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QUARTER PEALS

DO you read the quarter peals? Whether you do or not the Editor will continue to publish them because through them a true picture of the ringer's service to the Church in the form of Sunday ringing is frequently presented. While peals have their value in setting standards of achievement, it is by the quarter peal, invariably rung by the local band, with perhaps one or two visiting ringers, that the abilities of a tower can be assessed. But here again too strong an accent should not be placed on the word 'ability' in the tower. Every new recruit has to make a start and the Sunday quarter, perhaps hunting the treble to one of the standard methods, is often the beginning of greater things to come. While quarter peals in Surprise methods add a leavening to the column, the repetition of the same names at regular monthly intervals carries with it the suggestion that there is a lack of recruits in the tower. The bracketed 'first quarter in the method' is the hallmark of progress, and without a liberal sprinkling of these the outlook for the future is not good.

The flow of quarter peals into 'The Ringing World' office varies according to the Church's calendar. We are now at our heaviest period with the thanksgiving for the harvest and for patronal festivals. This year we have had a bountiful harvest and from all parts of the country we hear of large congregations assembling to give thanks. It is a season of the year when the community welcomes the bells. Frequently one hears the comment that the public at large is unable to distinguish ringing—the good from the bad. Nothing is farther from the truth. Ringing with a rhythm pleases the ear, and as at harvest time the familiar hymns are looked forward to so with ringing. To the lay ear bell music with the tenor behind is comprehensible, although this statement will be vigorously challenged in some quarters. Well-struck Stedman Triples receives far more approval from the public in most parts of the country than the music of Surprise Major methods. As the message of the preacher and the singing of the choir on these occasions should be of a character that is within the compass of the majority of the congregation, so should the ringing. For a harvest festival service no minister or organist would think of introducing as the anthem one of Byrd's five-part motets, however much it would appeal to the individual members of the choir. The simile, we think, is applicable to ringing. Let the music of the bells be clear, unsullied and true.

Apart from quarter peals being a record of service to the Church they are in many respects the social column of 'The Ringing World.' There is a wealth of personal information of births, marriages and deaths. Frequently the first news to reach the Editor is through a quarter peal. Only the other week he gleaned information about an important appointment to one of our national ringing organisations from the report of a congratulatory quarter peal. A quarter or a peal is invariably the ringer's medium of wishing 'Godspeed' to the young man or girl leaving home for college or National Service. This week the message of the bells accompanied one young man sailing for Cyprus. There always seems to be something topical in the quarter peal column.

Of course, and rightly so, the veterans have their place. To read of the old men of the Exercise in their eighties climbing belfries to ring in birthday quarter peals—and frequently the report is accompanied by the message that Mr. 'X' rang his bell faultlessly—gives one a sense of pride. While many writers have expounded on the wastage in the Exercise, it cannot be denied that when once the love of bells is established in the heart of a man or woman it is a lifelong companion. This week we give a photograph of the assembly of veterans in London; many had travelled long distances to be present; some had not steadiness of leg and found climbing towers a tax on heart and wind; but they came to ring and to talk over the past.

To those who send in quarter peals the Editor would make this request. Follow the style the quarter peals appear in our columns. Name of town or village, county, date, method, ringers and footnote. This simple style has been operative for many years, but has not been grasped—bless you all—by many of our contributors. Because quarter peals appear in alphabetical order in our journal we like each quarter peal to be written on a separate sheet of paper. At times we do not feel too happy with the contributor who endeavours to economise in paper by getting four quarters in different towers on a single sheet by writing on the front and back of the paper. Still more do we object to finding a quarter peal on the back of a peal report. Please keep the two separate. Finally, write as clearly as possible. While the writer might be familiar with the names, compositor, being 100, 200 or more miles away, is not. We try to be accurate, but we feel we could be nearer to accuracy with the co-operation of tower secretaries and correspondents. Good luck to all quarter peal ringers and may we see many more 'firsts.'

MONMOUTH AND SOUTH WALES TOUR

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

E. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 7
MAURICE HODGSON 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

The following peals were rung for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association:—

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.

On Mon., Sept. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in fourteen methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (2) Rossendale and Stanford, (3) London and Wells, (4) Ipswich and Cambridge, (5) York, Durham, Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Bourne, (7) Norwich.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX 4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD 2	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Mon., Sept. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS.

A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. Treble	†ALBERT R. LAWRENCE .. 7
*MRS. T. J. LOCK 2	†MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 8
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	†KENNETH ARTHUR 9
RONALD H. BULLEN 4	†PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 10
†J. ALAN AINSWORTH 5	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 11
†ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 6	†DENNIS KNOX Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal of Cinques. ‡ First peal on twelve bells. A birthday compliment to the composer.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Tues., Sept. 6, 1955, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

RONALD H. BULLEN Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
C. EDWARD LANKESTER 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
JOHN R. COOPER 4	KENNETH ARTHUR Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (C.C.C. 17). Conducted by K. ARTHUR.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER 5
*MARY LAWRENCE 2	RONALD H. BULLEN 6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 992 London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Superlative, 1,632 Cambridge, with 106 changes of method and with all the work of the four methods for each bell.

Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb.

ALBERT R. LAWRENCE .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal of Spliced on the bells.

TREVETHIN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
MARY LAWRENCE 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4	LEONARD STILWELL Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGAN.

On Fri., Sept. 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ILLTYD, TYFODWG AND GWYNNO.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALICK CUTLER Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
*KENNETH ARTHUR 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in the method.

PENTRE, GLAMORGAN.

