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AMONGST THE VILLAGE BELLS IN DEVON

By F. C. SMALE

IN Devon it is a case of 'up hill and down dale' if you travel from village to village 'tower hunting.' The winding lanes flanked by high hedgerows are often narrow and the motorist has to take each bend and corner with care. But the villages are quaint with white-faced thatched cottages dotted here and there by the wayside. All this adds interest even to a change ringer, and the charm of such village churches as Loxhore or Shirwell in the Exmoor country and the quaintness of Stoke-in-Teighhead or Combe-in-Teighhead remain in memory. Each of our trips this summer has finished up, over a parting drink, with the remark, 'This tour is the best ever,' which is an indication of what our party think of such outings. Remarkably, each has been favoured by beautiful sunny weather.

On April 28th we assembled at Honiton St. Paul's (eight, 13 cwt.), which Mr. E. W. Biffin, Mr. Atkins and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott thought was St. Michael's; Messrs. Myers from Plymouth, Miss B. M. Boyle's party from Combe Martin and Mr. W. H. R. Smale with Mr. E. W. Ryall were in good time. After touches of Triples our itinerary took us to Offwell (9 cwt.), recently rehung and treble added to make six, Cottleigh (8 cwt.), also treble added, Stockland (14 cwt.), a fine six, Upottery (19 cwt.), a fine six by Mears 1819, Monkton (7 cwt.), Plymtree (11 cwt.) and Clyst Hydon (11 cwt.). It was whispered that there was some very good cider in Stockland.

On May 19th we visited Churston Ferrers (13 cwt.), a good six; Brixham (16½ cwt.), a good octave with spacious ringing chamber; Dartmouth St. Saviour's (18 cwt.), another fine eight; St. Petrox (9 cwt.), a handy six, near the entrance to the harbour, and Townstall (8½ cwt.), another six. Here Mr. Atkins, Mr. Poyntz and Mr. P. Crook left us and we went on to Slapton (five, 9 cwt.), near the famous beach, and to Malborough (11 cwt.), a good six. Crossing the ferry with cars on board, the tide-filled harbour of Dartmouth and the wonderful stretch of Slapton sands are phenomena to be seen to be realised.

We met at Crediton (27 cwt.) on June 30th. After raising the octave piecemeal, we rang respectable touches of Triples and proceeded to Sandford (9 cwt.), a tuneful six, and Poughill (11 cwt.), another good six. At Cruwys Morchard we were met by the Rector, the Rev. G. J.

Bidgood, who gave us a hearty welcome. The 14 cwt. tenor was experimented with, for even the full weight of some of the less heavy members would not pull her out. The 16 stone writer, however, had no difficulty. Good touches were rung on the tuneful six. Passing through South Molton, we came to North Molton, which has a most beautiful church and a very fine six with tenor 20 cwt. Some of the best striking of the day was done on these bells. After tea the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews left us and we went to High Bray (12 cwt.) and thence to West Buckland (10 cwt.).

That doyen of Devon ringers, Mr. A. W. Searle, met us at Goodleigh (8 cwt.) on August 4th. We were indeed pleased to have Mr. Searle with us once more, though he rings very little now. The Goodleigh (8 cwt.) six go well and some good touches of Doubles came round. The next point of call was Bratton Fleming, a favoured place for well-to-do residents. The six (tenor 16 cwt.) are notorious as going badly and we found this true. There is a very low doorway from the church to the ringing chamber and there was much merriment amongst the young agile members of the party when Uncle Fred was compelled to enter walking on his knees. Our next call was Loxhore (6 cwt.). We were directed to this interesting church by an octogenarian tailor who cycles six miles or so to ring at the Barnstaple Parish Church each Sunday. Loxhore Church was approached through a farm lane and what Prebendary Cox and Mr. J. Arbury thought of the rough watery ride we only imagine!

On the west side of the deep valley we found Shirwell (14 cwt.), with the low tower at the south-east corner of the church. The bells went like tops and the church had much of interest. The transept arch of wood is unique and the porch, which has a dropping roof, attracted attention. Following the main Lynton road, we came to Arlington (11 cwt.), a very handy six. At Kentisbury we were met by the Rector, the Rev. H. G. Ayre, who had so kindly organised tea for us in the church schoolroom. The newly-hung and augmented six, tenor 7 cwt., were very pleasing. Here Mr. A. W. Searle rang a few rounds on the treble with all his old skill. After tea, so ably provided by Mrs. Ayre and lady helpers, some of the party proceeded to West Down (10 cwt.). The church, with its Norman font found buried under the floor, is of peculiar interest. Here we rang touches of Doubles and Minor and the round ringers present listened without criticism, and these men

have a fame for good striking. Two of them, one a ringer in Newport (Mon), accompanied us to Braunton and helped us to ring quite good touches of Grandsire Triples.

Our last trip, on September 8th, took us to Bishopsteignton (11 cwt., cast by Mears 1840), Stoke-in-Teignhead (10 cwt.), Combe-in-Teignhead (10 cwt.), Coffinswell (11 cwt.) and Abbots Kerswell (10 cwt.), all interesting sixes. We admired each of these churches, especially the columns of sandstone and limestone at Stoke-in-Teignhead. The combs are of romantic interest. We found Coffinswell Church almost in the courtyard of the old manor house. We concluded the trip with an hour's ring at Chudleigh (12½ cwt.), a very good octave. So ended a very happy series of ringing tours for 1954.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 7
*STELLA HUGHES 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3	EDGAR T. SMITH .. 9
HERBERT KNIGHT 4	HARRY GRIFFITHS .. 10
W. GEORGE PAGE 5	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 11
ERNEST STITCH 6	GORDON HOWLETT .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal on twelve bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughes.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Mon., Sept. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	EDWIN G. MOORE 7
M. ANGELA CARTER 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER .. 8
MARIE R. CROSS 3	EDGAR J. SMITH 9
JAMES HIGGINS 4	ALAN R. PINK 10
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 5	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 11
PHILIP WALKER 6	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Rung half-muffled, by his friends and colleagues of the Cathedral belfry, as a sincere tribute to Victor J. F. Bennett, who passed away on September 23rd after only three days' illness.

TEN BELL PEAL

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5022 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

CEDRIC CURSON Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
DAVID HEIGHTON 2	GEORGE P. ADAMS 7
WILLIAM LOVE 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 8
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	NOLAN GOLDEN 9
GEORGE SAYER 5	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-part.

LEONARD W. CONDUCT .. Treble	WILLIAM C. RHODES .. 5
CHRISTINE SILKE 2	WILLIAM J. HOVEY .. 6
D. L. HOOPER 3	WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT .. 7
LESLIE L. WILLIS 4	WILLIAM T. SHELTON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RHODES.

Rung half-muffled for W. E. Hailstone, warden and lay reader at the Parish Church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1954, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON 2	† HAROLD G. JENNEY .. 6
* HAROLD J. HAZELL 3	JOHN B. BENNETT 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE SAYER Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING .. 5
CHARLES W. LOOME 2	HENRY TOOKE 6
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN,

A birthday compliment to Mr. Albert E. Sellers, of Beverley.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5072 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WALTER FORD Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
HERBERT F. LASKEY 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

REV. J. E. F. TREDENNICK Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3	* ARTHUR G. BASON 7
* H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	* BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

* First peal of New Cambridge.



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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

*GILLIAN H. LUNNON .. Treble	†PETER R. JOHNSON .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	*OWEN T. NORTHWOOD .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 4	WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

A farewell to the treble ringer on leaving the district for London.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

ARTHUR G. BASON .. Treble	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 2	ARTHUR W. DICKERSON .. 6
HERBERT HOWLETT .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 150th tower for a peal.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., Sept. 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

CHARLES SANGWIN .. Treble	DOUGLAS BURNETT .. 5
HARRY MILES .. 2	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY .. 6
A. WILLIAM MYERS .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 7
WILLIAM H. HIBBERT .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
The first peal of Major on the bells.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GORDON BENFIELD .. Treble	WILFRED LEE .. 5
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 6
SYDNEY KEIGHLEY .. 3	JOHN W. GIBSON .. 7
MRS. A. E. MARSH .. 4	JOHN AMBLER .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GORDON BENFIELD.
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. H. Hall, vergers of the church,
and Mrs. Hall. A welcome home to the ringer of the 2nd after
service in B.A.O.R.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 2	DIANA M. MATTHEW .. 6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 3	*JOHN W. BLYTHE .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by N. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* 50th peal for Suffolk Guild. James Bennett has 'circled this tower'
to peals.

Rung in honour of the engagement of John W. Blythe to Miss
Margot Thompson, both Sunday service ringers at Southwold Parish
Church.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*MADELEINE CHAPPEL .. Treble	†H. GEORGE HART .. 5
†PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. 2	†PETER D. BEEDIE .. 6
†ELSIE K. FULTON .. 3	†SYDNEY A. WARWICK .. 7
CECIL C. MAYNE .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Treble	DAVID J. KING .. 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 6
*ALBERT M. TYLER .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. 7
*CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 4	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	*DORIS E. COLGATE .. 5
*KENNETH SNELLING .. 2	*ROBERT COLLINS .. 6
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 3	*RAYMOND OVERY .. 7
*FRANK H. HICKS .. 4	*WALTER H. DOBBIE .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

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

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.

SHEILA M. TAYLOR .. Treble	RALPH BEAUMONT .. 5
M. VIVIEN COPPING .. 2	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. 6
JOHN F. BRYANT .. 3	ROBERT E. MOULDS .. 7
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

Rung by the Sunday service band. The first peal of Surprise on
the bells.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN M. HARROP .. Treble	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 5
*SUSAN HARROP .. 2	G. FRED TERRY .. 6
ARTHUR TATE .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. 7
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 4	EDWARD PHILPOT .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*ALBERT MATTHEWS .. Treble	†HENRY HUBBALL .. 5
STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 2	DAVID M. LEES .. 6
HAROLD J. SHUCK .. 3	†WILLIAM DAVIES .. 7
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 4	*WILLIAM R. J. HENDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal and first attempt. † 25th peal together. The quarterly
peal for the Association.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

CYRIL WRIGHT .. Treble	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. 5
DENNIS COOPER .. 2	SAM SCATTERGOOD .. 6
*HAROLD PADDISON .. 3	JOSEPH SAXTON .. 7
ARTHUR B. COOPER .. 4	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM.

