.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK K. MEASURES .. Treble	E. CHARLES TURNER .. 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON .. 2	JOHN L. THOMPSON .. 6
NANCY MARKLEW .. 3	ALFRED BALLARD .. 7
*JOSEPH W. LAWRENCE .. 4	†GEORGE R. WILKINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

*JOHN E. BROUGH .. Treble	RONALD T. BARLOW .. 5
*KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH .. 2	†CHARLES H. PAGE .. 6
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 3	†IVOR R. NICHOLS .. 7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 24). Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Surprise. † 250th peal. ‡ First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

A. EDWIN HOARE .. Treble	ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER .. 5
MABEL A. PROCKSON .. 2	†DENNIS F. HARMAN .. 6
WILLIAM D. PROCKSON .. 3	ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. 7
*RONALD F. H. HARMAN .. 4	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ROBERT H. BEGRIE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. A Festival peal.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

JACK DAFTERS .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. 5
*RICHARD E. PRICE .. 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 6
W. NORMAN PARK .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY .. 7
†HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 4	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 200th peal of Stedman Triples. Half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mrs. A. J. B. Robb, mother of the Vicar, and to Mr. Harry Warnett, sen. (88), for over 60 years associated with this church and tower and until lately captain and steeplekeeper, interred this day.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. 5
JAMES BRACKLEY .. 2	GEORGE C. GOODMAN .. 6
WILLIAM M. STONE .. 3	GEORGE E. CLODE .. 7
ERNEST J. GOATER .. 4	COLIN A. HOPPER .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

A compliment to D. Munday, tower secretary, on the wedding of his daughter, Doreen, to A. Hay previous to the peal.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol, 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 5
ALICE CUTLER .. 2	*WILLIAM WELLING .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN .. 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER .. 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* 100th peal on these bells.

OXHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPRINGFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN .. Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 5
FRANCIS KIRK .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON .. 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

IN THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. DAVID AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

GEORGE DAVIS .. Treble	REGINALD T. JONES .. 5
MONICA DAVIS .. 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 6
FREDK. R. HARRIS .. 3	LESLIE EVANS .. 7
GWYN THOMAS .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

JEAN A. BROOKS .. Treble	PETER HALLAM .. 5
*ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 6
MARY C. PAYNE .. 3	*ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 7
†MARY A. CARPENTER .. 4	FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Triples. ‡ 25th peal on tower bells. 25th peal on the bells. A birthday compliment for ringers of 5th and tenor.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

ERNEST STITCH .. Treble	*AUBREY M. PICKERING .. 5
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 2	JOHN R. COTTERILL .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Major in the method.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DAVIS .. Treble	FREDK. R. HARRIS .. 5
*REGINALD T. JONES .. 2	E. PETER ROCK .. 6
LESLIE EVANS .. 3	*GEORGE DAVIS .. 7
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise on the bells.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.		Tenor 11½ cwt.
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	JOHN MYATT .. 6	
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH .. 7	
MRS. J. R. SMITH .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor	

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Edward Harrold, captain of All Saints' band, Wigston Magna, and Audrey Waterfield.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

STANLEY ANDERTON .. Treble	RONALD EDGE .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
JAMES W. METCALFE .. 4	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

A birthday compliment to Peter Crook, jun., and his wife.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

PETER CARTER .. Treble	†PETER C. WRIGHT .. 5
*†REGINALD L. SILLS .. 2	†THOMAS E. SONE .. 6
†DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 7
ERNEST J. LADD .. 4	ROBERT COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal together. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick White, a vice-president, and for many years trustee of the above Association.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

*ERIC N. HARRISON (15) .. Treble	W. NORMAN PARK .. 5
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH (15) .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 6
MARGARET FIDELL .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. 7
ROLAND PARK .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*GEOFFREY HUCKSTEP .. Treble	ROYSTON G. BRYANT .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT .. 2	†WILLIAM G. COOK .. 6
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
†FREDK. W. BUDGEN .. 4	VERNON J. BENNING .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

THOMAS J. FOWLER .. Treble	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 6
KATHLEEN FLETCHER .. 3	WALTER LEE .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING .. 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

The first peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor. A wedding peal for Mr. Ernest Eldridge, Boyne Hill, and Miss Cora Tuck, a valuable member of the Cookham tower.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,880 London. 800 Bristol, 736 Cambridge, 704 Superlative, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN O. WELLER .. Treble	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
RICHARD E. PRICE .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 1). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First touch of Spliced Surprise in four methods.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

RONALD BIRCH .. Treble	GEORGE R. HINER .. 5
DENNIS HOLLAND .. 2	*FRANK MILLINGTON .. 6
WILLIAM HOLLAND .. 3	ERNEST A. THORPE .. 7
SAM SCATTERGOOD .. 4	BARRY HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

*REX M. DIXON (12) .. Treble	HORACE E. WERRETT .. 5
EDWIN G. BUCK .. 2	L. BENJAMIN SCOOT .. 6
†JOHN F. COLLINGS (13) .. 3	WALTER D. POOLEY .. 7
MAURICE A. COLLINGS (15) .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JACK S. DEAR.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by local Sunday service band. A wedding compliment to Lt.-Col. the Rev. E. J. C. King-Salter, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Miss Rachel Hewett Bailey, daughter of Canon J. H. Bailey, former Vicar of Norton parish for 40 years. Also a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scoot.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

MICHAEL FULLER .. Treble	HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. 4
*MARY FULLER .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	JOHN E. CANNELL .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal.

EASTNOR, HERFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS .. Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 4
*C. WILLIAM NUTT .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 5
LESLIE EVANS .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 25th peal.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRANK W. LEWIS (14) .. Treble	NORMAN J. SMITH .. 4
*RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. 2	GEORGE R. H. SMITH .. 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3	PETER N. BOND .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER N. BOND.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

NEWICK, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN...Treble	C. JOHN PIPER 4
ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD .. 2	*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE .. 5
EVELYN M. CAPON 3	*FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* 125th peal together. Specially rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. N. L. Hicks, mother of the conductor.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

*JOHN F. COLLINGS ..Treble	EDWIN G. BUCK 4
WALTER D. POOLEY... .. 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN... .. 5
HORACE E. WERRETT .. 3	ROY V. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by ROY V. WEBB.

* First peal of Minor. W. D. Pooley has now circled the tower. Rung for the patronal festival and as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. E. L. Richardson.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

IN THE OLD TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 changes of New Bob, 480 changes each of Eynsham, St. Simon's, Norfolk, Old Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob and 1,440 of Grandsire.

ALBERT W. GIBBONS ..Treble	A. JAMES STUART 3
RONALD W. GIBBONS .. 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE... .. 4
ERNEST G. ORLAND Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

First peal in nine methods by all the band and on the bells.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

GWENDOLINE D. ROBINSON Treble	†REV. A. A. MUXLOW .. 4
*LESLIE H. TAYLOR 2	BERNARD H. DALTON .. 5
JAMES H. MUSSON 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal including Treble Bob. † First peal in three methods. A Festival of Britain peal.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and one extent each of Oxford Single Bob and Reverse College Single.

BERT W. MAYTreble	WILLIAM A. WOOD 4
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 2	*GEORGE KENWARD 5
*ERIC NAYLOR 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* 25th peal together. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Thomas Jull, of Newington, for over 60 years a respected member of the Kent County Association, who was buried here.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, HIGHER SUTTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's.

JOHN W. L. SLACK ..Treble	MRS. C. W. LAWTON .. 4
ANNE WORTH 2	CHARLES W. LAWTON .. 5
BARRY LAWSON 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

A welcome to the Rev. A. Williams on his induction to the above living.



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SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Court, two of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

C. HAROLD WHITTON Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN 4
DONALD H. METTAM 2	HUGH LONGLAND 5
HARRY BARNES 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CROSS, HOLYWELL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*DAVID WOODLEY Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD 4
CHARLES COLES 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
*WILLIAM C. PORTER 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in eight Minor methods. Rung on the eve of the feast of St. Cross.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising eight six-scores each of Canterbury, Kennington, April Day and Plain Bob and ten six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

KENNETH D. PERKINS (13) Treble	VICTOR PERRY 3
IVOR J. DICKIN (15) 2	RONALD RUSSELL 4
PERCY AMOS Tenor	

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

First peal in more than four methods as conductor. Rung for the 80th birthday of the Rev. R. B. Disney, and to commemorate Holy Cross Day.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

ALBERT H. BOOTH Treble	HAROLD WORRALL 4
HARRY W. HOWARD 2	HENRY PARKER 5
DENNIS MADDOCK 3	CECIL RADDOCK Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

E. QUICKE Treble	H. PURCHASE 4
C. TARR 2	*C. WENSLEY 5
G. SPARKES 3	A. GALE Tenor

Conducted by E. QUICKE.

* First peal 'inside.'

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 120's of Southrepps Pleasure and ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 1/2 cwt.

*HUGH A. LOACH Treble	ERNEST G. ORLAND 3
†STEPHEN J. SUMMERS 2	VICTOR A. PERRY 4
LESLIE G. TOWNSEND Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells since being rebung.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

JOAN COTTON Treble	CYRIL TYLER 4
PETER MARRIOTT 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
WALTER G. SOAR 3	SIDNEY H. JONES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

WESTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise and four of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

*R. ANN CLARKE Treble	*HAROLD F. PARFREY 4
*MRS. H. L. PARFREY 2	*WILFRED F. WEBB 5
*ERIC SUTTON 3	ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Minor in four methods. First peal of Minor in four methods as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

HORACE BENNETT Treble	*DENIS A. FRITH 4
*GWEN RUSBY 2	JAMES H. MUSSON 5
*BERNARD H. DALTON 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. 25th peal as conductor. First peal of Surprise and fastest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1951, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.