On Fri., Sept. 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER 5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
DENNIS KNOX 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC.

A PEAL OF 5376 CAERLEON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

DAVID J. KING Treble	DENNIS KNOX 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

First peal in the method.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYBI.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	*KENNETH ARTHUR 5
JOHN R. COOPER 2	*DAVID J. KING 6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by J. M. LAKIN.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD 5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JACK GRACE Treble	JAMES P. BLOND 5
MRS. H. WELLS 2	CLAUDE CORDEROY 6
ALFRED R. GREENOUGH .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND 7
HARRY WELLS 4	CECIL CORDEROY Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

First peal in the method by the local band.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY 5
*MRS. B. G. WARWICK 2	SAMUEL J. HAINES 6
PETER R. JOHNSON 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
BRIAN CHAPMAN 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

* 250th peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*JOSEPHINE A. GREEN .. Treble	PHILIP G. MORGAN 5
*MOLLIE TILBURY 2	CHARLES G. JONES 6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE 3	F. ERIC ROBERTS 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	REGINALD T. JONES Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by F. ERIC ROBERTS.

* First peal of Major in the method.

Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who shortly leaves for Germany to complete his National Service.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

* First peal in the method.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE S. DEAS .. Treble	KENNETH LAWSON 5
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY 2	CHARLES N. LEA 6
MARGARET GIBSON 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
CHARLES McGUINESS .. 4	ROBERT F. TELFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the ordination of Canon H. S. Stephenson, M.A., Rector of Gateshead, and as a farewell on his retirement from Gateshead.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,240 London, 1,664 Bristol, 576 Cambridge and 576 Superlative, with 115 changes of method.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILFRID F. MORETON .. Treble	WILLIAM H. JACKSON 5
RUTH M. K. HOWE 2	JOHN E. SPICE 6
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER 3	ROBIN G. TURNER 7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise for the Society.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

*EDMUND MALIN .. Treble	JOAN BERESFORD 5
†ANN BARR 2	JEFFREY B. WEBB 6
DENNIS BERESFORD 3	PETER BERESFORD 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. All the band are regular service ringers at Lichfield Cathedral.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HARRY WINGROVE .. Treble	WALTER LEE 5
DOROTHY FLETCHER 2	*JOHN D. KAPE 6
DOREEN COKER 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
PERCY NEWTON 4	ANTHONY E. COX Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal in the method.

A. E. Cox has now 'circled the tower'.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

MRS. L. BOUMPHREY .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
ALAN A. POTTS 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
BASIL JONES 3	ALAN J. BROWN 7
JAMES FERNLEY 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by N. HODGSON.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal in the method by all except conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'	Tenor 14½ cwt.
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 5
JOHN E. S. MORETON 2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON 6
JAMES DRAYCOTT 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
ALAN CATTELL 4	WALTER BEEBE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of J. W. F. Trotman, formerly captain at this tower.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sun., Oct. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part	Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.
*CHARLES WATKINS .. Treble	CYRIL GRIFFITHS 5
JOHN A. RODEN 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
†CHARLES F. W. EYRE .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL 7
†GORDON SMALLWOOD .. 4	ARTHUR PEARSON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

Rung for the ordination of Miss Nora Croft as deaconess in this church by the Bishop of Lichfield, Dr. A. S. Reeve. Quickest peal on the bells.



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THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 2,880 changes of Superlative and 2,176 of Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	JOHN R. COOPER 5
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP .. 2	MARK W. MARSHALL 6
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD 7
*GEOFFREY PEARSON 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of two Spliced Surprise.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
MARY LAWRENCE 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

The first peal in the method by all and for the Association.

ALDBOURNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

FRANK L. HARRIS Treble	JOHN H. GILBERT 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 2	JOHN HARTLESS 6
GEOFFREY K. DODD 3	GEORGE W. MASSEY 7
JAMES E. DANIELS 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

A welcome to Susan Jean, daughter of the ringer of the sixth.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

MARIELLA MUNDY Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD 5
NORMAN MALLETT 2	WALTER H. POOLE 6
HAROLD P. BURTON 3	HARRY G. KEELEY 7
ERNEST J. TAYLOR 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. Stockman, of Kingswear, on his 80th birthday, also to Mr. and Mrs. C. Mallett on their silver wedding anniversary. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

RONALD BIRCH Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells. 100th peal as conductor for the Association.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

TONY PRICE Treble	*JOHN D. ROCK 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 2	RICHARD F. PRICE 6
*FREDERICK R. SCOTT 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

*MARGARET ROWE Treble	BRYAN S. COPE 5
JOHN KING 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON 6
RONALD C. NOON 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 7
BARRIE HENDRY 4	GEORGE CARE Tenor

Composed by J. H. BARRETT.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Gwendoline Johnson and Brian Austin, both ringers at this church.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble	JOHN T. MEDHURST 5
JOHN O. WELLER 2	LEONARD P. TURLEY 6
BERNARD W. PANKHURST .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
DORIS E. COLGATE 4	ROBERT COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

The conductor's 50th peal in the method.

Rung on the 25th anniversary of the first recorded peal by the local band.

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5088 SLEAFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

WALTER WESTON Treble	RAYMOND F. SMITH 5
JOHN FREEMAN 2	DENIS A. FRITH 6
GWEN I. RUSBY 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

The first peal in the method.

Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	JAMES S. WEBB 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	JACK ASHCROFT 6
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 3	RONALD KENRICK 7
*REV. PETER T. ROBBINS .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. David Shires, former curate of Christ Church, and Miss Julia Jones, of Southport. Also in honour of the appointment of the Rev. P. T. Robbins as Vicar of St. Hilda's, Prestwich.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ALFRED BALLARD Treble	MICHAEL VERNON 5
JEAN A. KIRKMAN 2	*WILLIAM JOHNSON 6
C. ROGER HAYWARD 3	JOHN A. SMITH 7
*GERALD JOHNSON 4	JOHN VERNON Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. The ringers of the seventh and tenor have 'circled the tower'.

SLEAFORD SURPRISE MAJOR.

The method: 58, 16, 12, 16, 34, 58, 14, 38. Second place lead-end 17856342.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 18, 1955, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Grandsire (ten callings), 4 of Plain Bob (four callings), and 26 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (eight callings).

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble	DAVID W. JAMES .. 3
LEONARD G. TOSELAND .. 2	*BRYAN S. COPE .. 4
STEPHEN IVIN Tenor	

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* 50th peal together.

Fastest peal on tower bells yet rung for the Guild.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

HARRY BUTLER, JUN. .. Treble	JOHN B. DINENAGE .. 4
STELLA HUGHES 2	P. GEORGE GOLDER .. 5
*PETER J. BARKER 3	DAVID W. BARR Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. BARR.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for harvest festival.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORFOLK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, two callings.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DENNIS SMEDLEY Treble	†GEORGE CHALLANS .. 4
ARNOLD HILL 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 5
HAROLD DENMAN 3	†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal at this tower. ‡ 75th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720.

Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

MARK W. LEWIS .. Treble	GEORGE R. PAYNE .. 4
MRS. A. SIMPSON 2	ALLAN SIMPSON .. 5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.

Mr. F. W. Midwinter has now 'circled the tower'.

Rung to the glory of God, on the eve of harvest thanksgiving at this church, where there are no local ringers.

HANDBELL PEALS

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings.

Tenor size 20 in E.

*JAMES F. DODSON .. 1-2	E. JOHN WELLS .. 3-4
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*†EUNICE A. HILEY .. 5-6

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First handbell peal. † First peal of Doubles. 50th peal as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. A. Gardiner after an attempt for a peal of Superlative had failed the previous evening.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*PETER BERESFORD .. 1-2	*DENNIS BERESFORD .. 5-6
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JOAN A. BERESFORD .. 3-4	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. 7-8
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Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* 100th peal together.



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QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Hart 1, Betty J. Marsh 2, Dorothy M. Nice 3, G. J. W. Abbott 4, J. H. Hayne 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. F. Symons and Miss D. Hill, two members of Wyke Regis band of ringers.

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Dingle (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Lidbetter 2, H. W. Lidbetter 3, K. Brown (cond.) 4, B. Willgrass (first quarter 'inside') 5, Miss M. Lidbetter 6. Rung for harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: June Grieve-son 1, Diana M. Gough 2, R. D. Brown (first in method) 3, D. H. Paine (first in method) 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. Hibbitt (first in method) 6. Rung for the harvest festival.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Rothwell 1, A. Tomlinson 2, J. W. Grounds 3, T. Rogers 4, E. Ashcroft 5, H. Anderson 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, J. N. Brown 8.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. C. Quick (cond.) 1, E. H. Oxenham 2, V. N. Burrow 3, J. F. Waite 4, D. Bellamy 5, A. G. Cooke 6.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,224 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Barrance (first in method) 1, Mrs. R. Armstrong (first in method 'inside') 2, J. Bullock (cond.) 3, A. J. House 4, J. Armstrong 5, L. W. Bullock 6. First in the method on the bells. Rung for Evensong and a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. M. Osborne, Romford.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Soars 1, P. Chambers 2, K. W. Graham 3, R. G. W. Soars 4, G. J. Lowe 5, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 6. For harvest festival and to mark the beginning of the Parish Mission.

BERGH-APTON, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, H. C. Boggis 3, L. A. Lester 4, J. W. Forder 5, F. C. Gunton 6. A wedding compliment to John Lester and Joy Gooch, married at this church earlier in the day.

BICKLEIGH, EAST DEVON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. J. Stevens (cond.) 1, Barbara J. Stevens 2, E. J. Taylor 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4, J. Upton 5, D. Cockram 6.

BIRSTALL, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Linch 1, O. Castleman 2, A. Skinner 3, J. Kesterton 4, P. Wells 5, N. Abell 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8. Rung half-muffled for W. Robinson, a devoted church worker.