* First peal.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN R. NASH Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE 6
*PATRICIA M. BOURN 3	ERNEST J. GOWER 7
†WALTER WILKINSON 4	ARTHUR HATCH Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

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

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN Treble	ROGER BALDWIN 5
*RICHARD H. SMITH 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT 6
E. WINIFRED KEYS 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 4	†CHARLES W. POUND Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First tower bell peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. St. J. Garniss as Vicar of Hawkley.

SIX BELL PEALS

ASH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 6½ cwt.

TREVOR E. MARKS Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE 4
*JACK W. DREW 2	ALBERT W. DYER 5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* 60th peal.

SHROBROOKE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

On Fri., Sept. 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Plain Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

CYRIL C. DEEM Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD 4
SIDNEY SKINNER 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5
JOHN QUICK 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

A wedding peal for Mr. John H. Glanvill and Miss D. Ayres, who were married at this church on September 8th, 1954.

BEARSTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*G. JOHN CAVELL Treble	ALFRED W. BODIAM 4
GEORGE F. CANTRILL 2	MAURICE G. WHITE 5
*VESEY A. DAVOREN 3	EDWARD G. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

* First peal.

DONERAILE, CO. CORK.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*CYRIL W. GALBRAITH .. Treble	FREDERICK E. DUKES 4
†FREDERICK BOGAN 2	*G. HARRY ELLIS 5
MRS. F. E. DUKES 3	*WILLIAM EVANS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. First peal on the bells since their installation in 1889.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Buckley, mothers of seven local ringers.

SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 22 120's (10 callings) and ten 240's. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*KENNETH TUNNICLIFF .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE 4
VIVIENNE M. HORTON 2	DAVID K. WALKLATE 5
†MICHAEL J. DYER 3	†JOHN FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside' in method. ‡ First peal.

ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.

(R.A.F. Station.)

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EVAL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*RAY GREEN Treble	REV. W. H. R. TREWHELLA .. 4
DOUGLAS F. DRIVER 2	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD 5
HUBERT EPLETT 3	*J. PHILIP BOWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 2nd.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 22, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MICHAEL SAGE Treble	JEAN C. BROWN 4
†MOLLIE MAY 2	SYDNEY SAGE 5
RUTH M. JACKSON 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Edward Holdsworth to Sheila Mary Cardin, and the 83rd birthday of Mr. H. Leigh, of Stockport, both on September 18th.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MRS. G. BISHOP Treble	†C. BISHOP 4
T. W. HARRIS 2	†R. E. SMITH 5
*MISS R. COOK 3	J. OWEN Tenor

Conducted by J. OWEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

Rung for the 21st birthday of the ringer of the 3rd.

BAUGHURST, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four 720's of Cambridge and three 720's of Plain Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr.

BRYAN C. STIRLAND Treble	JOHN N. DISERENS 4
FRANK W. LEWIS 2	RONALD F. DISERENS 5
CYRIL E. LEWINGTON 3	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

The first peal on the bells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 34 six-scores and four 240's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROYSTON G. BRYANT .. Treble	JOHN M. STALLARD 4
SIDNEY G. RICHES 2	†ARTHUR J. TRUE 5
†KENNETH W. PRICE 3	WALTER H. PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY G. RICHES.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the rededication of the church on the site of Mina Road, after its removal from Corn Street, City, in September, 1879.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	*KEVIN S. HOHL 4
*GEORGE FRY 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 5
*IVAN A. C. BUTCHER .. 3	*JOHN W. MEADE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal in three methods.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Peareth, wife of the Vicar.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*FRED A. ROBINSON Treble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 4
HAROLD DENMAN 2	FREDERICK FLINT 5
GEORGE CHALLANS 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Norwich Surprise on the bells.

ST. BRIDES MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240, and 40 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

DAVID W. EVANS Treble	*EDGAR W. COLES 4
WILLIAM T. PETTY 2	ROBERT E. COLES 5
JOHN TROUT 3	†JOLO D. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. COLES.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and to his god-child, Miss Jane Williams, one year old.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 different callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*MICHAEL TRUMPER Treble	GEOFFREY LEWIS 4
*ELISABETH LEWIS 2	HARRY COLE 5
*DAVID TRUMPER 3	FRED HYDE Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY LEWIS.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT 34, LEONARD AVENUE, SHERWOOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

BRIAN BUSWELL 1-2	ALBERT H. WARD 5-6
*CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	*SIDNEY F. PALMER 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* 200th peal together.

A birthday compliment to S. F. Palmer on attaining the age of 80.

ELMESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sun., Sept. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT 4, WORTLEY COTTAGES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (three callings). Tenor size 15 in D.

MALCOLM J. ABBOTT .. 1-2	C. ROGER HAYWARD .. 3-4
JOHN VERNON 5-6	

Conducted by J. VERNON. Witnessed by MICHAEL VERNON.

First peal 'in hand' by all.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 28, 1954, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS'.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,520 of Grandsire and 2,520 of Plain Bob (14 changes of method).

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1-2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3-4
ALAN SHEPPARD 5-6	

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.



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QUARTER PEALS

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, S. Jones 2, J. Southey 3, C. Evans (cond.) 4, A. Wootton 5, W. Inwood 6, L. North 7, N. Jenkins 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Judith Eleanor Colthurst (daughter of the Vicar and Mrs. Colthurst) and Mr. Thomas Simpson. Rung immediately after the service.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. H. Paine (first of Treble Bob) 1, Mary W. Brown 2, B. K. Turnbull 3, H. W. Brown 4, M. W. Stephenson 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Godley, a member of the local band, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. W. Wiffen 1, Mrs. E. C. Jarvis 2, H. G. Felton 3, J. Warner 4, C. Barker 5, E. Bright 6, H. W. Smith 7, T. Earle (cond.) 8.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Braithwaite 1, G. McKay 2, A. Capstick 3, J. Bagnall 4, N. M. Newby 5, R. Agg (first of Kent Treble Bob) 6, H. Wilson 7, J. E. Burles 8. Rung after two failures at a peal of Stedman.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Deacon 1, D. Robinson 2, G. Rouse 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, K. Everett 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. W. Burton and Miss I. Gordon. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. M. Rashbrook (80) 1, Miss P. A. Nice 2, E. J. Butler 3, Miss B. M. Balls (first in method) 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, J. H. Edwards 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. P. Duffield 8. Rung for Evensong.

CROSTON, LANCs.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Cutsforth 1, N. Heaps 2, P. Crook, jun., 3, E. Ashcroft 4, J. Rothwell 5, T. Rothwell 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, E. Rothwell 8. For a special Masonic service. Rung by Master Masons.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. A. Willis 1, Miss P. Prowse 2, C. H. Drewett 3, Miss M. Mundy 4, D. Beacham 5, F. Wreford 6, E. W. Bifen (cond.) 7, W. A. Willis 8. For harvest festival. Also at St. David's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris 1, R. Keeley 2, G. Gaylard 3, B. Pidgeon 4, H. P. Burton 5, W. J. Ridgman 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, F. Wreford 8.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Nikola Savage (first quarter) 1, A. Richardson 2, F. Baker 3, A. Goodall 4, F. Goodall 5, P. Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. For Evensong on 'Battle of Britain' Sunday.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, W. Rawlings 3, H. Ellis 4, B. Lunn 5, James Phillips 6, J. Stephenson (cond.) 7, J. Allsop 8. Rung in early anticipation of Mr. John Phillips' birthday.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. Grant 1, L. King 2, P. H. Jonason 3, J. Barnes 4, W. G. Saunders 5, E. G. Bennett (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. Archibald Knox and Miss Heather Laurie.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, R. Hall 3, G. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Hall, mother of the ringers of 1, 3 and 4.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. G. Hales (first of Minor) 1, Betty Mansfield 2, A. Booth 3, C. Rigby 4, G. Mansfield 5, A. Mansfield (cond.) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sept. 26th, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. White 1, A. H. Pulling (cond.) 2, W. J. Robinson 3, G. L. Clode 4, H. Hutton 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6, F. A. Munday 7, R. J. C. Hagley 8. Rung for the dedication festival, and also as a golden wedding compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Pulling.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,200 Reverse St. Bartholomew's Doubles: Patricia M. Howard 1, Elsie F. Feltwell 2, I. A. C. Butcher 3, D. A. Cornford 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5. First in the method by all. Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. Harry R. Smart) and Mrs. Smart.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hatfield 1, W. Stoker 2, G. W. Burt 3, J. J. Tunc 4, E. D. Tunc 5, G. F. Terry (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Jupp 1, B. L. Crook (first quarter) 2, Mrs. C. Crutenden 3, E. Lish 4, E. F. Packham 5, R. Langridge 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, F. E. Crutenden 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 19th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Twinn (cond.) 1, Mrs. Manship 2, N. D. Robinson (first quarter) 3, E. A. Turley 4, T. G. Bannister 5, A. R. Turley 6, F. C. Price 7, C. Ashpool 8. Rung to commemorate the gift of a daughter to the ringer of the sixth and grand-daughter to the ringer of the fourth.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. H. Cooper 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, H. J. Millatt 3, Rosemary Seabrook 4, S. J. Twichett 5, J. H. Edwards 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, D. L. Mills 8. First of Stedman for 1, 4 and 5.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 13th, 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Norwich Surprise: Miss M. R. Thompson 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, B. F. Sims 4, H. S. Peacock 5, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 6.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. Pierce 1, L. Nice 2, R. Rose 3, H. King 4, A. Ballam 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. Hewlett 1, Mrs. K. Watts 2, A. C. Morris (cond.) 3, J. Lightfoot 4, A. A. Upton 5, B. Nix 6. For the wedding of Mr. A. Rumbold and Miss P. Sandeman, and the 31st wedding anniversary of the ringer of the tenor.

LITTLEHAM, EXMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Deem 1, S. Skinner 2, J. L. S. Glanville 3, W. J. Harvey 4, K. Dawe (first 'inside' of Triples) 5, C. Deem (cond.) 6, J. Quick 7, S. Elliott 8.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, L. C. Duke 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, R. J. Hicks 4, Pat Lexington 5, D. Martin 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. R. J. Hicks (captain of the tower) and Mrs. Hicks, who is also a ringing member.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Boyce 1, R. P. Selway 2, F. Strickland 3, R. Fox 4, A. W. Dyer 5, S. W. White 6, W. E. Turner (cond.) 7, W. Turk 8. First quarter for 1 and 6.