IN ST. COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor size 8 in C.

FREDERICK E. DUKES 1-2	*JOHN J. FIELDING 3-4
JOHN CAMPBELL 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First peal 'in hand' on an 'inside' pair.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5112 SPLICED MAJOR

Being eight methods, comprising 1,504 Plain Bob, 1,416 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 416 Reverse Bob, 352 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 208 Crayford Little Bob, with 403 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MICHAEL J. E. BEST 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JAMES.

* First peal in eight methods away from the tenors. The conductor's 500th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 1,456 Plain Bob, 1,092 Gainsborough Little Bob, 848 Reverse Bob, 576 Little Bob, 424 Crayford Little Bob, and 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

ROY C. HURST 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	*MICHAEL J. E. BEST 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal in seven methods.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON 1-2	*REGINALD G. HOOPER 5-6
FREDK. J. SAMPSON 3-4	†JOHN F. PEDLAR 7-8

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLAR.

* First peal of Major on an 'inside' pair. † First peal of Major and as conductor. A birthday compliment to F. J. Sampson.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Angela Carter 1, Audrey J. West 2, Dorothy A. Cockshead (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, Janet E. Dicks (first as cond.) 5, A. E. Lock 6.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Keeley 1, A. Scott 2, J. Barrett 3, W. T. Godfrey 4, H. D. W. Bishop 5, H. G. Keeley 6, W. H. Poole (cond.) 7, L. Glyde 8.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Aug. 31st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. E. Coles 1, G. Chouls 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, F. J. Bailey 4, A. R. Price 5, J. R. Worral (cond.) 6. First quarter of Kent for 2, 3 and 5.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (consisting of one 720 each of London and Cambridge): J. Mussell 1, Miss E. Brown 2, W. C. Shute 3, J. Hartless 4, D. R. Reed 5, R. N. Marlow (first quarter of Minor as cond.) 6.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's on Sept. 10th, 1,261 Stedman Triples: C. Walklate 1, H. Taylor 2, George Freebrey (cond.) 3, S. Walklate 4, F. R. Love 5, A. E. Thompson 6, M. Barker 7, W. Clare (first quarter) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. John F. Wilkinson.

EATON, LEICS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sgt. A. P. Harrison 1, Special Con. F. S. Parsons 2, Sgt. H. Valters 3, Sgt. D. Wray 4, P.C. H. R. Woods (cond.) 5, P.C. R. P. Armstrong 6.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (being 780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): Michael Sinfield (first quarter) 1, S. Ivin 2, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 3, T. Harris 4, C. Mann 5, G. Kirby 6.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Sept. 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, W. J. Paice 4, W. Langdon 5, Miss D. Lidbetter 6, H. Belcher 7, C. Watts 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, S. Ellis 10.

GREAT PONTON, Lincs.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each of April Day, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 900 Grandsire): Mrs. G. Stableford 1, J. Pearson (cond.) 2, H. F. Valters 3, T. Charity 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret. First quarter in four methods by all except 4th ringer.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. Willis Betts 1, Margaret Jarvis 2, Mrs. J. Stephenson 3, J. Corder 4, W. Clarke 5, E. Hynard 6, F. Willis Betts (cond.) 7, J. Hynard 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. — Ruglys.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' on Sept. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. Mann 1, G. F. Bryant 2, R. E. Moulds 3, J. H. Fielden 4, R. Beaumont 5, C. Sweeney (cond.) 6. First quarter by all except treble. A farewell tribute to the Rev. A. Simmonds.

QUARTER PEALS

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Lake 1, J. Salway 2, A. Tapley 3, D. Callard 4, W. Reeks 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. E. Retter 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of T. Laver, instructor to the first band of change ringers at this tower.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Backshall, jun., 1, A. J. Backshall 2, P. Hollingdale (first 'inside') 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, J. Feist (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung for a combined service held at the beginning of Festival Week.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wright 1, J. Payne 2, B. E. Frost 3, S. F. Earl 4, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 5, F. Benfield 6. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Wright. Also a birthday compliment to F. Benfield.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 26th, 1,288 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. S. Smith 1, W. R. J. Poulson 2, W. Andrews 3, F. Day 4, L. Pryke 5, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 6, P. G. Parrott 7, W. Jarvis 8. First quarter peal in the method by 3, 4 and 7.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Daphne Keeley 1, E. L. Taylor 2, C. N. H. Powell (cond.) 3, R. Keeley 4, H. G. Keeley 5, N. Mallett 6, G. S. Morris 7, W. H. Hughes 8. In memoriam to Thomas Wilfred Taffender.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Peter Dadds 1, B. L. Brown 2, R. G. Dadds 3, L. Twyman 4, B. W. Aldridge 5, W. Fairbeard 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, A. J. Dadds 8. For harvest festival.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. L. Carter 1, A. Jaine 2, D. B. Cater 3, F. Webster 4, F. A. Jaine 5, E. Earnshaw (cond.) 6. Rung for the festival of St. Bartholomew, the patron saint. First quarter of Oxford Treble Bob Minor on the bells.

MATHERN, MON.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. R. Worrall (cond.) 1, D. S. Voss 2, Jacqueline S. Evans 3, R. C. Lucas 4, A. R. Price 5, J. L. Fitzgerald 6. First quarter of Stedman Doubles for 2, 3, 5 and 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sept. 6th, at St. Giles', 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. F. Roome (first quarter on ten) 1, Miss M. B. Valentine 2, F. Burgess 3, B. O. Soden 4, S. R. Earl 5, F. R. Brown 6, W. R. Parker 7, B. E. Frost 8, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 9, F. Benfield 10. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. C. Davis (first on treble) 1, N. B. Davis (13) 2, A. Tyers 3, I. T. Read (15, first as cond.) 4, E. T. P. Field 5, B. Cheeseman 6. A compliment to Mr. T. Jeanes and Miss J. Wearing on their engagement.

PRESTON, LANCs.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Roger Martin 1, K. Hall 2, W. H. Clarke 3, G. A. Dimmock 4, E. Cowperthwaite 5, W. K. Martin 6, C. Crosshwaite (cond.) 7, A. W. Lloyd 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. W. Smirk, a life-long servant of the church.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Rampton (first quarter) 1, C. Lewington (first quarter) 2, A. Wiggins 3, R. Burton 4, Mrs. P. Lewington (cond.) 5, A. Discrens 6, W. Hibbert 7, V. Cherrill 8.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 1, B. Bladen 2, Miss B. M. Strange 3, D. Bounds 4, Miss B. J. Strange 5, T. I. Holborow 6. For harvest festival.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Perry 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Corney 4, L. J. Honess 5, N. Phillips 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, A. T. Langstone 8. Birthday congratulations to Miss S. Booth and H. F. Perry.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Martin (first quarter) 1, R. J. Birch 2, W. J. Bidnell 3, S. Mowl 4, C. A. Wrattea (cond.) 5, W. Parks 6. First quarter of Doubles for 3 and 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Birch, and also of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. Cullingworth.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Moody (first quarter) 1, K. Haslam 2, E. Large 3, C. Parker 4, J. Pinfold 5, Wm. B. Cartwright 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. W. Haslam 8.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. G. Leahy 1, A. Page 2, G. H. Whitmore 3, P. Page 4, J. H. Hunt 5, T. Page (cond.) 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 26th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell (first quarter as cond.) 2, J. Cannell 3, W. A. Hughes 4, M. Fuller 5, A. S. Richards 6.

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During the ringing of a peal in a certain Northants parish, a Mrs. Quick rang up the parson with the request, 'Couldn't he do something to stop those — bells?' Two days later a furious Mr. and Mrs. Quick met the belfry captain, who promptly told them 'to be slow to anger and quick to move to another district if they didn't like the bells.' Needless to say, Mr. and Mrs. Quick quickly walked away.

Lesson in geography for the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and also Dove's 'Ringers' Guide.' St. Mellons is in Monmouthshire.

In the in memoriam peal to Mr. T. Jull at Bobbing, Kent, on September 12th, just after the conductor, Mr. G. A. Naylor, called 'Stand,' the rope of the third bell broke.

Mr. Charles E. Borrett points out that the first peal on the ten at King's Lynn was one of Kent Treble Bob Royal on August 6th, 1900, and not as stated in the recent footnote.

The work of putting the twelve bells of the Parish Church, Cheltenham, on ball bearings is now practically completed, and it is hoped to have them in use again for morning service on September 30th.

Stansted, Herts, has two octogenarians — Messrs. Walter Prior (83) and W. T. Prior (80). As a compliment to them a quarter peal was rung by W. T. Prior 1, H. M. White 2, R. Hayden 3, N. R. Turner 4, H. Bird 5, W. Wheeler 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, W. Bird 8.

The ringers at Sparsholt, Winchester, hope to visit Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's foundry on Oct. 3rd to see the recasting of their tenor. Mr. T. R. West, of Sparsholt, acknowledges the sum of £32 received from ringing friends and would be pleased to receive other contributions towards the £30 outstanding.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Will 'Pessimistic Campanologist' please note that letters cannot be considered for publication without the name and address of the sender being sent to the Editor.

A new edition of 'Change Ringing on Handbells,' the only official book on the subject, is now available from the hon. librarian of the Central Council. A valuable addition to the publication is an index.

One of the last public duties of the late Bishop Neville Lovett, former Bishop of Salisbury, was the dedication in April, 1950, of the restored and augmented ring at Piddlehinton, Dorset. On September 9th the bells of St. Mary's, Piddlehinton, were rung half-muffled both before and after evensong, the ringing including the 'whole pull and stand' 82 times.