BISHOPSGATE, E.C.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Davis 1, J. Tomsett 2, F. Shorter 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, A. Lewry 5, M. Sindén 6, R. Sanders 7, E. Talbot 8. For harvest festival.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. Dunsden 2, A. Greenough 3, J. Blond 4, F. James 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6, C. Corderoy 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung for patronal festival Evensong.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. H. Simpson (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Evans (first of Kent Major) 2, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3, Miss A. Laycock 4, F. Rayment 5, H. B. Schofield 6, A. Ashton 7, D. Marshall (Dundee) 8, T. Pedder covering. For harvest festival.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): R. Baker (cond.) 1, Lucy Allen 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. For harvest festival.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Bro. W. Farrell, M.M., 1, Bro. E. G. Buchanan, M.M., 2, W. Bro. W. H. Wilson, P.M., 3, Bro. C. J. Reede, W.M., 4, Bro. T. McMorran P.M. (cond.) 5, Bro. R. I. George, M.M., 6, W. Bro. J. A. Atkinson, P.M., 7, W. Bro. J. M. Magill, W.M., 8. First quarter peal rung by a band of A. F. and A. Masons of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and to record the installation of Wor. Bros. Reede and Magill as Masters of their respective Lodges for the year 1955.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cornhill 1, H. Warboy 2, Miss N. Radley 3, A. Langridge 4, J. Towers 5, D. Hammond 6, A. Radley (cond.) 7, J. Luxon 8. Rung to celebrate Mr. C. Gouldsmith's 70th year as a ringer at the above church; ill health prevented him taking part.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Bower 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, E. R. Cansdale 3, J. M. Spurgin 4, D. L. Mills (cond.) 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rev. C. H. Sharp, leaving for Hamburg.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Crappell 1, C. R. Lovett 2, R. W. Pipe 3, R. F. Pearce (first quarter) 4, J. Bennett (cond.) 5, C. W. Pipe 6. For harvest festival.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: Margery Birch 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, A. F. Burley 3, Hubert Eplett 4, Mary Matthews 5, C. Lanson 6, E. Jelley 7, J. Jelley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. S. Roberts.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Sheraton 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, Mrs. D. A. Bayles 3, J. W. Robson 4, J. A. Brown 5, S. C. Walker 6, C. Mordue 7, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Tidy 1, C. Charman 2, W. T. Beeson 3, G. Charman 4, C. Stevens 5, L. Warner 6, H. Charman (cond.) 7, N. Stacey 8. First quarter peal since the bells were rebung. Rung by local service ringers for the harvest festival.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Laker 1, Miss A. Miles 2, L. Tremere 3, W. Cracknell (first of Grandsire Triples) 4, W. Slaughter (cond.) 5, S. Arnold 6, G. T. Jennings 7, A. Stoner 8. For Evensong.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Turner 1, L. S. Woods (cond.) 2, I. Campbell 3, Mrs. R. Armstrong 4, J. Armstrong 5, F. R. Schofield 6, N. J. Fleetwood 7, B. Martin 8. Rung for the 150th anniversary of the rebuilding of the nave, and also for the harvest festival.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss J. Clare 1, Miss L. Froome 2, Miss M. Gibson 3, Mrs. L. Hiscock 4, W. Peck (cond.) 5, J. Gibson 6, D. Froome 7, L. Knowles 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7. For harvest festival Evensong.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 St. Martin's, 120 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): K. Vaughan 1, Helen Brant (first in more than one method) 2, W. Lee (cond.) 3, Mary Hobbs 4, R. Woodruff 5, J. T. Cross 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. C. N. White and Mrs. White home after their honeymoon.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 11th, at the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, 1,332 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Lindegren 1, P. J. Rigby 2, P. J. Morton 3, A. Bailey 4, A. Ager 5, M. G. Morton (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bro. Thomas of the Abbey Community, who died September 9th. Requiescat in pace.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Limmer 1, A. R. Gale 2, W. Butler (cond.) 3, W. Henley 4, Mrs. A. Butler 5, W. Birmingham 6, J. C. Birt 7, D. H. Pearce 8.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Sept. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. A. Hill 1, D. Frith 2, B. Hunt 3, S. Proctor (cond.) 4, R. C. Chapman 5, R. Read 6, C. Blakey 7, J. Royce 8, H. R. Woods 9, B. Buttery 10. For harvest festival.

GREAT WYMONDELEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. H. Ashton 1, G. Cherry 2, R. Head 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: S. H. Ashton 1, G. Cherry 2, L. Runnacles 3, P. W. Croft 4, R. Head 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Woodley 1, W. White 2, D. Jordan (cond.) 3, A. Woodley 4, W. Corderoy 5, A. Samler 6. First quarter of Doubles for 1, 2 and 4.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Ayre 1, W. J. Puddifoot 2, H. Gates 3, F. J. Plummer 4, W. C. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. V. Good 6, B. Ellinder 7, R. Goldsney 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Gordon H. McNeill Sheldford to the Vicarage of Hemel Hempstead.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Golding 1, B. Rose 2, P. Ruch 3, C. Newnes 4, W. Webb 5, J. Sansom (cond.) 6, W. Lewis 7, C. Chase 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major on the back eight: D. Cornwall 1, Mary Hobbs (first in method) 2, Doreen Coker 3, J. D. Kape 4, E. Goslin 5, A. E. Cox 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, W. Lee 8.

HORSSELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Pollard 1, D. Wright 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Pollard 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, G. Oliver 4, E. Warner 5, J. Martin (first as cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss D. Gibbons, who is leaving for Reading University.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Pullen 1, E. J. Munday 2, J. Smart 3, Audrey M. Trott 4, S. A. Paice (cond.) 5, D. Mitchell 6, L. Stilwell 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung for dedication festival and for the ordination of Peter R. Blackman at Leicester.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: K. Biggs 1, A. Heppinstall 2, D. Coker 3, A. E. Cox 4, J. D. Kape 5, A. Newton 6, D. Cornwall 7, R. Biggs (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1 and 2. Rung for the patronal festival.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Hodgson 1, T. Hill 2, P. C. Holland 3, M. Stewart 4, L. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Peter Holland on his entrance to university.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. Creak 1, Mrs. J. Pearson 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, T. E. Davies 5, S. Croft 6, L. Pearson 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Penrose 1, Mary Matthews 2, E. Jelley 3, H. Harper 4, A. Carveth 5, H. Eplett 6, W. T. Cook (cond.) 7, J. Jelley 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 4. For harvest festival.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Eaton 1, P. C. Hollingdale 2, D. Fagg 3, A. J. Backshalt 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung preceding harvest supper.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Evelyn Killington 1, J. W. Forder 2, C. Spurgeon 3, C. Bailey 4, G. G. Walpole 5, F. C. Gunton 6, S. W. Copling 7, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