NEWPORT, SALOP.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Pritchard 1, Shelagh K. Seery 2, E. V. Rodenhurst 3, F. H. Bennett 4, L. Hewett 5, G. A. Packer 6, R. D. Langford (cond.) 7, W. F. Stenson 8. A compliment to Cdr. Mrs. I. E. Stephens, J.P., chairman (third year) Newport (Salop) Urban District Council, and Mr. Albert Crawley for his 76th birthday.

NITON, I.O.W.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Flower 1, F. Taylor 2, W. Upton 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, F. A. Green 5. Rung in memoriam John Henderson, for many years a ringer at this church.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sept. 11th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Parker (first quarter) 1, J. D. Harris 2, A. Lawrey 3, R. H. R. Parker 4, R. Baldwin 5, A. York-Bramble 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, R. G. Leale 8.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 2, Audrey B. Diserens 3, A. Diserens 4, R. G. Turner (first in method) 5, E. W. Colley 6, F. W. Lewis 7, N. J. Diserens 8.

ROCHDALE, LANCs.—At All Saints' Church, Hamer, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Buckley 1, A. Hilton (first quarter) 2, Alwyn Taylor 3, K. Abbott 4, I. W. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 22nd, at St. Andrew's Parish Church, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 420 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob, 240 St. Simon's, 120 New): Mrs. W. J. Vann 1, W. J. Vann (cond.) 2, G. A. Peck 3, J. G. Underwood 4, A. E. Barlow 5. Rung for the institution of the Rector (the Rev. P. C. A. Carnegie) as Canon Theologian of Coventry Cathedral.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Ward (first quarter) 1, J. H. Joyner 2, G. Ingham 3, E. Edginton 4, J. R. Joyner (cond.) 5, E. H. Norman 6. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Rundle (first quarter) 1, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 2, Miss V. Cubley (first quarter) 3, G. Ingham 4, J. R. Joyner 5, E. H. Norman 6. Both rung for 'Battle of Britain' week, and also as a farewell to J. R. Joyner, who has joined H.M. Forces.

RUISLIP, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Ive 1, Elsie Savory 2, C. Poulter 3, P. Thrift 4, A. Hunter 5, W. Bunce 6, Thomas Collins (cond.) 7, W. Picthall 8. For harvest festival, and also to celebrate 50 years of ringing in St. Martin's, Ruislip, by Mr. Tom Collins.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and 720 Plain Bob): Shelagh Kilbourn 1, Wm. Simpson 2, R. A. Hickton 3, P. Parry 4, C. Geary 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6.

SEND, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Hancock (first quarter) 1, W. A. Goldstone 2, Miss D. M. Gibbons 3, Mrs. M. Hancock 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, H. Hancock 6.

SMITHFIELD, LONDON.—On Sept. 19th, at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. Lunn (cond.) 1, H. Belcher 2, John Phillips 3, J. Waters 4, T. Setter 5.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Jelley 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, R. Jelley 3, B. S. Chapman 4, G. H. Bray 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, J. M. Jelley 7, J. R. Norman 8.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, J. Rea 3, S. Howard 4, J. Chapman 5, R. Sanders 6, C. D. Nichols (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. For harvest festival, also a farewell quarter to Canon D. M. Salmon, Rector and Rural Dean, who preached his last sermon before retirement after 22 years at St. Leonard's.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: C. Gardner 1, W. W. Daniell 2, P. Manning 3, R. G. Townsend 4, J. Berry 5, I. J. Dickinson (first quarter Stedman Caters) 6, E. Sutton 7, G. Wells 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. For harvest festival Evensong.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doris Vine (first quarter) 1, M. Noad (first 'inside') 2, Beryl Churchill 3, R. Baker 4, B. Vine (cond.) 5, H. Churchill 6. Also 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Beryl Churchill 1, Pamela Smith 2, B. Vine 3, R. Baker 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, G. Perry 6. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for harvest festival.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Sept. 26th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, J. A. Hales 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkins 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung for the patronal festival and in celebration of the wedding of Michael Sinden and Shirley Harvey, which took place the previous day at Holy Trinity, West Hill.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Hunt 1, J. F. Froome (first of Major 'inside') 2, Mrs. A. J. Rance 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, B. C. Castle 5, W. J. Parker 6, A. J. Rance 7, Geo. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Bob Royal: H. W. Knight 1, P. J. King 2, Marjorie Legg 3, T. W. Kimber 4, G. Prescott 5, L. Derrick 6, V. G. Roberts 7, W. H. Kingcott 8, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 9, H. J. Sanger 10.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Sims 1, Miss W. Mellin 2, B. Rice 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking (first of Major) 8. Rung for the 'Battle of Britain' service.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Leak (14, first quarter) 1, F. Precey (cond.) 2, E. Williams 3, L. G. N. Williams 4, H. Runyard 5, A. Dorey 6. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the conductor.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Minor (180 St. Clement's Bob and 1,080 Plain Bob): H. J. Wilde (first of Minor in two methods) 1, Patricia M. Howard 2, Elsie F. Feltwell 3, J. A. Howard 4, I. A. C. Butcher 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First of Minor by 2, 3 and 4.

Truro Diocesan Guild

The first ringing festival of the newly-formed Stratton Branch was held at Week St. Mary on September 11th and was very successful, between 60 and 70 ringers attending from the following towers:—Stratton, Poughill, Launcells, Morwenstowe, Poundstock, Marhamchurch and Week S. Mary with visitors from Launceston and Crantock.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. N. A. F. Townend, M.A.), the lesson read by the Rev. A. T. M. Jasper (Rector of Marhamchurch), and the sermon preached by the Rev. W. H. R. Trewellan (Vicar of Crantock and hon. secretary of the Truro Guild). A collection for Branch funds amounted to £1 10s. 6d.

A grand tea was served by a committee of ringers' wives and friends. In a speech the Rev. W. H. R. Trewellan said it was a memorable occasion as it was the first meeting of the new Branch. He thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and all who had helped to make the afternoon a success.

.Ringing during the afternoon consisted of Stedman, Grandsire, call changes and rounds.

R. J. H.

Beverley and District Society

Twenty-two members attended their Society's meeting at Patrington on September 11th, the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. E. Jones) conducting the service.

Tea was taken in the Church Room, followed by the business meeting at which the president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, welcomed the visitor, Mr. R. Birch, of Sheffield.

Further ringing took place until 8 p.m., bringing another successful meeting to a close.

Miss Margaret Taylor Married

The wedding took place at All Saints' Church, Corston, near Bath, on August 28th, of Mr. Lionel J. de Jong and Miss Margaret J. Taylor. The bride, who is the Master of the South-West Branch of the Ladies' Guild, was given in marriage by her father, Mr. L. R. G. Taylor, who is a member of the Corston band of ringers. As the bride and bridegroom left the church in brilliant sunshine the bells rang out a musical touch of Stedman Triples.

The many ringing guests at the reception included the general secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, Mr. R. O. Fry. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed in witty vein by the bride's uncle, Mr. E. J. Taylor, the general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells during the cake-cutting ceremony.

After the happy couple had left for the honeymoon at Maenporth, near Falmouth, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at Corston, but unfortunately came to grief after two hours' good ringing.

Herts County Association

Two towers—Rushden and Sandon—were available for the Northern District meeting on September 25th. The service at Sandon was taken by the Rector (the Rev. D. Bickerton), and 22 ringers and friends enjoyed the tea provided by Mrs. Coles. At the business meeting Mr. T. Leonard was elected a non-resident life member, and arrangements were made for the meeting at Hitchin on Oct. 23rd, and Norton on November 27th. Methods rung ranged from rounds to York and London Surprise.

A Loughborough Wedding

Mr. Arthur Fidler, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Fidler, who, like his father, is in the employ of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., was married to Miss Jean Margaret Lee at the Church of the Emmanuel, Loughborough, on September 25th. The Rev. E. Smith officiated at the service, which was choral. Numerous friends were present.

Following the reception at the Scout Hall Nanpantan, the couple had a rousing send off. A 'decorated' car with fittings attached that were never designed by a motor engineer, but were more suitable for the dust bin, took them to Adderbury on the first stage of their journey to the Isle of Alderney, where the honeymoon was to be spent.

During the afternoon the bells of Loughborough Parish Church were rung. There was also a peal attempt at the Bell Foundry but this unfortunately came to grief about halfway.

A Day in Northamptonshire

Twelve young ringers from the Bedford area spent an enjoyable day on September 7th cycling and ringing in Northamptonshire.

Towers visited were Bozeat, Castle Ashby (the heaviest five in the Peterborough Diocese), Whiston (where the only bad ringing of the day took place and one of the party gave an excellent demonstration of fly fishing as he tried to catch the sally), Cogenhoe, Earl's Barton (the only eight of the day), Wilby (an anti-clockwise six), Great Doddington (where the Vicar led the party in prayer before ringing), and finally Wollaston to end a perfect day. Thanks are expressed to incumbents and tower captains.

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A REMINDER

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The many friends of Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, now in No. 5 Ward, Colindale Hospital, N.W.9, will be pleased to learn that he is now making steady progress after his severe operation. Mr. Turner hopes to be out of hospital by the end of November.

Geographical note.—Gislingham is in Suffolk and not Norfolk. (Page 426 under Peal Boards.)

The new Coronation treble at Tannington weighs 3 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb., and not 1 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. as appeared in the form of service at the dedication. (Page 333.)

The dedication of the new ring at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, will take place on October 31st at 11 a.m. The Archdeacon of Kingston (the Ven. P. D. Robb) will officiate.

Inst. Commander R. G. Cross, R.N., has taken up an Admiralty appointment in London. His help would be much appreciated in many of the struggling towers.

The Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, the Rev. M. Hurst-Bannister, will preach at the Branch meeting to be held at All Saints' Church, Weston, Bath, on October 9th.

The peal of Doubles at Bearsted, Kent, was rung following the wedding of Miss June Monckton, a popular member of the tower. Immediately before the ceremony it was found that Minor could not be attempted owing to the absence of one of the band, so the ringer of the treble, a local learner aged 14, was pressed into service. Afterwards the ringers were entertained by the bride's parents.