Two peals arranged in the Lewisham district during the week-end September 7th-8th had to be rung half-muffled. The first, a peal of Stedman Triples at St. John's, Erith, on Sept. 7th, was to have been a peal of London. It was the 500th peal by Mr. Fred Cullum, one of the leading conductors of the Kent County Association. It was rung half-muffled and the method changed accordingly as a mark of respect to Mr. T. L. Wilkie, churchwarden.

A peal of Ealing was to have been attempted at Lewisham on September 8th, but the method was changed to Stedman and the bells half-muffled as an appropriate valediction to the veteran Harry Warnett, whose death has already been reported in 'The Ringing World.' The day before the peal the Vicar of Lewisham was bereaved by the death of his aged mother. The original intention of the peal was to mark the appointment of the Vicar as an honorary canon of Southwark Cathedral.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD RINGING WEEK

At the Rival City

THE University cities during vacation are favourite venues for conferences and meetings of many kinds, and this year has been no exception. The ancient city of Oxford, for instance, during the last week of August, housed not only the National Coal Board and the Methodist Ecumenical Mission, but also the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers, who this year chose to make the rival city their centre for the annual ringing week.

Headquarters were at one of the hostels attached to St. Ann's Society, on the Banbury road, where most of the 19 members who were present for the whole or part of the week were splendidly looked after by the warden (Mrs. Haworth) and her staff. As we were the only residents in the house at the time, handbell ringing and discussion—both learned and unlearned—could continue in the spacious dining room until a late hour without let or hindrance. On the Tuesday evening, also, a well-struck handbell peal was rung in one of the upper bedrooms.

The ringing of peals has, of course, never been the primary object of these annual reunions. They are intended rather to provide an opportunity for members of all ages, irrespective of their capabilities as ringers, to make or renew acquaintance with each other, to visit fresh churches and their bells (preferably amid pleasant surroundings), to practise new methods and to improve their striking—in short, a first-class ringing holiday.

PEAL ATTEMPTS

Nevertheless, it is usual to attempt a few peals, although most of us are always a little surprised if more than half are successful. This year five tower-bell attempts were made as follows: Double Norwich at Kirtlington on August 27th, rung in three hours and two minutes; Kent at Bicester, lost after two hours forty minutes with only one course to go; Grandshire Caters at Abingdon on Wednesday, lost after about an hour because of a superfluous 'correction' of the coursing order by the conductor; Cambridge at Buckland on Thursday, a good peal; and London at Harwell on Saturday, lost after an hour owing to a 'shift.' This breakdown at Bicester was particularly annoying as it would have been the first in the method for one of the two ladies present, who only last year at Bourn was carefully shepherded through a false peal of the same method.

Transport, so often a problem on ringing weeks, was available in abundance, as no fewer than nine cars and two motor-cycles were at the disposal of the company. Although no one viewing the vehicles as a collection could possibly have imagined himself to be judging a 'concours d'elegance,' such was the reliability of the machines and the efficiency of their pilots that punctuality was a noticeable feature of the tour.

The peal at Kirtlington accomplished, we made our way to No. 27 and after supper enjoyed several touches on the fine ring of six at the University Church of St. Mary. It was noticed that quite a crowd of onlookers assembled on the opposite side of the 'High,' but whether they were attracted by the excellence of our ringing on these rather weighty bells or by the beauty of the floodlit spire was never ascertained. Several other ecclesiastical and University buildings at Oxford have also been floodlit this summer, providing a really beautiful and genuinely 'festival' picture in the late evening.

QUALIS

On Tuesday, while the unfortunate Kentish adventure was in progress at Bicester, the remainder rang on the fine eight at Kidlington, on the sixes at Rousham and Lower Heyford, and finally at Deddington, where the number of the bells is equalled by the number of the

weather-vanes on top of the tower, all eight of which at the time of our visit were pointing in the same direction! After an excellent cold lunch at the Unicorn in this village the whole party adjourned to Adderbury for about an hour's ringing on this splendid ring of eight, generally acknowledged to be one of the best in Oxfordshire. Then on to Aynho, just over the Northamptonshire border, where a second attempt to ring a touch of Qualis—a mixture of Major and Triples invented by the Rev. E. B. James, which the organiser had printed in full on the back of the programme—mysteriously came to grief, and thence to Souldern Rectory, peacefully situated in green pastures a hundred yards from the road, where the Rev. Hugh Benson kindly provided refreshments. There followed ringing of Doubles and Minor, first at Souldern and then at Somerton, while in the evening those not ringing handbells visited St. Thomas-the-Martyr's for still more six-bell effort.

Wednesday began with a corporate Communion service, conducted by the president, the Rev. A. C. Blyth, and held in the private chapel of Springfield St. Mary. Then breakfast and away to the attractive old town of Abingdon to try the light six at St. Nicholas', where ringing is still carried on from the old minstrel gallery in the first storey of the tower. Next to the lively eight at Drayton, for ever to be associated with the famous Rev. F. E. Robinson. Alongside the tablet for Mr. Robinson's thousandth peal is a longer tablet giving details of the first occasion (in 1886) when three peals were rung in one day, a remarkable feature that caused some comment being that each peal apparently occupied exactly the same time, two hours and forty minutes.

At Sutton Courtenay, the beauty of the village and the interesting church were ample compensation for our disappointment at finding only six bells instead of eight as our programme had led us to expect. The bells, with a tenor of about 18 cwt., are hung anti-clockwise. One would like to listen to them from the quiet backwater on whose bank Mr. Asquith made his home, or from the side of the famous 'Sutton pool,' only a short distance away.

We then returned to Abingdon and after lunch attempted Grandshire Caters at the ancient Church of St. Helen, where the five gabled aisles of the nave make the width of the building greater than its length. Failure here made it possible for the band to join the rest of the party, who had meanwhile visited Witney, in time to share in ringing on the handy eight at South Leigh. The evening was pleasantly spent in the company of Walter Judge and others of the Oxford ringers, first at All Saints' and afterwards elsewhere.

Thursday proved to be a most enjoyable day despite the violent storms that must have ruined it for all ordinary holiday-makers. While the second tower-bell success was being achieved at Buckland, the remainder, with the welcome addition of Miss Cross and two of her young ringers from Radley who had also assisted the previous afternoon, visited Cumnor, Stanton Harcourt and Standlake. At Cumnor the bells, tuneful and again fairly heavy, are now rung from the ground floor, but the massive spiral oak staircase giving access to the upper storeys remains. Here London Minor was rung with doubtful success. The church contains a Jacobean pulpit with a reader's pew.

Having crossed the river at Bablock Hythe, probably in record time thanks to the assistance given the ferryman by some of the more energetic passengers, we came to Stanton Harcourt. After inspecting the family memorials and the impressive pedigree of the Harcourts recorded in the transept, we were pleasantly surprised by the spaciousness of the central ringing chamber, where several good touches were rung, among them an integer of spiced Grandshire and Stedman Doubles. At Standlake

the six bells, in three tiers, are housed in a narrow chimney-like structure which causes the sound to pour down on the ringers below as though in a vain effort to escape. At least so it seems to the visitor; probably the regulars find the conditions quite tolerable.

APPLETON MEMORIES

Lunch at Appleton followed, specially arranged for us at the Thatched Tavern, thatched (alas!) no longer, but still very definitely a ringers' house, with photographs of bands who rang the record lengths. Cambridge Royal and Caters at this famous tower began the afternoon, our admiration for the long-peal veterans being increased by our impression of the 'go' of the back bells. The remainder of the day's ringing took place in Oxford itself, at Christ Church, Merton and Magdalen. Not all the party made the ascent at Merton, but those who did found conditions not so difficult as expected; among other items a well-struck course of Bristol rewarded them. At the business meeting in the evening thanks were expressed to the organiser, Paul Williamson, and it was agreed that, if possible, the week in 1952 should be held in Hertfordshire.

On Friday there was no peal attempt, but we all spent the day in the Cotswold country, our first stop being at the beautiful village of Great Tew. Those whose first visit it was were thrilled to find the lovely surroundings and exterior of the church matched by the splendid bells, generally voted the finest octave of the tour. Tempted though we were to prolong our stay, we dutifully pressed on to Chipping Norton, where more good ringing took place. The absence of ropes at Stow-on-the-Wold effectively prevented any disturbance of the after-lunch peace there, so while some sought consolation on the five at Broadwell the rest went direct to Bourton-on-the-Water. The chancel roof here is very attractively decorated with various painted crests, but the bells can fairly lay claim only to mediocrity in all respects. The departure of one or two of our cars hence caused some amusement to onlookers as somebody chose to indulge his liking for producing noises mechanically by trying a tin can to an exhaust. At Burford, with a first-class modern ring of eight, our stay was curtailed owing to some difficulty in obtaining the key, and after two or three short touches we went on to Bampton, permission to ring being obtained by telephone. On this heavy eight, in its way very fine and satisfying in tone, some good Double Norwich brought the end of a splendid day for all except eight, who added another tower to their list with half an hour's ringing at St. Ebbe's.

The lost London at Harwell concluded the week. But long after the failures, and perhaps the peals too are forgotten, other memories will linger: the quaint peal boards telling of integers of Doubles at Stanton Harcourt and of doges and singels at Bourton; a squirrel daintily and unconcernedly consuming an apple in a quiet garden; a small child playing with a huge dog in the grounds of the Rose Revived by the riverside at Newbridge; the many photographs of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, a famous member of the Guild, especially the splendid one at Burford that seems to extend a genial welcome to all as they mount the final step into the ringing chamber. F. E. H.

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A THOUSAND MILES THROUGH YORKSHIRE

Pipe's Pilgrims Go North

THE early arrivals for this year's tour met at Grundisburgh on Saturday, July 21st, and received a warm welcome from Mr. and Mrs. Pipe. After tea the visitors enjoyed an hour's ringing on the grand little ten at the Parish Church and then walked over the fields for a pull on the six bells at Burgh.