LONDON.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): Miss M. Prockson 1, A. W. Coles (cond.) 2, W. Prockson 3, A. Lewry 4, G. Parsons 5, E. Talbot 6, J. Euston 7, H. Barnard 8.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela Knight 1, J. Hunt 2, L. E. Hitchins 3, P. W. G. Harding (cond.) 4, E. Hitchins 5, A. Knight 6, F. S. Slatford 7, F. Coombe 8.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Warren 1, Miss J. Wilson 2, Miss E. Taussig 3, G. Battersby (first of Minor 'inside') 4, J. H. Etherington 5, G. L. Grover (cond.) 6. Longest length of Minor 2 and 3. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. H. Jennings, Curate at Merrow, who has left to take up the living at The Bourne, near Farnham.

NORTHWYRAM, HALIFAX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,320 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day): A. Hancock 1, W. G. Turner 2, J. Greenwood 3, J. Pearson (cond.) 4, F. Crossley 5. First quarter of Doubles for 3 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon H. L. Taylor, Vicar of Lightcliffe.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Evans 1, S. King 2, H. King 3, R. Bridges 4, S. Blatch 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung for Harvest Service and as a compliment to the Bishop of Barking, who preached.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. W. Lake 1, S. H. Ashton (first 'inside') 2, R. Head (cond.) 3, K. C. Timbury 4, F. W. Croft 5. Rung for Harvest Festival.—Also on Sept. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. W. Lake 1, S. H. Ashton 2, R. Head 3, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 4, F. W. Croft 5. Rung on the eve of Michaelmas.

RADCLIFFE, LANCs.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Watson 1, G. Fearnbyough 2, D. Taylor 3, F. Pritchard (cond.) 4, N. Tompkins 5, T. Taylor 6, O. Davies 7, J. Thornley 8. In memoriam Mrs. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's Bob, 720 Spliced Single Oxford and Single Court, with 24 changes of method): R. Yelling 1, A. Jones 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, E. Brown 4, F. Carter 5, R. Thatcher 6. First of Minor for 1, 4 and 6. For harvest festival.

RICKSMANWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles, 7-6-8 covering (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss A. E. Berry 1, P. Hart 2, T. J. Clark 3, F. W. Elliott 4, D. C. Bartholomew (cond.) 5, H. A. Bradbury 6, D. R. Bartholomew 7, J. Lloyd 8. A farewell compliment to Mr. Peter Grist, a member of the tower, who is now on his way to Cyprus with H.M. Forces.

ROCHDALE, LANCs.—At All Saints', Hamer, on October 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Lord 1, Margaret Buckley 2, A. Taylor 3, K. Abbott 4, I. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Bishop (first quarter) 1, B. S. Payne 2, R. A. Brewin 3, G. M. Brewin (first quarter as cond.) 4, P. J. Plowright 5, M. Bishop 6.—Also 1,260 Doubles (4 extents of Plain Bob, 3 of April Day and 420 Grandsire): M. Bishop 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, G. M. Brewin 3, R. A. Brewin 4, H. Matthewman 5, P. J. Plowright 6. Rung for Matins and Evensong respectively on the harvest festival.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. Ward 1, D. J. Kirby 2, Miss A. Smith 3, C. A. Brass 4, B. J. Townsend (cond.) 5, E. H. Norman 6. Rung for Harvest Festival, also in honour of the ordination to the priesthood on Sept. 25th of the Rev. H. A. Pattenden, assistant curate of St. Augustine's.

RUSHOLME, LANCs.—On Sept. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Watson (first quarter) 1, Joyce Halliday 2, T. Taylor 3, D. Taylor 4, G. Fearnbyough 5, N. D. Lomas (cond.) 6.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAM.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Simmonds 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. W. Evans 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, D. L. Hughes 6. For harvest festival.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Cherry 1, P. Jackson 2, L. Runnacles 3, A. Harris 4, P. Croft 5, M. Orme (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Newsum 1, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 2, Wm. Simpson 3, O. Cripps 4, R. A. Hickton 5, C. Geary 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Oakshott 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, S. J. Ivin 3, P. J. Lawton 4, E. Sharp 5, G. Wood (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. H. C. Mann, buried this day.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Peck 1, Miss Reeve 2, Christine M. Ford 3, S. T. Ford 4, H. Fuller 5, W. Bowers 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Iving 8. For Evensong.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Perry 1, R. Shire 2, L. C. C. Warren 3, T. Travers 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, S. Bright 6. Rung as a compliment to the 3rd ringer, from Bristol.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. K. Brady 8.—Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Cozens (first quarter) 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, D. K. Brady 6.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, D. Wheeler 2, F. Kirtland 3, R. Eggleton 4, W. Lee 5, A. Hammond 6. For 8 a.m. Communion Service.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, R. Eggleton 2, F. Kirtland 3, R. Woodruff 4, W. Lee 5, D. Harding 6. For Matins.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, H. C. Jones 2, F. Kirtland 3, R. Eggleton 4, W. Lee 5, D. Harding 6. All conducted by W. Lee. All 10 callings used also Morris's 240. For Evensong and harvest thanksgiving.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch at Trowbridge

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch, held at Trowbridge on October 1st, was attended by 38 members and friends, including visitors from Chippenham, Frome and Swindon.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, who gave an inspiring address; tea was served in the Co-op Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. Weeks. The next two meetings were fixed for Bradford and Westbury. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and to all those who made the arrangements. All returned to the belfry where many young ringers enjoyed their first ring on 12 bells. Methods ranged from rounds to Grandsire Cinques.