Referring to Mr. Wilfrid Moreton's achievement in reaching his 500th peal at the age of 30, a correspondent suggests that the youngest ringer to accomplish this would have been either Bertram Prewett, who reached 700 in 1911 at the age of 32, or Mr. E. A. Barnett, who was 27 when he rang his 500th in 1946.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

For months a certain ringer wished to become a postal subscriber to 'The Ringing World' but did not like to cancel his long-standing order with his newsagent. Eventually he plucked up courage and did so. The next week his newsagent sold up and went into retirement!

Congratulations to Bryan E. Carson, of Llan-granog, in gaining a place at Harper Adams Agriculture Colleges. His friends are looking forward to seeing his name in the peal lists for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. William Judd, a former leader of St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, is seriously ill at his home at Boyne Hill. Mr. Edward Harding (87), of Fulmer, is in St. Luke's Hospital, Maidenhead, and is also seriously ill.

Fourteen-year-old Miss Stella Hughes rang her first peal, one of Stedman Cinques, at Walsall, on September 25th. To her delight another member of the band was Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wolverhampton, who is nearing his 82nd year.

During Evensong service on September 19th a Coronation peal board in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Sapcote, was dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. C. G. Powell). The board was unveiled by Mr. C. W. Brown, former Ringing Master for over 25 years, and was beautifully hand-carved by Mr. W. Grain, of Sapcote.

Misfortune came to the band who attempted to ring a commemoration peal of Double Norwich Caters at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, on September 25th. The peal was to have been in honour of the 60th anniversary of the first peal in the method on Saturday, September 22nd, 1894. It is proposed to make another attempt in the near future which it is hoped will be successful.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting at Scarborough

THE autumn general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on September 18th, and attracted some 50 members and friends covering the four Districts. Fortunately the weather was most considerate and did much to make the visit to one of Yorkshire's most famous seaside resorts all the more enjoyable.

Following the committee meeting the Vicar of Scarborough (Canon F. E. Ford) conducted a ringers' service and extended the Association a most cordial welcome. During the course of a most interesting address he referred to people who complained about the bells, saying that it always struck him that the root cause of the complaints was in most cases a guilty conscience, and a sense of resentment at being thus reminded that they were failing in their duty to God.

Mr. Sutton had arranged an excellent tea at the Northcliffe Hotel, and had most kindly used his good offices for the meeting to take place there immediately afterwards.

In the unavoidable absence of the president (the Ven. C. O. Ellison) the chair was taken by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who, with Mrs. Johnson, was looking quite refreshed after spending a fortnight at this delectable spot. The date proved to be an unfortunate one for most of the principal officers and District secretaries, and apologies for absence were received from the president, the hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Benfield, the hon. peal secretary, Mr. W. E. Critchley, Messrs. A. E. Marsh, H. S. Morley, E. Hudson, J. J. L. Gilbert, S. F. Palmer, W. Barton, A. E. Sellers and H. Chant.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar (Canon F. E. Ford), the churchwardens and organist was moved by the chairman, who recalled a former Association meeting there at which the Association was to be accorded a civic welcome. Unfortunately on that occasion also, the attendance was very disappointing. Mr. J. Ambler seconded and this was carried with applause.

A similar vote of thanks to Mr. Sutton and the local company was moved by Mr. H. Loft-house, seconded by Mr. A. Johnson and carried. In acknowledgment Mr. Sutton said he was sorry the Vicar was unable to attend the meeting, but would gladly pass on to him, also the churchwardens and organist the vote of thanks that had been accorded. The local

company were always glad to do whatever they could to entertain the Association.

Mr. J. Ambler moved that an invitation from St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, to hold the next meeting there on January 22nd be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. S. H. Steel and carried.

The secretary reported that the committee had considered applications for grants from the Bell Repair Fund received from Sowerby, near Halifax, and Acomb, near York, and had voted a £5 grant in each case. Correspondence from the Marsden company concerning the dedication of the augmented ring of bells (eight to ten) was read, and the hope expressed that it would be possible to arrange a general meeting there next year. The launching of the augmentation scheme and the successful culmination of it was largely due to the commendable enthusiasm of the local ringers, who were to be heartily congratulated upon their exemplary efforts.

The secretary reported that the committee had decided to postpone until the next meeting a recommendation that a further supply of Association badges be purchased.

Mr. F. A. Staveley reported that arrangements were well advanced for the Snowdon Dinner, which is to take place at Doncaster on October 30th. They aimed at putting on the best possible show and hoped that members and friends would help to ensure its success by supporting it. Mr. P. J. Johnson said he had been actively associated with these affairs for many years and hoped that the members would rally round and make it as great a success as their Sheffield friends had done last year.

John Lilliker and Horace Hall, of All Saints', Sheffield, were elected members of the Association.

Mr. H. Loft-house raised the matter of railway fares, pointing out that he was able on this occasion, by travelling on a morning train, to obtain a return ticket for 11s. 6d., but to anyone travelling on a later train, and incidentally having less time to spend at Scarborough, was charged 19s. 10d. It did seem to him an anomaly which quite often was reflected in the attendances at meetings.

This concluded the business and a return to the tower was then made, where members were able to enjoy more ringing on these recently-restored bells.

MR. HERBERT BULLOUGH GOING TO LEICESTER

It is with mixed feelings that North Staffordshire ringers and particularly the members of the band at St. Giles', Newcastle-under-Lyme, learned of the promotion of Mr. Herbert Bullough, at present District Commercial Superintendent of the British Railways, London Midland Region, at Stoke-on-Trent, to the corresponding post at Leicester.

Mr. Bullough came to Stoke-on-Trent in 1946, and since that time has been an active ringer at St. Giles', Newcastle-under-Lyme. He is not a peal ringer, but one of that steadfast band of regular Sunday service ringers so invaluable to the Exercise. Except when out of the district on business or more rarely on pleasure, he seldom missed attending the belfry for practice and on Sundays.

During his stay in Stoke-on-Trent he has taken a very active part in the business life of the city. He is a member of several transport consultative and other bodies as well as the North Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce.

When he leaves to take up his new duties early in October he will carry with him the warmest congratulations of North Staffordshire ringers on his promotion as well as their regrets at losing a good friend and counsellor.

A SHEFFIELD STALWART

Friends from all over the country will extend their good wishes to Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, of Toley, near Sheffield, who celebrated his 80th birthday on September 19th. He is one of the remaining links between the days of C. H. Hattersley, W. Lomas and other stalwarts of half a century ago, who were regarded as the aristocrats of the Exercise.

Born at Great Bowden, Leics, where he learned to handle a bell at the age of 12, he moved to Sheffield in 1901. He became a change ringer on the six at St. Mary's, Walkley, and was later invited to join the band at Sheffield Cathedral. Except for a break during World War I, his service has been continuous to this tower.

His work for the Exercise is outstanding. Apart from his membership of the Central Council, he was hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association for 18 years and is still a trustee, hon. secretary of the Sheffield and District Society, secretary to the Cathedral Company for 25 years and a member of the Sheffield Diocesan Advisory Committee for matters relating to bells.

During his wide experience he has rung in over 300 towers and his peals total 292, including one of Stedman Cinques at Canterbury Cathedral in 1925.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

Annual Meeting at Little Dorrit's Vestry

THE National Guild of Police Ringers met in London on September 18th for their annual meeting. A conducted tour of the Houses of Parliament had been arranged by Inspector Prior, of the Metropolitan Police, who was at Victoria Tower to meet members and their friends upon arrival for 11 a.m.

The party then visited the South Kensington Science Museum, where Mr. Douglas Hughes demonstrated the Carter Ringing Machine. This ingenious masterpiece of engineering skill proved to be a real attraction and kept the party keenly interested. After Mr. Hughes had explained the working principle of the machine a few adjustments were made and some Stedman Cinques were heard with uncanny perfection. The President, Inspector H. J. Poole, called a touch of Stedman Triples, and thanked Mr. Hughes for the demonstration. By this time the Manchester members had joined the party and lunch was taken in a nearby Corner House.

The business meeting was held in the 'Little Dorrit' Vestry of St. George the Martyr Church, The Borough. The Secretary reported that two serving members had joined the Guild and the membership stood at 109.

The funds of the Guild remain good, and the year ended with a balance of £16 13s. 2d. No peals were recorded during 1953. The committee were re-elected en bloc. The President gave a brief account of the Central Council meeting at Newcastle.

Sixteen new members and one policewoman were elected members of the Guild.

The President proposed that the next annual meeting be held at Northampton; this was agreed to, the date being September 17th.

It was then decided to amend the rules to transfer members who had reached a great age or contributed valuable service to the Guild to life membership. The President proposed ex-P.C. J. Sanderson, of Blackburn, and ex-P.C. J. Carter, of Oldham, be elected life members. On the proposition of Inspector Prior, seconded by Inspector Mead, it was agreed to amend Rule 2 to enable past and present members of the Special Constabulary and Police Cadets, whilst serving as such, to become associate members of the Guild subject to certain conditions.

Ex-Chief Inspector Bottrill reminded the meeting that it was at this church the Guild was formed, and he believed it was their first meeting there since. This concluded the business and members made their way to the belfry and to Southwark Cathedral, where some good ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon.

Dinner had been arranged at Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, where a good company enjoyed an excellent meal.

The guests included Mr. H. P. Ralph (Deputy Commissioner No. 3 District), the Rev. C. E. V. Bowkett (Rector of St. George the Martyr), Mr. J. E. Chilcott (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths).

The President, in welcoming the guests, said it was a feature of the Police Guild to be informal. It was a great pleasure to see the Church, the Force and two of the oldest Societies of Ringers represented at the dinner. Mr. H. P. Ralph, Rev. C. E. V. Bowkett and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne suitably replied.

The social evening had been arranged by P.C. Norman Bagworth with members of the Metropolitan Police Choir. An excellent programme was supported by handbell ringing and tune ringing by the 'youngsters' of the Manchester party.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District Ringing Master Retires

The annual meeting of the Ashford District brought 60 members and friends to Ashford on September 25th. The bells were available from 3 p.m. and were soon put to good use. At 4.30 the Vicar (Canon H. Duncan Bowen) conducted the service in the Parish Church, assisted by the Rev. Cyril Munt (one of the Ashford band).