Sunday morning, at 5.15, found Bill beating Sylvia by a short head to an early cup of tea and the party were soon up and preparing for another great adventure. The programme said, 'Leave Grundisburgh Green 8 a.m.,' and with the arrival of the Ufford party and introductions over, the coach moved off as the church clock struck the hour. A few miles short of Cambridge, we were pulled up by the arm of the law in the person of a road patrol policeman and firmly warned that coaches are restricted to a speed of 30 miles per hour. Getting away with a caution, and after appointing a look-out against further trailers, good time was made to Godmanchester. Lunch was at Stamford, where we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of Nuneaton, after which we journeyed on to Newark-on-Trent for ringing on the fine ten at the Parish Church. The next stop was at East Retford, where after doing justice to a really fine tea, we enjoyed an hour's ringing on the musical ten, tenor 24 cwt., at St. Swithun's Parish Church. Headquarters for the week, the Londesborough Arms Hotel, Selby, was reached on time, we having covered 185 miles on our outward journey.

MONDAY

We left Selby in pouring rain, which completely blotted out the scenery on the long ride to Bridlington, which we reached at 10.15. The fine ring of eight at the Priory Church, with a powerful tenor of 26 cwt., soon made us forget the weather, and ringing from rounds to London Surprise was accomplished, only one touch failing to reach its proper ending.

We then set off for an eagerly looked for treat, ringing on the grand ten at Beverley Minster. The needs of the inner man were first satisfied at the Beverley Arms Hotel, and tracks then made to explore the wonders of that glorious church, both architectural and campanological. 'O, Yorkshire, what glories you possess.' Cambridge Royal was not a good choice of methods to open up our ringing here, for our mixed band could not settle down. Treble Ten, Stedman Caters, Cambridge Major, Bob Triples and call changes were then well rung. Visits to the other tower were made by most of the party and the 7 ton bourdon was heard several times adding her wondrous tones to the music of the ten in peal. Ringing visitors to Beverley should ring at St. Mary's first, for it seemed difficult to do justice to another grand ring of ten bells after coming straight from the Minster.

Back on the coach we made our way to Hull, where the fine ten at Holy Trinity Parish Church were at our disposal. Rounds. Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Yorkshire Major, Treble Ten and Cambridge Royal were all successfully rung. While the brass hats were busy on the ten, the youngsters of the party had found another tower not officially on the programme, at St. Mary's, Lowgate (six bells). A local ringer gave the weight of the tenor here as 17 cwt. 'Church Bells of Britain' (R. H. Dove) gives 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. To settle the argument a piece of string took the diameter of the bell, which proved to be 35½ inches—quite a lot of metal here for the diameter.

After dinner, at Selby, we had the privilege of meeting the clergy, organist and choirmen from St. Giles', Pontefract, and joining them in a social hour. Songs were, of course, forthcoming from the choir, and to show that ringers could also do their bit, Jim opened his own 'pipe' and gave a real Suffolk song which

our Yorkshire friends thoroughly enjoyed. Handbell solos by Bill were also given. The clergy were intrigued by the idea of ringers on tour and suggested that the choir might follow their example, tour Suffolk and sing at all the churches they could visit. We covered 106 miles during the day.

TUESDAY

Our first tower on Tuesday was that of the Minster of St. Peter, Howden. Everything in the tower at Howden is perfect—bells, hanging, sound control—a model of what can be done with the right planning. The grand ring of eight (22 cwt. in E flat), which set the Suffolk men talking of Debenham, were rung in methods from Plain Bob to Bristol Surprise. Our ringing here was as it should be, for if you can't ring and strike at Howden, you cannot anywhere.

We then made our way to Doncaster and the Parish Church of St. George, where the 135 steps to the ringing chamber caused a few legs to feel shaky. The usual methods were rung on this fine eight (30 cwt. in C sharp), following which a good lunch was enjoyed. Three of the party failed to reach the coach and we were finally an hour late before all were aboard and on our way to Ossett.

The Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity at Ossett was not easily found, and the apologies of the tourists are tendered to those local ringers who had waited an hour for our arrival. The fact that we were due at York Minster at 6 p.m. with no hope of an extension after 7 p.m. meant that we literally snatched a ring in Ossett tower. The journey to York that took us through Leeds is worth recounting. The centre of Leeds was a jam of traffic, and Jim enquired through the open door the way to York. A true son of Yorkshire, George by name, answered, 'I'm going that way; I'll pilot you through,' and he jumped aboard. In three minutes George had us clear of the jam and heading for the York road. His final tit-bit was when we passed close to Leeds Parish Church. Looking at the tower, Bill remarked, 'Leeds, 12 I presume.' George, evidently a post office worker, replied, 'No, Leeds, 9.'

We reached York at 6.15 and made all speed up the tower. The bells were quickly raised and the grand twelve were set ringing to rounds for the youngsters. Three leads of Treble Twelve followed, and if the writer's memory has not failed, it was Roddy Pipe, our youngest ringer, who called the bobs. Rounds again and we just had enough time left for a half course of Cambridge Royal before we reluctantly lowered the bells.

We travelled 112 miles.

WEDNESDAY

Starting sharp on time at 8.30 a.m., our journey over the moors to Whitby was most enjoyable. The climb up to St. Mary's Church, Whitby, was certainly a test for coach and driver, but it saved our legs from a stiff climb. The new ring of ten (18½ cwt. in E) was a joy. Bob Royal and Treble Ten came safely home, but Cambridge Royal again proved elusive. Two courses of Stedman Caters and one of Stedman Triples with Bill ringing a pair ended our ringing on these lovely bells. From Whitby to Saltburn by the coast road can be both a pleasure and a nightmare. The coastal views are superb, but the three hills our coach negotiated of 1 in 5 gradients with hair-pin bends as extra hazards put all our previous descents in the shade. The ring of eight at St. Emanuel's, Saltburn, have one drawback. Noise, both in and outside the tower, spoil the pleasure of ringing on these fine bells. A very short journey brought us to Skelton-in-Cleveland, where on another fine ring of eight

at All Saints' Church we rang methods up to Bristol Surprise.

Ripon Cathedral was reached after a delightful ride of some 30 miles by the valley road skirting the Cleveland Hills; and, being well up to time, we were able to enjoy the beauty of the Cathedral bells to the full. The grand ring of ten (23 cwt. in E flat) is equal to any bells we had previously rung on, and although our ringing here was generally good, we again had to count Cambridge Royal a failure. On the journey home the rear seat of the coach had now become a rendezvous for man and a maid, and the Rev. Leslie had been heard to remark that a wedding might take place in the near future.

We travelled 176 miles.

THURSDAY

The Parish Church of St. Peter, Leeds, was the first stop of the day, and we opened up our ringing on these lovely bells with a course of Bob Maximus. Donald Mills, age 12, and Mrs. Mills rang their first course on twelve bells, and Roddy Pipe, age 11, was conductor. We thought our ringing was quite good even if the variety of methods was unusual for a ring of twelve bells. After Stedman Caters had come safely round we followed on with Cambridge and London Major, then three leads of Treble Bob Major and finished with three leads of Treble Bob Minor on the musical six. We were pleased that Mr. R. H. Dove found time to give us a look in for a short while, and his services in piloting us out on to the Bradford road were much appreciated. The grand ring of ten we found at Bradford Cathedral amply repaid us for that dreary ride. The opening rounds nearly brought disaster, for young Stewart finished off a shaky stay on the fourth bell and went the full distance up to the ceiling. Fortunately he only suffered a shaking. Lunch at the Talbot Hotel was up to the usual high standard, and we were soon on the road again with the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Mirfield, as our objective. We received a warm welcome from one of the clergy, supported by several locals and a reporter. Yorkshire tufted tail ends gave us quite a handful as we rang the bells through Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal and Kent Major.

Our next call, St. Bartholomew's, Marsden-on-the-Moor, can claim to be one of the best of the tour. A beautiful church, spotlessly kept, belfry to match and a really lovely ring of eight (26½ cwt. in D flat). Back at Huddersfield we were served with a sumptuous tea, and we had something to remember Huddersfield for, as we missed the bells in favour of returning to ring at Selby Abbey.

Dinner over, the party adjourned to the ballroom for a social hour, during which Mr. Charles Fisher presented Jim Pipe with a leather wallet on behalf of the party for his work in organising the tour, and to Reg. Jessup, our driver, a cigarette case.

We covered 104 miles.

FRIDAY

Officially Friday was ladies' day and our destination was Kendal and Lake Windermere. We had a glorious trip via Ilkley and Settle, but arrived at Kendal to find it pouring with rain. The fine old ring of ten at Holy Trinity Church was at our disposal and we were glad to get to the tower out of the rain.

Lunch over, about half of the party made the journey to Windermere. We found a local ringer among the boats at Bowness Pier and regretted we were unable to accept an invitation to ring at Windermere owing to shortage of time. The other half of the party who had stayed at Kendal had a good time with the bells and rang methods from Kent Minor to Cambridge Royal.

We covered 228 miles.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LITTLE METHODS

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. Birmingham's letter of August 31st, in my opinion the peal of 5,060 Doubles should go down as a peal of 5,040 Doubles, for surely the band rang a true peal of 5,040 changes, beginning and ending in rounds.

With regard to Woodbine, the method itself has not been banned. If a band wishes to ring a peal in the method the C.C. cannot stop them. It is true that they will not record it, but they will print it in their journal.

I agree with him about quarters of Minor containing 720, 360 and 180 changes. At the same time, why are quarters consisting of 1,216 changes printed, i.e., Tempsford, August 15th, 1,216 Kent Treble Bob Minor? This is even less than a quarter of 5,000.

Regarding Doubles methods, until the C.C. publish 42 distinct methods, each with its own plain course, methods such as April Day should be permitted. After this publication they should, in my opinion, be recorded as variations.