S. C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held on October 8th at Newbury. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Mathews, Rector of St. Nicholas', with Mr. Sellick at the organ.

Tea was served to over 50 in the Parish Room. The chairman, the Rev. Mr. Woodfield, welcomed Miss Marie Cross, the Guild librarian. The Ringing Master (Mr. H. Reed) said that the position of Sunday service ringing was not satisfactory while there were six towers without a regular band. Mrs. Cooper resigned the post of secretary and treasurer, and Miss P. Gaunt was elected to the office.

It was decided to hold four meetings a year instead of six, as at present, the next to be held at Thatcham on January 21st. A social committee to organise functions of various kinds for the ringers has been proposed. Ringing continued until 9 p.m.

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A crop of infrequent names
in the peals occurred in
the issue of October 7th,
writes the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Lang-
ford, only previous peal 1909; Bramley, first
peal since 1939; Coity, the first peal since 1935
and only four in all; Twywell, last published
peal was in 1923; Longhope, fourth recorded
peal, the last in 1952, but before that, 1922;
Tattenhall, this the third peal, the last being
in 1938.

Mr. C. Gouldsmith has completed 70 years as
a ringer at St. Augustine's Church, Broxbourne,
Herts.

Mr. Norman J. Smith, of Chichester, is join-
ing the Missions to Seamen in the Port of
London.

Copies of the photograph taken at the
Veterans' Reunion may be obtained from F.
G. Payne, 104, Milton Grove, Stoke Newington,
N.16, price 2s. 6d. each.

Congratulations to the Beresford twins—
Peter and Dennis—of Lichfield, on ringing their
100th peal together. We should be pleased to
hear of other twins who have passed the cen-
tury mark together in peals.

There was an anniversary touch about the
peal of Grandisle Triples at Sevenoaks on Octo-
ber 8th. Mr. Robert Collins rang the tenor
in this peal and one 25 years ago, and Mr.
Leonard P. Turley is the son of the conductor
of the peal a quarter of a century ago.

The quarter peal rung at North Bradley on
October 2nd for harvest festival was also a
wedding compliment to Miss Betty Solly, of
Margate, on the occasion of her marriage to
Mr. J. Russell. Betty learned to ring at North
Bradley during the war, when she was evacuated
there with her parents. On returning home
she joined the band at Birchington.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Visitors to the Guild of
Carillonners in North
America three-day congress at
Ottawa included Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes
and Mr. Arthur Johnston, son of the late Mr.
Cyril Johnston, who was on holiday in Canada
from Cambridge University. Over 50 caril-
lonners were present and they were the guests
to dinner of the Canadian Government at the
Chateau Laurier. The Hon. W. Ross Mac-
Donald, leader of the Government, presided.

Following the banquet the carillonners gath-
ered on the Chateau terrace for a unique ballet
by the Ottawa Classical Ballet Company,
directed by Nesta Toumine, and accompanied
by Robert Donnell on the Peace Tower
carillon.

Renovations to the tower of Worcester Cath-
edral are sufficiently advanced to permit of ring-
ing next Saturday from 3.30 to 4.35 p.m. on
the occasion of the Association's annual dinner.

Fastest peal yet rung on tower bells for the
Peterborough Guild was on September 18th,
when a peal of Doubles in three methods was
accomplished in one hour and 57 minutes at
Grafton Underwood, Northants. The weight
of the tenor is 7½ cwt.

Messrs. K. Timbury, R. Head and B. Lake
were re-elected captain, vice-captain and sec-
retary of the Pirton, Herts, team at their annual
meeting on October 4th. The Vicar (the Rev.
G. B. Ince), who presided, congratulated the
team on their achievements during the past
year.

We regret to report that the chancel of Mid-
dleton Church, East Suffolk, was gutted by
fire on Friday, October 14th. This was one of
the thatched church roofs referred to by Mr.
A. R. Bridges in his letter on page 651. Work-
men renovating the church spire discovered the
fire.

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The Veterans in London.—Through the initiative of Mr. A. W. Coles these 'Old Timers' assembled in London last month to talk over the past. The average age of those present was 69 years. Our picture was taken after tea in the hall, which had been beautified by the Fan Makers' Company, at the rear of St. Botolph's Church.

SPliced SURPRISE BY OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Opportunities are rare for a University Society to attempt a peal of Spliced Surprise. It would be a very strong Society which could raise a resident band for such an attempt, and a band including non-resident members seldom meets. The attempt made by the Oxford University Society in Birmingham on October 1st was at an extraordinary meeting of members who had travelled from as far as Epsom and Liverpool. Most of these members walked from New Street Station to St. Chad's Cathedral Church, where they were surprised, and not a little flattered, to find a former Master of the Cambridge University Guild, Mr. F. E. Haynes, waiting to welcome them. The presence of another friend of the Oxford University Society, Mr. Ralph Edwards, was noted with pleasure, and one wondered whether the critical audience would be augmented by other members of the St. Martin's Guild. In fact, for a few minutes, it was debated whether to include the audience in the band, but the B.R. (W.R.) representative, although 'due here' at 12.45 p.m., duly made his 'expected time of arrival,' walking from the other station.