Tea had been arranged in the Parish Room and the catering was most efficiently (one might almost say overwhelmingly) carried out by the verger (Mr. Harris) and his wife.

The business meeting followed. The secretary, in his report, stated that although there had been a slight increase in the number of members during the past twelve months, it was of vital necessity to maintain a steady flow of recruits to all towers. Once a band disintegrated it was extremely difficult to build up again. A number of towers in the district were instructing recruits, but there were others which would be silent if efforts were not made to introduce fresh blood. After paying a tribute to the co-operation of the clergy in the district he said he hoped the quantity and quality of Sunday service ringing would at least equal that of practice nights.

Peal ringing in the District had been an improvement on that of last year. Thirty-three peals had been rung in 33 towers, and they included the first for the Association of Whitchurch Surprise and eight Spliced Surprise Major. An agreeable feature of the peals had been the progress made by two of the younger members — John Cooper and Geoffrey Pearson.

Before the election of officers, Mr. Walter Everett, who was retiring from the position of Ringing Master after holding it for over 30 years, was presented with a cheque. Mr. Willis spoke of the esteem in which Walter had been held by all over this long period, and the Vicar, in making the presentation, endorsed these sentiments. Mr. T. Cullingworth was elected the new Ringing Master, whilst Mr. W. P. Garner continues as secretary, and Mr. J. Cooper and Mr. G. Waters carry on as District representatives.

Geoffrey Waters has arranged a series of practice meetings to be held on certain Wednesday evenings in the western half of the District.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and to the verger and ladies who had arranged and served the tea.

W. P. G.

A Visitor's Helpfulness

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Hethersett on September 12th was a farewell peal to John Moore, of Heston, Middlesex, who for the past 18 months has been working in the Norwich area and has been a regular Sunday service ringer at Hethersett. John has set the very fine record during that time of ringing for no less than 182 services there. This is all the more creditable as it has, on most occasions, entailed a round trip of ten miles for each service ring. John has been presented with a leather-bound 'Peal Record Book' by the Rector, churchwardens and the St. Remigius Company.

GUILDFORD GOLDEN WEDDING

THE golden wedding smile of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, of 144, Woodside Road, Guildford, who celebrated 50 happy years of married life on September 26th. Their wedding was at Warboys, Hunts.

At the age of 12, 62 years ago, Mr. Pulling started ringing at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, and he has a continuous record of Sunday service. His peal tally has now reached 1,491, and he is looking forward to the day when he can join that exclusive band of those who have rung 1,500 peals. He was a member of the band of 1,000 pealers who rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on February 15th, 1936. Of the



MR. & MRS. A. H. PULLING

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band only Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. Pulling are now with us.

Heading his list of long lengths is the record peal on handbells of 19,738 changes. He has rung handbells in the Market Square at Dunkirk, at the Menin Gate and was one of the party to ring at the tomb of the Unknown Warrior at Westminster Abbey in the early 1920's.

His membership of the Central Council extends over 40 years: the Guildford Diocesan Guild have honoured him by electing him a vice-president. In his prime he was one of the leading conductors in the country—he sensed a trip before it was made!

For the golden wedding anniversary Mr. Pulling called a quarter of Stedman on his much-loved bells of Holy Trinity before evening service. Ringing with him was his friend of boyhood days, Mr. Harry Hutton. The association between the two is unique. Mr. Hutton rang in the peal for Mr. Pulling's wedding and also in the peal for his silver wedding anniversary, and finally in the golden wedding quarter.

His other great interest in life is the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, of which he was caretaker from 1908 until 1949.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Summer Festival at Stamford

The historic town of Stamford was the scene of a great gathering of ringers from a wide area on September 18th, on the occasion of the Guild's Summer Festival.

Members and visitors from the surrounding Dioceses of Lincoln, Ely, Coventry, and Leicester, to the number of 140 or more, assembled in St. Martin's Church for the service arranged and conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. P. Stewart, who has been in the parish but a few months and was experiencing his first ringers' meeting.

The Church Room, which was intended to be the place for tea, was found to be too small, and last minute accommodation had to be provided in the assembly room, which was also taxed to the limit. Before dispersing, the Guild Master, Mr. E. E. Whitmore, expressed thanks to the Vicar, Mr. J. H. Bluff, of Stamford, the incumbents and steeplekeepers of the towers open for ringing, and all others, including the general secretary, who had made the day so enjoyable.

Twelve towers in the Peterborough, Oundle, Kettering and Rutland branches, on the Eastern, Southern and Western approaches were open at various times and at least one party visited ten. Quite a number of 'First in this tower' were recorded.

The parish of St. Martin's, Stamford, is the only one in the town which is in the Diocese of Peterborough, the others being in the Diocese of Lincoln. The church contains the tomb of the great Elizabethan statesman, Cecil, the first Lord Burghley, who began the building of nearby Burghley House, now the home of the Marquis of Exeter.

The town itself was, of course, well known over 300 years ago, when the bell foundry of Tobie Norris was supplying bells to churches in the area. He lies buried in the north aisle of St. George's Church, his death having taken place on Nov. 2nd, 1626.

EBBW VALE ANNIVERSARY

The annual ringing week-end at Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, was held on the 17th anniversary of the dedication of the ring of eight bells. On September 11th the ringers visited Hereford and district, where they were met by Wilfrid Moreton, who had kindly organised the day's tour. Ringing took place at Lugwardine and Withington, and Canon and Mrs. Moreton entertained the 16 ringers to a sumptuous tea at their home in the Cathedral Close. After tea there was ringing at All Saints', Hereford, and at Burghill, which included a course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

On Sunday, called locally Bell Sunday, the Evensong was a service of thanksgiving for the dedication of the bells. During the service a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the chancel steps by four of the young lady ringers, viz: Avril Evans 1-2, Audrey Stephens 3-4, Delwyn Evans 5-6, Barbara Stephens 7-8. The Archdeacon of Newport, the guest preacher, said that it was good to hear the bells taking part in the service in days when so many activities had become separated from the Church.

B. D. P.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'RINGING WORLD' FINANCES

Dear Sir,—Some weeks ago Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary, Central Council, was good enough to give some information on this matter. He states that 'the question of a subsidy by Associations to "The Ringing World" has not arisen,' and adds 'There certainly seems to be no reason for such a scheme to be turned down as impracticable.' Coming from such a source there can be no question as to correctness, and we may now proceed to discuss another method of ensuring financial security without anyone being able to state that this has been considered already and turned down as unsuitable.

Mr. Barnett seems to express a belief that security lies in a big increase in the number of postal subscribers. By all means let us get as many postal subscribers as we can, but the statement to date shows only 293 newcomers, and the field of recruitment is a very limited one, determined by the special nature of the journal. Few people outside the Exercise could find anything of interest in 'The Ringing World.'

The report of 'The Ringing World' Committee presented at Newcastle contains these words:—Every possible economy has been effected, but without the generous support which has been given by the Exercise in donations and voluntary levies we should have ended the year with an adverse balance.' Yes, Sir, £264, and the year before, £185. Mr. Barnett's figures, but available to all in the Income and Expenditure Accounts. Lower down, the 1953 report continues: 'It would be unwise to expect that the donations, voluntary levies, etc., will continue indefinitely . . . we cannot reasonably continue to depend on them.' A permanent solution of the problem is urgently needed.

No one will dispute the fact that when the late John S. Goldsmith passed away he left behind him a magnificent achievement in the work he had done, for all ringers, in the establishment of a highly-specialised publication, and that the Central Council did the only sensible thing open to them when they secured possession, again for all ringers. In taking over the rights and duties of publication the Council acted on behalf of all the members of their constituent Guilds, Associations and Societies, and we should do well to remember the feeling of relief and satisfaction which pervaded the Exercise when the decision became known, and we realised that 'The Ringing World' would carry on, instead of dying untimely.

The owner of a property of any description is usually charged with the duty and cost of maintaining it. And since the members of all bodies affiliated to the Central Council are part owners of 'The Ringing World,' the responsibility for maintenance rests alike on all.

The only reasonable and businesslike method of maintaining 'The Ringing World' will eventually be found, when all the temporary expedients have petered out, in a contribution from the funds of each associated body, based on numerical membership.

I suggest that at the next Central Council meeting at Bristol, the Editorial Committee should be instructed to estimate annually income and expenditure for a year ahead. This has to be done by all the sub-committees of public bodies such as County Councils, Education Committees, Borough Councils, and the like, and with the existing accounts as a guide should present no difficulty. If the original terms of reference or instructions to the Editorial Committee are not wide enough to cover this action, revision by Central Council resolution would settle that point. Having arrived at an approximation to the amount re-

quired in full, this figure divided by 20,000, which Mr. Barnett gives as a reasonable figure for the total membership of all affiliated Societies, would show the very small contribution per member which is required to keep 'The Ringing World' on a sound financial basis. For example, 1953 deficit without donations, £264. £264 divided by 20,000 = just under 3½d. Contribution required from a 500-member association would be 500 x 3½d. = Approximately £7 5s.

Having been a ringer for nearly 60 years I know full well that any scheme which involves a regular payment from Association Funds is usually regarded with dislike and suspicion, but the plan put forward has at any rate the merit of spreading the expense over the widest possible number of potential contributors, and ensures that the burden is equally shared.

Now, come on the critics!—Yours faithfully,

Folkestone.

JOHN WILLIS.

NATIONAL SERVICEMAN'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—As a National Serviceman I appreciated J. A. A.'s article on 'National Service' ('Ringing World,' September 17th). Two years spent in different parts of the country afford great opportunity for making new friends, expanding tower and peal totals and bewildering companions with diagrams and figures.

To a raw recruit the occasional evening practice is a solace from the apparent 'hell let loose.' To any ringers the generous welcome afforded at every tower brings home the fact that ringers are friends everywhere. Finally, frequent impromptu lectures in the billet—aided by 'The Ringing World' and diagrams—help to dispel the widespread ignorance of our noble art, and perhaps to gain a much-needed recruit.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. RUCK.

B.A.O.R.

RUGELEY'S EXAMPLE

Dear Sir,—I would like to support the advice to towers in the vicinity of Service camps in your leading article of September 17th.