He has, however, dropped a brick with regard to Little methods. It is possible to reverse Little Bob, i.e., have, say in Minor, the 3rd as the dominating bell, hunting between 3rds and 6ths. It is not a rule that the treble shall dominate methods. If you wish, the 4th could dominate Little Bob Minor.

Methods having the treble doing the work opposite that of an Alliance method can be spliced with Reverse Little methods, for surely the lead of a reverse method begins when the dominating bell is lying behind, i.e., to splice Reverse Little Bob with Reverse Harmondsworth Alliance, start with part of the 480 of Reverse Harmondsworth, bobs being made when treble lies behind, by moving 5ths to 3rds, then call a single, made in 345; ring 240 Reverse Little Bob, call a single, then finish your Reverse Harmondsworth Alliance. You should also remember that the first lead of Little Bob Minor, 23456, is false against the lead 65432.

Finally, if anyone wishes to ring something that the C.C. will not recognise, do so. For surely we are ringing for the glory of God, not to get your name on paper, or are we?—Yours faithfully,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

W. Bedfont, near Staines.

PEALS OF DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Re the correspondence on the number of changes to be rung to a peal of Doubles, there is, I think, a simple solution to the matter.

To combat what seems to me to be a dictatorial attitude by the Central Council, it would be quite simple for the conductor of a band which had rung, say, 5,220 changes of Grand-sire Doubles for a special occasion to submit to 'The Ringing World' for publication the first 5,040 changes only. The members of the band could enter it in their own personal records as being 5,220, and then, everyone being satisfied, the record of the peal rung would not be lost to the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. HUNT.

Titchfield, Hants.

COMRADESHIP IN RINGING

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Bures and District company who were on a visit to Kent on September 15th, we wish to express our thanks to all the visiting ringers to Bromley who offered us their places in the front of the queue when they discovered we had a 3½ hours' journey home.

As was remarked by one of our non-ringing members, 'If that's the comradeship you get in ringing, then it's truly an example to the rest of the world.'—Yours very sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

IN DEFENCE OF ROVING RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I feel compelled to write in answer to Mr. John E. Cook's letter in this week's 'Ringing World' concerning the Society of Roving Ringers. It is quite beyond me to understand why Mr. Cook should think that the highly amusing remark in F. J. M.'s account of the tour is aimed at his society; has he no sense of humour at all? I myself have had the pleasure of going on two of the Roving Ringers' annual tours and would probably have been with them this year had circumstances not made it impossible; however, I was able to go on another tour with a party of young ringers from this district to South Wales, and a fine time we had.

When the organiser of this tour (a young man with great talent for arranging ringing trips) and myself saw the account of the R.R. tour, we chuckled at the last paragraph and enjoyed the joke which was obviously intended; the officers of the S.R.R. would, I know, be the last people to frown at young people who get together and organise cycling ringing trips on similar lines to those of the Roving Ringers.

The objects of the R.R. tours are to enjoy a good cycling holiday in good company, to ring in new towers and to make new friends at these towers, and, probably most important of all, to get practice in good striking in the more advanced methods; and, over and above all this, to promote the spirit of the brotherhood of the belfry, particularly among the younger generation.

No, Mr. Cook, I'm afraid you are on the wrong tack, to use a yachting expression; take a joke and have a good laugh at it, as I am sure most readers did on seeing the account of the R.R. tour.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Bosham, Chichester.

A DISAPPOINTMENT

Dear Sir,—The Yorkshire Association recently held a meeting at Heptonstall, and I presumed that one of its general objects was to help and encourage learners. Under that presumption I hopefully attended the meeting in the evening. Alas for my hopes; I found myself in a desert of Bristol and London, among a company that was as frigid and unfriendly as the North Pole. I was given no chance to ring, and if there was a ringing master present then his was not a practical presence. It was a most disappointing experience.—Yours, etc.,

H. R.

Brighouse, Yorks.

KELVEDON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Until a few weeks ago the bells of St. Mary's, Kelvedon, rang out regularly on Tuesday evenings and for Sunday services. Visitors have always found a ready welcome here and gone away having enjoyed their ring on the heavy ring of six bells.

Now these bells are strangely silent. The grand old tenor of 21 cwt, cast by Miles Graye in 1608 is badly cracked and unsafe to ring. It is to be recast by Mears and Stainbank. This does not sound a large order but there are several repairs to the church which need doing also. Therefore I am appealing to all ringers to help us meet the cost of the recasting so that once more 'The bells of St. Mary's shall ring out.'

All donations, however small, will be gratefully received at the above address, and duly acknowledged.—Yours sincerely,

J. ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon, near Colchester.

WINGERWORTH, DERBYS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: 1. H. Sargent 1. E. Blythe (cond.) 2. T. Dowsett 3. B. Maltby 4. A. Hopkinson 5. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. L. Sargent on his 25th ordination as priest.

HEREFORDSHIRE CONDITIONS

Dear Sir,—I should like to express my appreciation of Mr. Ernest Morris' work in his editing of William Fussell's diary. The stories about Herefordshire are especially interesting to us, and I am glad to say that conditions have greatly changed.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Hereford.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—In 1890 the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore used to call the Original from the rhyme of 'Jack and Jill went up to the hill to get a pail of water.'

At that time Edward Pope, of Staplehurst, also called the Original, and his brother, Walter Pope, called it when he was 17 years of age, at Headcorn in 1891.

Staplehurst in 1890 had a band of all Pops.

R. EDWARDS.

Tenterden, Kent.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION'S WEEK

Dear Sir,—One intriguing exhibit in the Lion and Unicorn Pavilion at South Bank is the scrawled original of a 'Times' 'fourth leader' which, without the intervention of any regimented typescript, immediately preceded the printer's proof. Actually the typing out of 'copy' is a sobering process, as well as a sieve for errors and an eliminator of ineligibility, but time does not always allow this luxury; then are enhanced the chances of faults greeting the reader and certainly shouting at the author. Hence this correction 'postscript' to the account of the Universities Association visit to Bristol.

It was Mr. Edwin Barnett, of Crayford, who kindly reminded me that the first ladies' peal was rung, not at Portishead, but at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on July 20th, 1912. The Portishead peal on January 30th, 1915, also Grandsire Triples, was, in fact, the first ladies' peal by a local band.

Then the institute at Long Ashton is concerned with cider, not cedar; the captain of ringers at Evercreech is Mr. Harry Sanger, not Henry; the summer school in residence at Wills, W.E.A., not W.A.E.; and the ring of twelve at famous St. Mary Redcliffe, not Ratcliffe! Finally, the U.A. tour at Nottingham in 1952 is not to be extended by 10 days, but will be in progress only from August 15th–23rd.

If these errors are now forgiven (which, incidentally, were not in the nature of deliberate mistakes after the manner of Ronny Waldman), I would comment briefly on the 'unwritten rule' that peals should be recorded for the Guild in whose area they are rung. Mr. Cannon has already acknowledged to Mr. West the desirability of adhering to this custom and explained why it was perforce not observed in the case of the two peals rung in Dorset, the territory of the Salisbury Guild. There is also the case of non-territorial guilds, such as the Universities Association and the Ladies' Guild, which have no towers of their own and must, therefore, continually enjoy hospitality wherever, and whenever, they ring, scoring all peals in territory not their own. Such wide hospitality must be returned in different form, and largely through the loyal service to their home guilds of a membership drawn from all parts of the country.

We of the Universities Association are very conscious of our debt to local towers, and to the territorial guilds, for since U.A. was founded nearly nine years ago we have experienced the warmth of real welcome in many many counties of Britain.

Our appreciation is indeed unbounded.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER,
Hon. Sec., U.A.C.R.

40 YEARS AGO

(From 'The Ringing World,' Sept. 29th, 1911)

LADIES IN THE BELFRY—
CORRESPONDENCE

Sir,—Having read 'E. J. B.'s' letter on 'Lady Ringers,' I think that the Vicar is in the right . . . because a woman has no right in a tower that is not really part of the church. . . .

What the ringing world wants is a better class of men to learn to ring, viz., the middle classes, then things would go better. My objections to lady ringers are these:—

1. They will do men out of their hobby.
2. They will be given all the privileges, while the gentlemen ringers will have to 'take a back seat' and look on.

3. They will . . . 'cause all the trouble.'

[E. J. B. had complained of a clergyman's ruling that 'the belfry is not a fit and proper place for any female.' Correspondents rushed to the female's aid, and a leading article declared that 'in the perfectly decorous atmosphere of the belfry, there is nothing that is unfit for a lady.']

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

By-Meeting in the Torbay Area

The Mid-Devon branch held a by-meeting in the Torbay area on September 15th, and the event was particularly well attended. The first calling place was at St. Saviour's, Torre, where the bells were well utilised in methods to suit all tastes. From here a move was made across Torquay's main thoroughfare to St. Mary Magdalene's, Upton, where an hour's ringing was much enjoyed.

After an excellent tea, Mr. J. E. Lilley, the branch chairman, expressed his pleasure at seeing the visitors, including the president.

A move was then made through by-lanes to Abbotskerswell, where a pleasant hour was spent, and as the result of the efforts of one enterprising member a hurried visit was afterwards made to Denbury, where permission had been given to ring at a moment's notice. The visitors greatly appreciated this gesture on the part of the Rector.

OLD TOM, OF ARELEY KING'S

Mr. T. Elcox, of Areley King's, who rang a quarter peal for his 87th birthday, must have strong claims to be the Worcestershire Association's oldest performing member. He has been connected with Areley King's Church for over 70 years. A proud moment for Old Tom came on September 2nd, when he rang for the broadcast service from Areley King's.

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1952

Preparatory work in production of the 1952 Ringers' Notebook and Diary is well in hand, and publication date (about mid-November) will be announced in due course.