The attempt eventually began just before 1.30 p.m., but not before Mr. Edwards had discovered when the '65's' were to come up, or before one of the band had been stung by a wasp. The 'light blue line' of 'Boatrace Delight' could just be discerned on the wall, so the door was bolted securely to prevent any other attempts at sabotage.

The band, which included the present Master of the Society (Mr. W. H. Jackson) and the Master of ten years ago (Dr. J. E. Spice), soon settled down and rang the first peal of Spliced Surprise by a University Society without undue trouble. It is to the credit of the Society that four of the band learned to ring while at Oxford, although their ability to ring Spliced Surprise might well be traced to Mr. W. F. Judge.

The thanks of the Society for permission to attempt the peal are tendered to the authorities at St. Chad's Cathedral Church, particularly to Mr. L. Kelly, the Ringing Master.

FAMOUS SUFFOLK TOWER

Prospects of a Ring of Eight

The mediæval church at Stoke-by-Nayland, which Constable put into his famous 'Rainbow' picture, requires £1,600 in order that ravages of the death watch beetle may be remedied.

After the discovery of the death watch beetle about five months ago, Commander C. J. W. Simpson, leader of the North Greenland expedition of 1952-54, and his sisters offered to give two new bells and pay for their hanging as a memorial to their father, Rear-Admiral C. H. Simpson, and mother.

With the new bells, Stoke-by-Nayland will have one of the heaviest rings of eight in Suffolk, with a tenor of 28 cwt. When the old bell frame is removed and a new steel frame erected, five of the bells will have to be retuned, and the treble, which is cracked, recast. It is hoped to have the bells back by next June.

NORTH BRADLEY RINGERS LOSE A FRIEND

Canon S. D. M. Davys is leaving North Bradley, Wiltshire, after 26 years as Vicar there and is retiring, and a farewell peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted on September 24th. This, unfortunately, came to grief after an hour's ringing, but a quarter peal was successfully accomplished.

Canon Davys was a great friend of the ringers and always stressed the importance of their service to the church. He did a great deal at North Bradley, being responsible for the rehanging of the six bells in 1935 and also for the installation of two trebles in 1950 as a Parish Church thanksgiving for victory in the two world wars.

He will be missed by the ringers, as he gave them a free hand to ring the bells whenever they wished, except when a service was being held.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Crewe Branch at Nantwich

Because the pinnacles of 600-year-old Nantwich Parish Church are in a dangerous condition, ringing at the meeting of the Crewe Branch on October 1st was curtailed. More than 50 ringers were present representing 13 towers from as far afield as Sittingbourne, Kent. Methods rung included Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. M. B. Southwell), and an address was given by the Rev. F. G. Gentry (Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe).

Afterwards members were entertained to tea in the Parish Hall, where they were welcomed by the Rector. He referred to the recent death of 94-year-old Mr. William Rigby, a former member of the Guild. The Rector said he had never known Mr. Rigby, but according to his ringing record he must have been a wonderful man.

Mr. D. Smith thanked Nantwich members for their hospitality.

Mr. F. S. Stenson (treasurer), deputising for Mr. Wilfred Kent (secretary, who was unavoidably late), expressed pleasure at the good representation of V.Y.P.s (very young people), who were a 'a grand lot.' He also welcomed a number of veteran ringers.

These included Mr. E. J. (Ted) Rodenhurst, of Hodnet, a former Master of the Shropshire Guild. Mr. J. Griffiths (77), of Gresford, and Mr. William P. Deane (71), of Norton-in-the-Moors, Staffordshire, Ringing Master of the North Staffordshire Association. The visitor from Sittingbourne was Mr. H. Parkes, who is engaged in rehanging bells at Gresford.

Afterwards, at the invitation of Mr. Gentry, members travelled to Crewe to ring the Christ Church bells. Others from Wistaston, Holmes Chapel, Acton and Nantwich went to Acton Parish Church where they rang touches in six methods: Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Little Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge.

MONMOUTH AND SOUTH WALES TOUR

DURING the nine days of the tour 33 towers were visited, although this record does not compare with the latest development in Spliced Surprise ringing because all the members of the party did not do all their work in all of the towers, and 12 peals were rung out of 22 attempts. September 3rd to 11th was a busy 'week,' and we were scheduled to ring at various places at morning, noon and night. The happiness and harmony of the tour was, in a very large measure, ensured by the initial assistance given by Mr. D. J. King and by the warm welcome and sincerity we received from everyone with whom we came into contact. The local ringers really made us feel that we were among some good friends.

Bridgton, near Ross-on-Wye, Hereford, was first on the list on our journey to the Westgate Hotel, Newport, headquarters for the week. Here a peal of Yorkshire was rung without hesitation, and Maurice Hodgson marked a welcome return to the 'peal column.' Another band called at Monmouth, but after 40 minutes relinquished their attempt to score a peal of Rutland. During this period the remaining ringers of the party visited Goodrich to ring on the six bells there but, unfortunately, as the tenor was being pulled up the clapper fell out, so no change ringing took place.

Most of the party had not visited South Wales before so that in addition to an up-to-date luxury coach, owned and driven by Albert Lawrence, everything seemed fresh and new. Yet we were in a land of Roman and Ancient British settlements, an area enshrined in history.