We in Rugeley have had the pleasure of welcoming many young ringers who have been doing their basic training at the R.A.F. camp at Hednesford, and we hope they have happy memories of their visits to us. We do know, also, how they appreciate the glimpses of home life we have been able to give to them.

We have found that on account of the many changes which are always taking place in the staff of the camp, it is difficult to ensure that information about ringing is always available to recruits arriving at the camp. However, as the natural thing for a ringer to do as soon as he can get out of camp is to find churches where, either from his copy of 'Dove' or the appearance of the tower, it seems likely that there is a ring of bells, we have placed a notice in our church porch giving details of Sunday ringing, practices and the name and address of the tower captain. This we have found very useful, not only to ringers in the Services, but also to other ringers on holidays, etc., in the district. We know this is done in many churches, but we would commend the suggestion to all towers, especially those near Service camps or in holiday resorts.

We have a greater than ever interest in this question now that one of our own ringers has joined the R.A.F., and we are confident that he will find the same welcome in other towers that we have always extended at Rugeley.—Yours sincerely,

Rugeley.

J. H. JOYNER.

THE EXTENT OF MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Although Mr. Pulling addresses to Loughborough his query concerning rumours of an attempt at the Foundry for the full extent of Major, I feel that I ought to clarify the position. I have been considering for some time the possibility of arranging this attempt, and in fact have plans for it made before the end of the year. Proper notice will be given, of course, in 'The Ringing World' at the appropriate time. I agree with Mr. Pulling that it is a tall order, but we intend to have no substitutes. This scheme is connected in no way with Peterborough.

I agree most emphatically that our own Press should be the first to receive news of any attempt of this nature, and would recommend this view to whoever was responsible for passing on premature information to the daily papers. I can assure Mr. Pulling that it was not my doing, nor do I think any other member of the band wittingly gave the information.

With regard to his last question I can assure him that it is by no means a 'leg-pull'; though it may well turn out to be wishful thinking.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Doncaster, Yorks.

THE BELLS OF LUNDY ISLAND

Dear Sir,—Since writing my letter which appeared in your issue of September 10th, I have been over to Lundy, and can only confirm what has been stated by the Editor and myself. I would add that we have both put the facts somewhat mildly and to give a full account would occupy too much space.

Mr. Gade, the agent on the Island, takes little interest in the church and states that it is not his responsibility, but he will generally let a ringer have the key of the tower after due warning of the risks involved in going up aloft.

Edith Lomas suggests that the bells might be disposed of. I am inclined to agree, but who would bear the heavy costs involved and what is the use of a mass of rusty metal to anyone?

D. A. Newcombe quotes 'the guide book of Lundy,' which states that the bells have been taken down. This is not correct, they have never been taken down but some are supported by wood joists to prevent them falling down due to rust having eaten through the gudgeons and bearings.

Mr. Paice is correct as regards the general state of the church. I would add that the main west window has glass missing, and rain from that quarter (which is the prevailing quarter) pours in and does damage to the seats and other fittings.

Mr. Rowe states that the bells were clocked for the recent wedding. It must have been a very risky business and one which I would not have liked to attempt.

The east end of the church was in better condition than last year and, above all, the brass was clean, which is something I have never seen before.

The peal board is all the better for the attention given it by my son and myself last year. Can we make a proper job of it next year?

H. J. CANN, Major.

Kilve, Somerset.

'WINCHESTER MAJOR AND ROYAL'

Dear Sir,—Why does the author of 'Winchester Major and Royal' hide his light under a bushel. There is nothing in the method more objectionable than there is in Cambridge, and that is not likely to be thrown out by the Exercise as 'rubbish.' Perhaps the author will now come into the open and make known his identity.—Yours faithfully,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

LETTERS—Continued

PEAL RINGING IN DERBYSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I am grateful to Messrs. Richards and Paulson for their comments on my articles on Derbyshire. I am sorry I omitted to mention the towers they name. One of my difficulties in the case of a county where there is so much material to talk about, like Derbyshire, is to know where to draw the line. In this case it seemed a peal total of 90 was indicated, but since I mention all 10-bell towers, Derby St. Andrew's came in with 89, and Netherseale and Overseale were brought in as examples of the most flourishing towers to-day, although their totals were under 90. Looking back, I realise I ought to have slipped Darley Dale in, for it was very near the 90 (88 as I wrote, 89 now—Mr. Paulson says 90, and if he would kindly write to me I would like to check up on the total). For his information I came across no peals on the six bells. The first eight-bell tower I have was on September 12th, 1903, and I recorded 49 in all up to 1915. I have 21 since the last war, so it would appear the discrepancy lies here. (Mr. Paulson says 22.)

As for the six-bell towers, Morton and Blackwell, I can confirm there were no peals at the former when it was a five-bell tower. Again my count is one less than Mr. Richards' for I make it 29 (18 between 1924 and 1931 and 11 since the war). Perhaps he, too, would be so kind as to check up with me on this. I have now 32 at Blackwell, and Mr. Richards is correct in his guess about the number rung when it was a five-bell tower. Twenty-two were rung then, which is a very high number for a five-bell tower. When my article on Essex appears, it will be seen that the highest total of peals in any five-bell tower in the country is 31 at Warkton (Northants) and only one other such tower has more than 22. So Mr. Richards' note is timely.

Finally, I should be grateful for information of a peal at Wingerworth. I have looked up my records and cannot find one. Perhaps all the discrepancies are due to peals not being published in 'The Ringing World'! If 'The Ringing World' ceased publication I should be 'sunk'!—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD,

Southampton.

P.S.—The next peals I record at Coalbrookdale and Chester Cathedral will be the 100th and 50th respectively. The peal at St. Eval (Cornwall) was, I think, the first in the tower.—K. W. H. F.

COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS AND
CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Corby's letter prompts me to ask how many of our County Associations could raise a resident band for Cambridge Surprise Maximus at the present time? An Essex band rang Cambridge at the Chelmsford Cathedral practice on September 25th, although the standard of striking was below that required for a peal. If our promising younger ringers are given the right encouragement, it may not be so long before such a peal is rung in Essex.—Yours faithfully,

D. W. BEARD.

East Ham.

A LINCOLNSHIRE RHYME

Dear Sir,—The following is an old couplet describing the bells of four Lincolnshire villages:—

'Marton's cracked pancheons
And Torksey's egge-shells,
Saxilby's ding-dong
And Stow Mary bells.'

Yours sincerely,

C. GLENN.

Nottingham

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' October 9th, 1914

STEDMAN

'... Turning to Stedman, what is usually rung and called Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques is not Stedman at all, it is not even a principle. Stedman is a real legitimate principle, and must consist on 7, 9 and 11 bells of the same elements as Stedman's own six-score. The six-score consists of quick sixes, which are equivalent to bobs; slow sixes, which are equivalent to plain leads; and singles which cause three bells to make places in 1-2-3 in the middle of a six. ...

'I cannot repeat the proofs, it would fill up too much space, but I would again ask the Exercise to put prejudice aside and study the proofs, and, while I hope to go on ringing Norwich Stedman Triples and consider it well worth ringing, I can never admit that it is really Stedman Triples at all.—Yours truly,

H. LAW JAMES.'

[The theory that the extensions or Stedman Doubles which we ring are incorrect was propounded by the Rev. H. Law James with much vigour for a number of years, but he never gained any support for it.]

CHURCH AND STATE RINGING

Since last May a peal attempt had been arranged at St. Nicholas', Newport (Salop), as a compliment to 'a very gracious lady,' Councillor Mrs. I. E. Stephens, J.P., in appreciation of her third term of service as chairman of the Urban District Council, and also to Mr. Albert Crawley, former ringer of Crewe, who celebrated his 76th birthday on September 26th.

A band representative of the Shropshire and North Staffs Association and the Chester Diocesan Guild met on September 25th at Newport to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples. All went well for the first hour and then, without warning, 'up it went.' As the conductor, Mr. R. D. Langford, afterwards remarked, Stedman Triples is one of the most inflammable methods to ring—it only requires a spark and up it goes.

The band consisted of Mr. A. Pritchard (Ringing Master, Shropshire Association), Mr. F. H. Bennett (Deputy Master), Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst (former Ringing Master), Miss Shelagh K. Seery (Uttoxeter), Messrs. L. Hewett (Hadley), R. D. Langford, G. A. Packer and W. Frank Stenson (all of Crewe). After the failure a quarter peal in the method was rung in 46 minutes.

After the ringing Councillor Mrs. Stephens kindly entertained the ringers to tea at the Bull's Head. The function was also attended by the Rector (the Rev. P. H. L. Bradley), the hon. sec. of the P.C.C. (Mr. D. Keddie) and Mr. Stephens. Thanks to all who had made the attempt possible were voiced by Mr. A. Pritchard, who especially mentioned Mrs. Stephens, Mr. T. Talbot, the local tower keeper, and Mr. E. Wickstead.

Mrs. Stephens, in acknowledging, said she thought the thanks should be the other way round—to the ringers—especially the organiser. She greatly appreciated the thought that prompted the peal in her honour. The Rector also replied and hoped the visitors would come again and be more successful.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

A welcome visitor to the summer District meeting at Overton on September 11th was Major J. G. Stilwell, a former Branch hon. secretary, who has been away for a long period and unfortunately has moved from the district.

Overton ringers did everything to ensure the success of the gathering. The Rector (the Rev. F. R. Sanders) conducted the service, and the tea provided was much appreciated, especially by the young ringers. Standard methods were practised and every help possible given to the beginners.

DEDICATIONS

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKS

On September 26th the restored ring of six bells of St. Mary's Church, Hambleden, Bucks, was rededicated by the Rural Dean (the Vicar of Great Marlow), assisted by the Rector of Hambleden (the Rev. W. E. Watts). During and after the service the bells were rung by the local band of call change ringers.

The bells and inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—'Georgius Rex A: D: 1724. D: Iones, R: Lane, Ch: W: R: Phelps Made Me. 4 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.'

Second.—'Feare God X634. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.'

Third.—'George Deane Gave Thxs Bell X634. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lb.'

Fourth.—'John Warner & Sons, Crescent Foundry, London. 1857. (Royal Arms) Patent. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.'

Fifth.—'Pack & Chapman of London. Fecit 1778. 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.'