Will association secretaries wishing the dates of annual meetings, special functions, etc., inserted in the Diary section please forward particulars to reach me by October 8th?

W. H. VIGGERS.

37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

1,000 MILES THROUGH YORKSHIRE

(Continued from page 618)

SATURDAY

Our first good-byes were said to Messrs. Holland and Bond as we left Selby at 9 a.m. on our return trip to Suffolk. Mr. Rhodes left us at Newark and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson at Grantham. Our numbers got steadily less as we said further good-byes at Stowmarket, Higham and Ipswich, and the coach finally reached Grundisburgh at 7 p.m. To those ringers of Yorkshire who had done so much for us, in making arrangements months before the tour began, in meeting us at the towers, may we say 'Thank you' for the joys we experienced in travelling a thousand miles through Yorkshire?

'TOURIST.'

WHEN THE LADIES VISITED
SUSSEX

Southern District Outing

The coach trip organised by Mrs. D. Howard on behalf of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild took 20 people—ringers, would-be ringers and non-ringers—for a circular trip to five towers in Hants and Sussex on September 8th.

Starting with Ezbourne, we went on to that little gem of Sussex scenery, Bozzum (Easebourne and Bosham to the uninitiated); thence to Westbourne, Hambledon and finally Catherington.

Disaster overtook us immediately at Easebourne in the shape of a broken stay and it was the sheerest good fortune that we had with us a gentleman who could (and would) ring the bell without it. After a short stop, and many profound apologies, we hurried away, wondering if the ancient curse of the Prioress had had anything to do with the matter. At Bosham we had the privilege of being received by Mr. Peter Bond, and those of us who could not manage the somewhat difficult bells, regaled ourselves with an inspection of the famous motor-bike! After lunch at the Grange Hotel, we offered the non-ringings the opportunity of staying in the village while the ringers and 'we others' repaired to Westbourne; but the tide was out so they decided to come with us and we went on our way again.

At Westbourne we were welcomed by pretty Miss Betty Peak, a charming and vivacious young member of the local band. She had raised all eight bells for us and felt she had earned the right to sit back and watch somebody else do the work! But Westbourne bells were a different proposition from Bosham and ringing them was certainly not hard work. They went like a dream—but alas, so did our time there and we were all too soon on the road again. Our next objective was Hambledon, a very enjoyable ring, and the final call of the evening was Catherington, with a delightful little ring of six, deserving of better than we were unfortunately able to give it, either in ringing or atmosphere. It was here that it became all too apparent that two years of painful fibrositis had left its mark on the temper, if not on the voice, of one of our gentleman visitors, who seems to have passed right out of the ranks of those elect addressed by St. Paul in II. Corinthians, 2, xix. However, he says he enjoyed himself, so—per ardua, etc.!

W. A. O.

RINGERS' SUNDAY AT KEYMER

A very successful Ringers' Sunday was held at Keymer on September 9th, when ringers from 16 parishes took part. The tower was open from 2 p.m., and, apart from interruption by a photographer from a local paper, ringing continued until 4.15 p.m., finishing with a service touch of Stedman Doubles.

Over sixty people (both ringers and the 'uninitiated') attended the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. E. Davis-Winstone. Before his address the Rector extended a very warm welcome to all the visitors.

After the service tea was served in the Church Hall, when Mr. S. E. Armstrong (secretary of the Sussex Association) thanked the local ringers on behalf of the visitors. Further ringing took place before and after the evening service.

Visiting ringers attended from Southover, Hurstpierpoint, Balcombe, Ringmer, Twineham, Godshill, Henfield, Aldrington, Chichester, Bosham, West Grinstead, Wivelsfield and the three Brighton churches—the Good Shepherd, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas.

Methods rung included Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise Minor.

REDEDICATION

ST. LEONARD'S, DEAL

Great pleasure has been given to Deal residents to hear the bells of St. Leonard's again. The six (tenor 9 cwt.) have been rehung on ball bearings and the pulleys renewed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank at a cost of just under £200.

The bells were rededicated by the Rector (the Rev. Raymond Clarke) and afterwards a quarter peal of Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob) was rung by R. Mantle 1, P. Rye 2, Miss J. Wells (cond.) 3, T. Wickens 4, G. Ruck 5, M. Milner 6. This is believed to be the first quarter on the bells to be conducted by a lady.

The Rector thanked the participants and informed them that he intended to have a plaque placed in the tower to commemorate the occasion. All ringers agreed that a very excellent job had been done. Ringing continued during the evening, with visitors from Walmer, Mongeham and Ringwould.

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD

Southern District

Although it was an umbrella day for the quarterly meeting at Gorseilla on August 25th, it did not prevent a good attendance, which included visitors from Kent, Pontypool and Rugby. St. Catherine's eight bells were rung to various methods until the service at 3.30 p.m., which was conducted by the curate, Mr. Hopkins, in the absence of the Vicar, who was indisposed.

At the business meeting which followed, the District secretary expressed the members' regret at the indisposition of the Vicar, who was unable to be with them. The same committee members were asked to draw up a programme for next year's annual Festival at Knighton, which was being combined with the District's annual outing.

Thanks were accorded the ladies for the excellent tea provided and Mr. Hopkins for conducting the service and presiding at the business meeting—not forgetting the organist and Mr. W. Dobbins, who helped to make the meeting such a success.

The next meeting will be held at Aberavon in December.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The pretty village of Netherbury, nestling among the Dorset hills and dominated by its fine church tower, drew some 25 ringers on September 15th for the quarterly meeting of the branch.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. G. McAnally) conducted the Guild Office in church, the lesson being read by the Master (Canon C. Carew Cox). Canon W. J. T. Pascoe, Vicar of Broad Windsor, in a very helpful address, urged his listeners to uphold their ministry as ringers.

After tea in the Parish Room the chairman presided over the business meeting. The annual meeting was fixed for December 1st at Bridport, provided catering arrangements could be made. Failing that an invitation to Lodgers was approved with Bradpole as an additional tower. The following new members were elected: Dr. Taylor and Miss Barbara Morris (Lyme Regis), Michael Arcsott (Whitchurch), Edward Pannell, Donald Ireland and Colin Gibbs (Beaminster) and William Godfrey (Powerstock).

A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by the chairman to the Vicar and his ringers for their good welcome, to Canon Pascoe for his address; also to the organist (Mr. B. Elsworth) and to the ladies responsible for providing tea.

The six nice bells were in good use during the afternoon and evening, and some enthusiasts also visited Beaminster and accomplished a quarter peal of Stedman Triples.

IN NORTH-WEST DEVON

Visitors Join Locals in Tour

On September 1st a very pleasant afternoon and evening tour was arranged in the Hols-worthy district of Devon by ringers from four counties, represented by Launceston and Marhamchurch (Cornwall), Wellington (Somerset), Piddhinton (Dorset) and two 'scientific exiles' living near Bradford (Devon), who made all the local arrangements.

At Bradford (6, 10 cwt.) we found a handy little ring, although the treble lacked a stay and there was a rather overpowering scent attributable, we were told, to bats.

We were met by a member of the local band at Shebbear, where the bells (6, 10 cwt.) were a job to ring and the time allotted to us passed far too quickly.

Buckland Filleigh ring (5, 7½ cwt.) has a local 'reputation' and here we expected anything, particularly on the information that the bells had not been rung for a year. However, after squeezing behind the organ and raising the bells, all with single-ended ropes of almost wire-like texture, the 'go' was found to be reasonably good. The greatest difficulty was to avoid the numerous jam jars and vases which were parked everywhere on the floor and a few of which suffered casualties from boots and ropes.

At Petersmarland (6, 8 cwt.) was another good ring, also at Petrockstowe (6, 8 cwt.) where we were joined by the Rector and his son, both scientific ringers.

Judging by the 'go' and the noise of what appeared to be a floating frame, the bells (6, 12 cwt.) of Sheepwash are long overdue for a visit from the bell-hangers. The hard work necessary, however, was more than compensated for by the welcome extended by the local band, the captain of whom took a keen interest in what, so he said, was the first 'scientific' on the bells.

Like the wine in the parable, the best was kept to last and at Black Torrington we found a really lovely 'six' with a tenor of 8½ cwt. but sounding twice the weight and here we were joined by another 'exile,' a lady this time. Time all too quickly passed and at 8.45 p.m., after 'goodbyes' and thanks to the two organisers, the party went their various ways home, those from Dorset having a journey of nearly 120 miles via Wellington.

Methods rung during the outing were Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Doubles.

E. T. P. F.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

About 40 members attended the quarterly meeting on September 8th at the Church of St. Elli, Llanelly. It was very encouraging to meet such a stalwart of the Exercise, Mr. Cheeseman, of Surrey, and our seafaring ringer, Mr. George Corners.

Very much credit is due to the Rev. T. J. Evans, who officiated at the service. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to a very nice tea at the Parish Hall, given by the lady members of the Parish Church.

The Rev. T. J. Evans presided at the business meeting, at which Mr. Cheeseman was made a life ringing member and two ringing members were elected. The next quarterly meeting in December will be at Tenby. Hearty thanks were accorded the Rev. T. J. Evans and the kind ladies who provided the tea.

WHY NOT A RINGERS' COURSE?

Facilities are offered to Ringing Associations to hold weekly or fortnightly courses at Dillington House, the residential centre for further education of the Somerset Education Committee. Dillington House is one mile from Ilminster and has accommodation for 40 people (men and women). The basic fee for board and accommodation is 12s. a day. For full details apply to the Warden.

THE PURSUIT OF AN IDEAL

By W. Bottrill

Perfection is the indescribable something for which humanity strives but never attains. It is well that it should be so, for if perfection in all things was common further effort would be unnecessary and the world would become stagnant. In music, art, literature, science, morals, sports and pastimes, and in nature itself, it is this striving for the unattainable which whets the interest and makes life worth while. It is a seed planted by nature—truly in some men more than others—which engenders a desire to excel.