Tenor.—'Ora Mente Pia Pro Nobis Virgo Maria (Crowned Capitals). 11 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lb.'

The second and third bells are by Ellis Knight, of Reading, and the tenor is from the Wokingham Foundry c. 1420.

The bells have just been eighth-turned, tuned and rehung with cast iron headstocks and all new fittings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Previously the ravages of woodworm had made them unsafe to ring and they had been silent for a year.

A new bell is to be added as a treble to a future octave, it will be inscribed: 'Thomas de Cantelupe, Sainted Son of Hambleden.' This is to commemorate England's last pre-Reformation saint, born here in 1218.

The tower has been modified to improve sound, dispersal, and the ringing circle has been much improved.

An interesting feature of the restoration was the rediscovery of the old saunce bell, stolen from the church in 1793.

Everyone who has tried the bells since the restoration agrees that the Whitechapel Foundry has turned out yet another excellent job, both tone and 'go' being much improved.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE

A new treble bell was dedicated at Packington, Leicestershire, on September 9th by the Archdeacon of Loughborough (the Rev. R. B. Cole) and the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Rigg), assisted by the Rural Dean (the Rev. A. R. Meakin). Representatives of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and the Midland Counties Association were present.

The new bell was cast by Taylors and brings the ring to six bells. A new frame had been made and the old bells retuned and hung on ball bearings. Much of the £850 needed was given in the will of Mr. George Hatton, a local ringer. The church clock has also been overhauled; it was made by John Decon, a local craftsman, about 1700.

Packington Church dates from Saxon times and the first known mention of the bells was in 1552, when there were three. These were recast and increased to four in 1685, at Nottingham. The present fourth bell is the only one of these remaining and bears the inscription, 'Let the Gospell Florish. 1695.' In 1790 the bells rang out during the night and it was found that the tenor had been broken by lightning. This was recast and bears the inscription, 'Robert Hastings, Vicar. Thomas Potter and Richard Harrison, Churchwardens. E. Arnold Leicester, Fecit, 1793.' The third and fifth were recast and the second was added by Taylors in 1876. The treble has the inscription 'Sound Forth God's Praises. 1954.'

A MISCELLANY OF OUTINGS

FARINGDON, BERKS

Ringers from All Saints', Faringdon, Shrivenham, Marcham and Buckland had a most enjoyable outing on September 11th, visiting Burford, Stroud, and St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester. Tea was taken at Gloucester. The outing was a great success and was arranged by Mr. F. H. Whipp and Mr. D. Vincent. F. H. W.

CARDIFF

On September 25th ringers from Cardiff, Hillingdon (Middlesex), Porthkerry and Whitchurch enjoyed an outing in the Llynfi Valley. Faulty map reading landed the 'convoy' into a mountainside farmyard, the renowned 'Green Van' taking a beating up one in six or seven. The Church of St. Cynwyd, Llangynwyd, on the mountain top was eventually reached. In the chancel of this old and historic church is the grave of 'The Maid of Cefn Ydfa.'

After an hour's ring on this delightful six, rehung by Gillett and Johnston last year, the party doubled back to Bridgend for tea. Thence to St. Mary's, Coity, another splendid-going but rather noisy six. Many Minor methods were rung for the first time by the party, who wish to thank Messrs. J. Hale and C. Gerrish for assisting in the arrangements. F. J. B.

LICHFIELD

The Dean of Lichfield, the Very Rev. W. S. MacPherson, accompanied the Cathedral ringers on their outing on September 11th, the first time a member of the Cathedral Chapter had participated in such a function. His presence, with that of Prebendary H. S. Cresswell (Vicar of St. Mary's), was much appreciated.

Ringing took place at Grantham, Boston, Surfleet and Newark. At the tea at Newark the guests were welcomed by Mr. G. E. Oliver. The Dean and Prebendary Cresswell replied, and Mr. R. Wealthy, on behalf of Alrewas ringers, and Mr. D. R. Carlisle, for the Derby party, also spoke. Mr. Oliver was thanked for his excellent arrangements.

The outing was regarded as 'the best ever' in the history of the Cathedral ringers.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET

On Saturday, September 18th, ringers and friends from Somerton and neighbouring villages sallied forth into the north-west of the county to visit three eight-bell and three six-bell towers.

The day began well at Chewton Mendip with a good touch of Grandsire Triples, but Bob Major was not a success; perhaps this glorious eight should have been reserved for later in the day. One more 'Chew' before lunch—Chew Stoke (6), where we hope the 100 or more carved angels were not too much offended by our efforts!

After lunch, overlooking the Channel at Portishead, we had a good ring on the eight bells there, recently overhauled and going beautifully. The Rector even suggested we might eat our tea off the newly-painted frames! Another good light eight at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, was visited before going to Kingston Seymour (6), which had been chosen because of the programme televised there some time ago.

After our own rather heavy bells some of us were a little afraid of the light six at Locking (7½ cwt.), but we need not have feared, and this was voted by some the most enjoyable ring of the day.

Home was reached at a late hour; suffice it to say that the street-lighting had been switched off some time before our return. S. M. A.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH

Twerton ringers, accompanied by friends from Chew Magna, Corston and Weston (Bath) held their outing on September 11th, the first for many years.

The first tower was Uphill, where the party were met by Mr. George Prescott, the Ringing Master of this area. The bells are a good six and hang in a church situated at the top of a hill overlooking the sea. The bells at St. Paul's, Kewstoke, the next tower, go very well and sound very quiet and mellow to those in the ground floor ringing chamber.

Tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Prescott, and we owe them and their helpers a sincere 'thank you' for the magnificent spread they provided.

The last tower was St. John's, Pilton, where the party were welcomed by the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association (the Rev. M. Hurst-Bannister), the Vicar of Pilton. The bells here are a pleasure to ring.

Thanks are extended to Mr. Roger Fry, for organising the outing, and the incumbents. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor. A. L.

SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS

The Society of Cambridge Youths held their annual outing on September 18th, a party of about 30 travelling to Suffolk.

Debenham was reached on time and here everyone had a pull. At Grundisburgh Mr. and Mrs. Pipe and George were waiting to welcome the party. The pleasure of ringing here was equalled by the joy of reminiscences with old friends.

After an excellent lunch at Woodbridge the keen young men rushed to ring before a wedding ceremony. Here also one of the older members missed a pull on the bells because he could not do without his after-dinner nap; he was awakened by the 'firing' of the bells as the couple left the church!

Mr. C. J. Sedgley met the party at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and was not too critical of the attempts on the 12. What a record of 12-bell peals is seen on the peal boards here!

After tea St. Margaret's was visited and more old friends met. Then faces were turned homeward and Stowmarket was the last call of the day.

Mr. J. W. R. Quinney, the secretary and organiser of the outing, expressed the hope that all had had an enjoyable time. Mr. M. Ginn, on behalf of the visitors, Mr. E. G. Hibbens and Mr. J. R. Dennis replied, saying how much all owed to Mr. Quinney for making such excellent arrangements.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

St. George's Church, Fordington, Dorchester, beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables in preparation for the coming harvest festival, was the scene of the autumn meeting on September 25th, when the Vicar of Fordington (the Rev. G. L. O. Jessop) conducted the Guild service and gave a hearty welcome to the ringers.

Tea was served in the Moule Institute by Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. House and other lady helpers, and the business meeting which followed was conducted by the Branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby.

Mr. Derek Cox and Mr. Richard Sturmeay, of Charminster, were elected ringing members of the Guild.

Canon Markby stated that Mr. S. J. Bryant, son of the Rector of Upwey and for many years a ringing member of the Branch, was being ordained a deacon by the Bishop of London at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sept. 29th. This was the first instance he could recall in all his long connection with the Branch of a ringing member offering himself for ordination, and the meeting agreed that when writing to Mr. Bryant, the chairman be asked to convey their good wishes. Mr. Bryant will also be remembered for his athletic prowess during his Army training and also as a member of the Oxford University team.

An invitation to visit Litton Cheney for the next meeting, November 13th, was accepted, and the next Branch practice was fixed for October 9th at Cattistock, if convenient.

Canon Markby thanked the Vicar for his welcome and the address, and the ladies for a most excellent tea, and also Miss E. Kingman for her services at the organ.

Mention was made of the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples recently rung at Wyke Regis in honour of the birthdays of Mr. F. Stedman (80) and Mr. F. Precey (70), Deputy Ringing Master and Ringing Master respectively, also to mark the engagement of two well-known members of the Wyke Regis band, Mr. R. F. Symonds and Miss Doreen Hill.

St. Peter's bells being available, ringing was resumed at both towers in the evening. J. H. H.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

South Norfolk Visit Attleborough

A meeting of the South Norfolk Branch at Attleborough on September 18th attracted 33 ringers, including Mr. Rodenhurst, of Shropshire. The Rector (the Rev. I. F. Webb) conducted the service, which was fully choral with the choir in attendance, after which the tea and meeting took place in the Church Hall.

The Rev. F. E. Vokes presided, supported by the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, the Rev. I. F. Webb, Mr. A. G. Harrison (Branch secretary), Messrs. C. E. G. Banham and C. F. W. Philippo and ringers from 14 different parishes.

Miss Bridget Mutimer, of Saxlingham, and Mr. Peter Ireland, of Saxlingham, were elected ringing members.

Congratulations were extended to the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow and Miss Hook on their recent engagement. It was decided to visit Bergh Apton for the last meeting of the year on December 4th.

Mr. C. Banham and Mr. L. Lawrence were thanked for making local arrangements.

NORTH FOREST CHURCHES

Six ringers from St. George's, Brockworth, joined by a member of the R.A.F. at Gloucester and an ex-member of the same station, had a tour of North Forest churches on August 28th.

Ringing took place at Hartpur (6), Corse (6), Staunton (6), Eldersfield (6), Tirley (6) and Hasfield (6).

OBITUARY

MR. GILBERT PEARCE

Bristol has lost one of its ringing personalities by the passing of Mr. Gilbert Pearce, who died on September 13th, aged 85 years. He was for many years a member of St. James' Guild and until quite recently turned up for Sunday service ringing regularly.

In his early days he visited America and was one of the band to ring the first peal in the Dominion of Canada—a peal of Grandsire Triples at Vancouver in 1911 for the Coronation of King George V. The actual number of peals Gilbert rang has not been recorded but they ran into hundreds.