Criticism is the goad which spurs to renewed and more intensive effort. All our exhibitions of the arts and crafts of man, of music, architecture, literature and science are really the exposure of our prowess to criticism. Nine-tenths of our daily reading is devoted to criticism. If man resents criticism he will make no progress. It is the spotlight by which man discovers his own faults and if wise, endeavours to correct them. Criticism should be direct, constructive and designed to improve rather than retard. Self-criticism is the most important of all.

We seem to have entered an era in our art of ringing where criticism is actively resented and taken as a personal affront. How often is one denied access to a tower because he has criticised?

It is a peculiarity of our art that a poor striker seldom knows his failing; once he did so I am sure he would endeavour to correct it. I have met many who, had they been told earlier of their faults, would not to-day be the despair of their associates because of their striking. This is particularly so of some of our more educated ringers, taught by social inferiors with a reluctance to correct faults.

Gone are the days when the tyro must sit humbly in the belfry for months before being asked if he would like to learn to ring. The forcible and pungent criticism of the Leicester Sergt.-Major is almost extinct, but we have before us the result of that care in selection and of his biting comment. The urge to-day is to recruit ringers and never to criticise or correct them lest they fly away.

I am quite sure most clergy and church laity and many ringers are oblivious to the fact that the bells can be heard outside the tower. The ringers look upon the bells as instruments provided for their exercise and enjoyment and the clergy do not care how the bells are rung so long as they are rung.

With regard to declining standards. The fault lies with the Associations:—(1) In their lack of a co-ordinated system of instruction by competent men; (2) In their clamour for members regardless of their suitability and without a period of probation; (3) In allowing the appellation—changeringer—with badge to be used by anyone who can pull a bellrope without actually hanging himself.

Howsoever, none of our old ringers were perfect—I have in mind a famous cleric prolific in peals of Stedman Triples—but they did at least set a standard which we should endeavour to maintain.

WHITTINGTON CHANGE

Dear Sir,—The best way to reach the above in Grandsire Triples is by:—

672453 2
346572 2
463572 4
254763 1

the desired change being obtained next lead.

To reach rounds from Whittington's is by:—

642537 2S
576342 1S
325476 1S

Round at hand in five leads.

This makes a touch of 251.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

OBITUARY

MR. W. FRIGHT

On September 11th, the death occurred of Mr. William Fright, aged 89 years, after a prolonged illness, at his home in Saltwood, near Hythe, Kent.

Mr. Fright was well known throughout the county as a keen and active bellringer. He filled the post of secretary and treasurer to the Hythe band of ringers for 23 consecutive years, up to the middle of 1950, and devoted much of his time to the instruction of beginners.

At the funeral service muffled touches were rung on the Saltwood bells by members of the Hythe band, assisted by some of Mr. Fright's ringing colleagues of the Ashford district.

After 75 years of ringing, Mr. Fright's passing leaves a gap not too readily filled these days, and his exemplary record of punctuality and regular devotion to the service ringing in particular sets a high standard for younger members to attain.

MR. EDWARD BLAGDEN

In the shadow of the tower of Holy Trinity, Lenton, Nottingham, where he had been a ringer and steeplekeeper for over 60 years, Mr. Edward Blagden was laid to rest on September 6th.

Ted Blagden, as he was known by his friends, was not a man of many peals, but he was a very regular service ringer and hard worker in the tower, until ill-health recently prevented him from ascending the tower.

His death came unexpectedly, and the secretary, because of holidays, found only three of the Lenton band available. Nevertheless, at the service 14 ringers were in the belfry ready to help in paying their last respects to an old servant of the tower. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. J. R. Skipper). Grandsire Triples were rung at the graveside by F. S. Price 1-2, Clement Glenn 3-4, A. H. Ward 5-6, F. R. Bradley 7-8.

Mr. Blagden was a member of the 'Half Century' Club of Raleigh, Ltd., and in his younger days was a trial rider for the firm. He also played football for Nottingham Forest.

MR. THOMAS JULL

Mr. Thomas Jull, of Bobbing, Kent, who died on Sept. 8th at the advanced age of 78, was a member of the Kent County Association for over 60 years. He was a member of the Tunstall band at the time it was the premier six-bell band in the county, and with them rang the first peal in seven Surprise Minor methods for the Kent County Association at Tunstall on October 3rd, 1905. Most of his 119 peals were rung at six-bell towers. He had been associated with Bobbing Church for the last 16 years, ever since Newington bells were unsafe to ring.

The funeral was at Bobbing on September 12th, and many of his fellow-ringers attended. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, and during the service the Ringers' Hymn and another hymn from the Association's Service Book were sung.

A half-muffled peal of 5,040 changes in four methods was rung in the evening as a tribute to his memory.

MR. HARRY WARNETT

As it was impossible to ring on the day of the funeral of Mr. Harry Warnett, captain and tower captain of Lewisham, a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at Eltham on September 9th, conducted by his oldest ringing friend, Mr. G. H. Daynes. The representative band consisted of R. Laming, P. J. Spice, G. Ashdown, F. W. Richardson, F. J. Hurrell, H. W. Clark, G. H. Daynes and J. Hurrell.

POINTS OF INTEREST ON OUTINGS

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE

Two coach loads of ringers from Anstey with friends from Thurmaston and Groby had a day's outing in the Worcester district on September 1st.

After ringing on the pleasant six at Beoley and the light ten at Claines, the journey was through the beautiful Worcestershire countryside to Pershore Abbey. Several of the ladies were contemplating the climb to the ringing 'cage,' but their fears were soon dispelled, as, unfortunately, they could not ring owing to a funeral.

At Worcester an excellent tea and ringing at St. John's are remembered. The best ringing of the day was on the fine ten at Warwick. Thanks are extended to Mr. R. F. Elkington for his excellent organisation and to the tower-keepers for meeting and welcoming the party.

SLIMBRIDGE, GLOS.

Grand and rugged scenery was enjoyed by Slimbridge, Glos., ringers on their outing on August 25th.

The first tower was Newland, 'the Cathedral of the Forest of Dean,' then along the River Usk to Raglan, with a stop at a welcome hostelry and on to Abergavenny.

After feasting on the rugged scenery leading to the Black Mountains, the party arrived at Brecon to enjoy an hour's ringing at St. David's Church.

The return journey was via Delwyn, where the bells soon gave out their music, to Leominster, where around the tea table Canon Thomas thanked the organisers. The best ringing of the day was at St. Nicholas', Hereford. To all friends for this, one of the best outings, thanks are extended.

A DAY IN ROMNEY MARSH

The ringers of St. Mary's, Chatham, augmented by ringers from Frindsbury, Rainham, Upchurch, Bobbing and Sittingbourne, together with their wives and friends, enjoyed a very successful day in the Romney Marsh area on August 25th.

Towers visited were St. Mary's, Dover, Hythe, New Romney, Brookland and Cranbrook. Rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich constituted the general course of the ringing during the day. Ringing was very pleasurable at all the towers but Hythe was voted the 'pick of the bunch.' The peculiarly tuned ring of five at Brookland in its equally peculiar structure in the churchyard did not prove so difficult a problem as anticipated. The stentorian voice of William A. J. Knight was an asset in this noisy tower—is it the noisiest in the country?—but conductors with weaker voices managed to screech a few calls through the din. Perhaps their success was due to good lip reading on the part of the other ringers.

Cranbrook's ring was the heaviest of the day and the most heavy going. In spite of this the only course of Cambridge in the day's ringing was attempted here and proved successful.

Lunch at Hythe and tea at Cranbrook were very successful items in the day's programme and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Having to miss the sixth tower owing to illness near the church, a social half-hour was spent at the Windmill Inn before leaving Cranbrook, when the handbells were brought out, much to the enjoyment of an interested audience.

The thanks of the party are accorded to the incumbents of the respective churches for the use of the bells, and the tower keepers for their assistance in making the day's outing so enjoyable. The writer also wishes to thank Mr. John Willis, of Folkestone, who gave him some most valuable information in the early stages of preparation, which made the job of organising the tour so much easier.

V. A. J.

FAREHAM AND DISTRICT

An enjoyable day was spent on September 8th by Fareham and district ringers in visiting seven eight-bell towers in the New Forest area.

The itinerary included Lymington, Milford-on-Sea, Ringwood, Fordingbridge, Downton, St. Paul's, Salisbury, and Romsey Abbey.

At Downton a couple of mishaps occurred—'Kathleen' missed the sally and 'Young Fred,' who was calling Stedman, had the misfortune to get the seventh rope caught under his foot. Only by letting go of the rope quickly did he avoid being thrown heavily.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK

Accompanied by friends from St. Peter Mancroft and Wymondham, St. Remigius' company, Hethersett, had their first all-day outing on September 8th.

Ringing took place at Sudbury, Bures, Earls Colne, Halstead, Bocking, Braintree and Sible Hedingham.

The organiser, Mr. R. G. Lofty, accords his special thanks to Mr. B. W. Pettitt and Miss H. G. Snowden for their assistance.

Surrey Association Records

Dear Sir,—May I point out that the peal of Pudgey Surprise Royal rung at Beddington on September 1st for the Surrey Association, and quoted as the first by the same, is not so. A peal of this was rung at St. Martin's, Epsom, on June 6th, 1931, for the above Association and conducted by—Yours truly,

W. H. HEWETT.

Camberwell.

[Mr. R. F. B. Speed, the conductor, sends his apologies to those concerned.—Ed.]