The funeral service was held at St. James' Church on September 17th, followed by cremation. Besides the family mourners there was a very representative gathering of ringing friends. Those attending included Mr. Percy Portch, Mr. H. Way and son, Mr. Frank Gooding and Mr. George Trew (past members of St. James' Guild), Mr. Coles, Mr. Mason, Miss Barbara Johnston and Mr. A. V. Bennett (present members), Professor J. R. Brocklehurst (chairman of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. Edgar Guise (past hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown, Mr. F. G. Leaker, Mr. Frank Hansford, Mr. A. A. Hilliar, Mr. A. E. Reeves and Mr. F. Skidmore.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service.

MR. RAYMOND PHILPOTT

Mr. H. Badger (Thame) writes: 'I was very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Raymond Philpott. I knew him many years ago at Basingstoke, and he and Mr. George Gilbert, were both of great assistance to us in St. Nicholas' belfry.

'In our Masonic peal at Berkhamsted earlier in the year we had intended ringing it for W. Bro. Philpott's installation, but, unfortunately, owing no doubt to ill-health, he was unable to "stand in" at the last moment.

'He must have died during his year of office, being installed, I believe, last October.'

MR. W. C. PARKER

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow writes: 'I read in the issue of September 24th Mr. William Shepherd's appreciation of the services to ringing, particularly at St. Peter's, Staines, of the late William C. Parker. It was a kindly tribute to one who gave so much time and labour to his tower, to one whose bells were his pride and joy and who was never more happy than when able to offer the hospitality of his tower to visiting ringers.

'I have joyful memories of the fun and banter that used to pass between Bill Parker and his old friend, Jack Preston (the long and the short of it!), and one felt in those days that a visit to Staines would always be enlivened by these two. Alas! one seldom meets such characters nowadays!

'By an unfortunate twist of circumstances many of his Middlesex friends were unaware of his death until it was reported in "The Ringing World." An intimation of his death and funeral was sent to me, as District secretary, when I was away from home for a few days, and it did not get into my hands until after the funeral.'

Neglected Painting!

When the steel frame was installed at Helston Parish Church, Cornwall, about 50 years ago, says the Rev. A. D. Moon, it was not thought necessary to give it a coat of paint. Now the elements, abetted by the salty winds, have eaten into the metal to such an extent that it would be dangerous to ring the bells. In consequence the bells will remain silent until £850 is raised to provide a new frame of oak.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The attention of conductors is drawn to Rule XI.—'Compositions must be submitted to the Peals Secretary within 14 days of ringing the peal.'—F. V. G. 5140

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 9th, 2.30 to 4, St. Olave's, Hart Street, City. Service 4. Business 4.30. Tea 5.30. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 6.30 to 8. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 5092

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting at Binegar, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, please.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 5071

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly Meeting, Fivehead, Saturday, Oct. 9th; usual arrangements.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Langport. 5102

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (quarterly meeting) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, October 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—N. Chaddock and A. B. Cooper. 5128

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge, Hunts and Ely Districts.—Joint meeting, Long Stanton (8), Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5123

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, October 9th, 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, to be obtained from the General Secretary. Stamped addressed envelopes, please. Whittle (8) and Great Baddow (8) available. The Cathedral bells are available at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. at which it is hoped as many members as possible will attend. Cathedral bells available again after Evensong.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 5063

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Chiddingfold, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 5096

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden. No names, no tea. 5130

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30 (Granada Cinema). Business meeting in Old College. Evensong 6. Names to R. L. Sills. The Square, Wrotham. On Saturday, Oct. 23rd, dinner and dance at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant, Maidstone, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (14s. inclusive) obtainable from Mr. Mark Couchman, 42, King Street, Maidstone.—R. L. Sills. 5078

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Quarterly meeting, Abergavenny, Oct. 9th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 5098

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. followed by business. Service 6 p.m. Ringing again afterwards.—T. J. Lock. 5117

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Marsham on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 6th, to Rev. Lillingston, The Rectory, Marsham, Norwich. Also ringing meeting in Norwich on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. St. Giles' bells from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.; St. Peter Mancroft from 5.30 till 8.30. No business meeting. No tea arrangements.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury, Oct. 9th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 6th, to Mr. H. T. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Kingham after tea. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury. 5134

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Last meeting this year, Clive (6, 25 cwt.), Oct. 9th. Make it a good one.—W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 5132

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—Surprise practise, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 6 p.m. All welcome.—F. R. S. 5107

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Chediston (6) on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. Names to R. S. Payne, 21, Holson Road, Southwold. 5081

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The practice at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, Oct. 12th, will be at 7.30, not 6.30. Next business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. 4. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5171

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deancry.—Meeting, Chew Magna, October 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5157

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Oct. 16th, Wallasey St. Nicholas. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free, only for those notifying by 13th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5175

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 16th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 5167

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ringing festival, Saturday, Oct. 16th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Kenilworth (6) and Chilvers Coton (10), 2-4; Bedworth (8), Bulkington (8), Stoke (8) and Keresley (5), 3.30-5.30. Business meeting at 20, Broadgate, Coventry (entrance Pepper Lane), at 6. Dinner at The Wine Lodge Hotel, 17, The Burges, Coventry, at 6.45, followed by social and entertainment until 11 p.m. Latest date for applications, Tues., Oct. 12th. Tickets (10s. each) obtainable from district secretaries, tower secretaries and the general secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5090

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Committee 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. with business to follow—all at Newcastle Cathedral. Bells: Fenham 2-3 p.m.; St. John's 2.45-4 p.m. and 8.15-9 p.m.; St. Stephen's 2.30-4 p.m.; Gateshead 7-8 p.m.; Cathedral 7-9 p.m. Names for tea (price 4s. 6d.) must be sent, by Wednesday previous, to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 5166

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

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HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Frittenden (8), Saturday, Oct. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 13th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 5147

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Northaw (6 bells), Saturday, Oct. 16th, at 3 p.m. Tea at The Two Brewers, 4 p.m. Ringing after.—S. Huckle, District Sec. 5173

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—Annual district meeting, Northfleet (8), on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Peartree, 1, Plane Avenue, Northfleet, by Wednesday, Oct. 13th. Nominations, with seconds, to me by Wednesday, Oct. 13th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 5136

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Kendal Parish Church, on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. N. Nightingale, 34, Green Gate, Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5170

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) from 4 to 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster. 5169

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brownedge St. Mary's R.C. Church, Bamber Bridge, Oct. 16th. Bring own food.—L. Walmeley. 5143

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bury on Saturday, October 16th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 5165

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Croft, Oct. 16th (Desford not available). Bells 3. Tea in Village Hall 5. Service 6.15. Notify by Oct. 13th.—Mr. F. Watson, 5, Pochin Street. 5168

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Kibworth, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5158

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton and Syston Districts.—Annual joint meeting at Twyford, Saturday, October 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names, please, by the 13th, to Mr. R. M. Spencer, Twyford. Ashby Folville bells available after tea.—J. H. Cook. 5160

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Lincoln, St. Giles' (8), Oct. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Wednesday previous, Mr. C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 5099

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Acle, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 13th, certain, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 5131

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aston Clinton, Bucks, on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Stoke Mandeville bells available after tea. Names for tea, by Oct. 12th, to H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 5124

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Empingham (6) on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Names for tea, by Oct. 12th, to E. E. Gibson, Eastem, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 5097

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Irchester, Saturday, October 16th. Names for tea to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 5148

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tisbury (6), Oct. 16th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please send names, by Oct. 12th, to Miss Eloie, 7, Victoria Road, Salisbury. 5122

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Practice meeting at Netherbury on the newly rehung six bells on Oct. 16th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify before Oct. 12th.—Barrett, Prouthridge, Beaminster. 5150

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Brewod, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 13th, to Mr. C. S. Dumbell, Kingsnorth, Coven Road, Brewod, near Stafford. Tickets for the Annual Dinner on Nov. 13th will be available at this meeting. 5110

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting, Kelsale (8), Saturday, Oct. 16th. 2.30 p.m., and Saxmundham 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by October 13th, to A. R. Bridges, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk. 5161

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Crophorne, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. Names for tea, by Oct. 12th, please, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 5162

CAWTHORNE.—Rededication of bells by Very Rev. Noel Hopkins, Provost of Wakefield Cathedral, at Evensong on Sunday, Oct. 17th, 6.30 p.m. Ringers' Day, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 1.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to H. Rusby, Darton Road, Cawthorne, Barnsley. 5146

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A bell-ringers' service will be held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on Oct. 17th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed. 5155

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at East Coker on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 5159

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashted, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Church School. Numbers, by Oct. 21st, to Mr. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashted. 5151

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival Dinner and Social on Oct. 23rd. Assemble 6.15 for 6.30 dinner at Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Uppingham Road, Leicester. Tickets 10s. (number limited) from W. A. Wood, Fossway, Croft, near Leicester. Apply early with remittance, latest date Oct. 19th. 5164

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of local Districts at Hillingdon on Oct. 23rd. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, and social 8 in St. John's Hall. Names, please, to F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bucks. Bells: St. John's (10) 3-4.45 and after tea; St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8), 2.30-4.—F. W. Goodfellow and W. F. Butler, Hon. Secs. 5156

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. James' (6), Oct. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Oct. 19th, certain.—G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 5152

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 23rd, Hursley. Bells (8) 3-7. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in King's Head Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 5172

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Tues., Oct. 19th, from Dinner Committee, Branch Secs. or Gen. Sec. Accommodation for 250. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3-5 p.m. (provisionally) and All Saints' (10) 3-5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5111

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD. — Dedication of new trebles on Oct. 24th at 2.30 p.m. Bells available 1.30 p.m. till 6.30 p.m. Open day Nov. 20th. Bells 1.15 p.m. till 8 p.m. 5153

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Smithills, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Business 6. Free tea. Names to John Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Smithills, Bolton, Lancs.—J. Thornley, Sec. 5144

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—317th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, Nov. 6th. 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5137

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (4 extents of Plain Bob, 64 Grandsire): R. Newsum (first away from tenor) 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, P. Parry (first of Doubles as cond.) 3, Wm. Simpson 4, D. Marshall 5, O. Cripps 6.

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