LATE NOTICES

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—General body, Monday, Oct. 1st, 7.15 p.m., practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth. Saturday, Oct. 13th, meeting, St. Leonard's, Streatham, 3 p.m. Tea, Zetta, Streatham, 4.30. St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6. Business 8. Wednesday, Oct. 17th, 7.45 p.m., advanced practice, St. Stephen's, Westminster. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Hou 3921. 9549

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Fordham (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 9553

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley (6), Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Oct. 3rd.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9554

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly and extraordinary general meeting, Holy Trinity, Bolton, Saturday, Oct. 6th. For teas apply to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton. 9556

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Meeting at Leafield (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea free. Names by Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, to C. Taplin, Burford Road, Chipping Norton. 9550

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham, Oct. 13th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Numbers for tea to E. Matthews, 48, Free-lands Road, Cobham.—A. H. S. 9553

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch (8), Saturday, Oct. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, by Oct. 9th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9555

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Oct. 13th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30. Ringing arrangements: Shoreditch (12), 2.30–3.30; Hampstead (10), 3–4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 4–5. All tickets sold.—F. J. Matthews. 9557

NOTICES

New Scale of Charges

From the beginning of September, 1951, the charge for Notices of Meetings will be one penny a word, minimum 2s. 6d. For additional insertions with no change of type one half of the above charge for each insertion.

Other Notices one penny per word, minimum 3s.

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Notices must be received on the Monday preceding publication.

BIRTHS

BURGESS.—On Sept. 20th, 1951, at the Canadian Memorial Hospital, Taplow, Bucks, to Peggy, wife of Cyril A. Burgess, a son (Andrew Nowell). 9534

MARRIOTT.—On Sept. 19th, 1951, at 130, Whitby Road, Ipswich, to Phyllis (nee Tillett) and Cecil, a son (Mark Andrew). 9530

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Albert M. Tyler is now 43, William Street, Totterdown, Bristol 3. 9551

PUBLICATIONS

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS'—A new edition with index is now available, price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—First practice, Michaelmas Term, Thursday, Oct. 11th, at 8 p.m., at Great St. Andrew's, followed by business meeting. New members please contact C. M. P. Johnson, Selwyn College. 9520

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Students who will be in Manchester this session are cordially invited to join the above Guild, which holds weekly meetings and practices during term. For information contact P. Parry (Men's Union), M. Jackson (Women's Union). 9528

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. John-the-Baptist's, Eltham, September 29th. Business meeting 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Withfield Road. Tea at 4 p.m. Ringing afterwards 5 to 8.—A. B. Peck. 9459

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Wood Ditton, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—H. L. Martin. 9499

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Godmanchester, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9505

MIDLAND COUNTRIES GUILD.—Meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 9508

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Dorchester, Sept. 29th. Usual arrangements.—J. Hayne, Sec. 9482

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Barnet (8) on Sept. 29th. Bells 4 p.m. Business meeting in tower after tea. Tea at local cafes. — K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 9512

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Cavendish (6), Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 till 9 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided at the Rectory 5 p.m. Meeting follows.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 9502

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Horley (8) on Saturday, September 29th. Ringing 3. Tea and meeting 5. Service 6.30. Ringing until 9. —Miss R. M. Foreman. 9492

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Badsey, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 9500

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (AMENDED NOTICE).—Owing to an alteration in the time of evensong at York Minster, all members and friends are asked to note the following complete arrangements in connection with the general meeting and Snowdon Dinner, to be held at York on Sept. 29th. General Committee meet 3.15 p.m. at St. Michael-le-Belfry Parish Room. General meeting same premises at 4 p.m. Service in Minster at 5 p.m. Dinner (tickets 9s. each) at Co-operative Cafe, Railway Street, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Ringing at the Minster (12), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., from thence to 4.55 p.m., the latter period for out-county visitors only. Sunday ringing: 9.15 to 10.20 a.m., 1.30 to 2.25 p.m. and 3.30 to approx. 3.55 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford. 9506

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, Oct. 1st, 7 p.m. Nearest Station, Tottenham Court Road.—T. J. Lock. 9516

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, West Coker, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea. — F. Farrant, Martock. 9527

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Milton Ernest on Oct. 6th. Bells at 3. Tea at 5. Please note, this village is served by good bus services.—Michael Stephens, District Sec. 9541

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich (8 bells), Oct. 6th, 2.30. Service 4.30. It is important that names for tea arrive before 2nd.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 9546

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Runcorn, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Advise Mr. Hughes, 18, Cynthia Road, Runcorn, if requiring tea. — J. E. Ashcroft. 9548

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Butlers Marston (6), Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, 3rd.—Edden, 25, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 9522

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ripley, Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. Please notify D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley, by Oct. 2nd. 9510

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Honiton Clyst, Oct. 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, High Street, East Budleigh. 9509

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Staindrop (8), Saturday, Oct. 6th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Oct 4th.—Dennis R. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 9538

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Bromley (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Duesbury, Hon. Sec. 9425

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—Monthly practice, Galleywood (8), first Saturday each month, commencing Oct. 6th, 6.30–9 p.m. All welcome. 9496

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West District.—Crusader meeting at Prittlewell (10) on Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea. Names for tea to F. B. Lufkin, 73, St. Mary's Road, Prittlewell. 9471

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Notify for tea by previous Wednesday to R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, W. Farnborough, Hants. 9523

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Abbots Langley (6), Oct. 6th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9515

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Stephen's 4.15 p.m. Tea after in Parish Room. Names for tea, with cash, at 2s. per head, together with nominations for officers, to reach me not later than first post Wednesday, October 3rd.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9501

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual district meeting at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Oct. 6th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (approx.). Names for tea by Oct. 4th to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. The meeting has been transferred from Tonbridge owing to repairs to Tonbridge bells. 9486

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Leicester, on Oct. 6th. Bells, St. John's (10), at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston, Leics, by Oct. 3rd. Tickets, 8s. 6d. each and number limited, for the festival dinner and social on Oct. 27th at Market Harborough now available. Apply, with remittance, before Oct. 18th to W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester. 9487

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Nocton (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., Flat 11, Wellington Hall, near Lincoln. 9504

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Hanley, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Names for tea to Mr. N. Sargeant, 58, Eastbourne Road, Hanley, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 9513

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (V.W.H. and Witney and Woodstock Branches). **GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Swindon Branch).—Joint meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Other towers available after tea. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 3rd, to M. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 9414

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Drayton Parslow, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 9531

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gullesborough Branch.—Meeting at Watford (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Names for tea before Wednesday previous, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9532

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Yatesbury (5), Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts.—W. Hacker, Hon. Sec. 9529

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Westbury, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to Stratford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9539

SENNEN, CORNWALL.—The five bells of the First and Last Church in England have been restored and a new treble added by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Dedication, Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3.15 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. W. R. Wynne, The Rectory, Sennen. 9521

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sheffield on Saturday, Oct. 6th, St. Marie's (8) 2.30, Cathedral (12) after tea. Names by Oct. 3rd to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8.—J. E. Turley. 9544

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Rugeley, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea not later than Oct. 3rd. Annual reports (6d. each) will be available at this meeting. Tower secretaries please note, it will be no use complaining afterwards.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 9485

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Goose Fair Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Meeting and bells 5.30. 9540

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Perry Barr (8), Oct. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify by Oct. 3rd.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District). **KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Lewisham District). **LADIES' GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS** (Central District).—A combined meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Epsom. Christ Church, Epsom Common, 3 p.m.; St. Martin's, Epsom, 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Tranall's Restaurant. Numbers for tea to R. Lathbury.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec.; A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.; Miss M. Jackson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9480

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Bolney (8), Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, by Oct. 3rd. 9517

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Ropley, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells, Ropley (6) and Bishop's Sutton (5) available 2.30. Service 4.30 at Ropley. Tea 5 in the Vicarage. Bells again available after tea until business meeting at 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9535

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, Tuesday, Oct. 9th, not Oct. 2nd. 6.45 p.m. Practice at St. Michael's, Cornhill, Oct. 16th, 7.15 p.m. 314th anniversary dinner, Nov. 10th.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9543

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, King George Hotel, Barnsley, Oct. 13th, 6 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, obtainable from me.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 9507

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th, Old Brampton (6) 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Business important.—A. B. Cooper. 9547

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting at All Saints', Maidstone (10), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30. Tea in College Room (adjoining church, 4.15, business meeting following. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimberidge, Ditton, Maidstone. Tel. Maidstone 7216. 9542

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Epworth (8), Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., only reserved for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough (Tel. Gains. 2623). —F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 9483

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Mathern, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow. Cups of tea provided, bring sandwiches.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 9524

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pulham, Norfolk.—All ringers welcomed to Pulham Market, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5, in Village Hall, kindly given by Mr. Alfred Todd, for all who notify by Oct. 8th Mr. Arthur Roope, Pulham Market, Diss. 9544

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Harpole, Northampton, by Saturday, Oct. 6th. —F. W. Hancock. 9533

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Towcester Branch) **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Bucks Branch):—Joint meeting at Wicken, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Oct. 8th to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. —R. H. Howson, W. Yates, Secs. 9519

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, by Wednesday, Oct. 10th. 9514

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Anston (8), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Names for tea by 10th to Mr. H. Turner, 10, High Street, Anston, Sheffield. —H. Denman. 9537

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—General meeting to decide finance, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells, St. Giles', St. Miles', St. George Colegate and St. John Sepulchre, 2.15–4 and 6.15 onwards; Mancroft, 6.15 onwards. Service, St. George Colegate, 4.15. Tea, St. Clement's Hall, 4.45, ONLY for those who send card to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Oct. 12th. Business meeting 5.15. 9481

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Pitsford cancelled. Next meetings, Cogenhoe, Nov. 3rd, and Kings- thorpe, Nov. 24th. —E. Nobles, N.B. Hon. Sec. 9518

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