IN SOUTH WALES

For our first morning we set out to ring for service at Llandaff Cathedral, where one hour's ringing seemed too short a time on this very pleasant ten. The building itself is still undergoing extensive repairs and one unusual and visible feature is along the external cornice, where carved stone heads of reigning monarchs are spaced at about one yard intervals. We met Mr. F. J. Hannington in Cardiff, for he had kindly arranged our Sunday lunch. Following this we journeyed on to Aberavon, where, in addition to the attraction of a very nice ring of eight, we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. A. J. Pitman, the famous composer of extents of Spliced Surprise, and other brother ringers. Pressing on we arrived at Bridgend, where we rang with the local band for Evening.

Three peal attempts were programmed for Monday and two were successful. We, in effect, excelled ourselves by ringing a peal of Surprise Minor in 14 methods at St. Bride's Major in the morning and a peal of Grand-sire Cinques at Newport Cathedral in the evening. The abortive attempt was made at Cowbridge, where Yorkshire was lost after one and a half hours. During the morning the overflow of the party visited two rings of six, Llantwit Major and St. Athan, in a more or less circular tour of the district. An invitation had been extended for us to join in the monthly Surprise practice at All Saints', Newport, and some were able to accept and enjoy the evening.

Tuesday morning arrived and we were to have only half a day peal ringing. Our first call was at Caldicot, and here an extent of Cambridge was completed. Another band stopped at Chepstow, where a peal of Monmouth was to be attempted but merely a plain course was rung. An administrative error had been made as the band chosen was not suitable, on a peal-ringing tour, to ring these bells with a 19 cwt. tenor to a 5,000. The white flag was not hoisted, however, as more than half of a quarter peal of six-spliced was rung before the ringers left the tower. In the afternoon and evening we visited two towers where peal

attempts were not possible, and enjoyed to the utmost the pleasure of ringing on grand bells. First, at Abergavenny, where a half course of Cambridge Royal and a special touch by C. E. J. of Grandsire Caters will be remembered by some for a long time. Second, at Ebbw Vale, where we joined in the local practice evening and, returning to our hotel in the darkness, we passed by factories and mines seemingly active with floodlights, flares, huge revolving wheels and large conveyor belts.

A BLANK DAY

On the next day we merely enjoyed some long touches, which did not finish in rounds. Yorkshire was lost at Machen after 55 minutes, London was lost at Caerphilly after two hours and ten minutes, a shift course curtailed an attempt for Aldenham at Marshfield, and a broken rope stopped the ringing at Peterstone after two hours and five minutes.

Thursday arrived and, owing to one or two necessary changes in the bands, the programme was not strictly adhered to. But our efforts proved to be more successful. Eight of the party were left in Newport to ring successfully a peal of Yorkshire at All Saints'; the remainder journeyed in the coach to Bedwelty. This place is over 1,000 feet above sea level and a church has stood here since the fifth century. The present church was built in the 11th century, and St. Sannan, who came from Ireland, was said to have met St. David at this spot. Amongst all this historical background, and much more not here recorded, we were pleased to add our small contribution with the first peal of Spliced Surprise. In the afternoon we visited Trevethin, where an extent of Cambridge was brought round.

And now for our pitiful tale—St. John's, Cardiff, was the tower, Cambridge Royal was the method, three hours and ten minutes was the time the attempt lasted, and the bells were in the plain course before the last three Homes. It was a Wrong-doing, but it happened! The few ringers available were kindly invited to join in practice at Whitchurch.

On Friday we set out for Llantrisant and Pontypridd. A peal of Bristol was rung at the former tower, but Lincolnshire was lost after two attempts within 90 minutes at the latter tower. Llantrisant, meaning the Church of the Three Saints, is known to be the place where the first cremation took place, about 60 years ago. A Dr. Price arranged it for himself and when he died the coffin with his body in was placed on some iron bars supported a couple of feet off the ground at the ends by two walls, and then surrounded and encased by wood faggots on to which tar and pitch were poured. The whole lot was then set fire to. Our afternoon peal attempts at Pentre involved the heaviest tenor on the tour, but Rutland provided the music until the bells came into rounds. Whilst this peal was progressing the coach journeyed right to the end of the Rhondda Valley and over the mountain to Aberdare, where a short ring was kindly arranged after a late request.

We began our last full day by visiting another historical place, Caerleon. In the London Museum is a sculptured panel, found on the site of the recently-exposed temple of Mithras, in the City of London, depicting the slaying of the sacred bull. There is an inscription on the panel which records the donor's name. He was Ulpian Silvanus, a veteran of the Second Augustan Legion, which was stationed, for much of the time while it was in Briton, at Caerleon. Another small contribution to history was also made here when a complete peal of Caerleon, the first in the method, was accomplished. This method is No. 52 in A. J. Corrigan's collection of 370 methods. Llanfrechfra was also visited in the morning, but Yorkshire failed

after one hour and forty minutes owing to a rope slipping the wheel. The last two attempts were successful, at Llangibby and Usk, and these completed the peal ringing programme.

We returned on the Sunday, and for morning service assisted in the ringing at Lydney, Gloucestershire.

Handbells were used at various times of the week and one peal attempt was made, but no serious effort was evident on this side of our art.

Whilst, naturally, everyone had fresh experiences in a fresh quarter of this island, we shall be able to recall three incidents in particular. On our journey down, when passing through Ross-on-Wye, the smiling welcome of two policemen; the taste of a Welsh 'rare-bit'; and proof that life is not always consisting of ups and down, as when the lift in the hotel remained stationary between two floors.

In concluding, we sincerely thank all incumbents for permission to ring on the bells; Messrs. King and Harrington and all local towerkeepers and captains for their assistance in the arrangements; and everyone who met us and did anything that ensured for us the pleasures which we most thoroughly enjoyed.

ONCE A YEAR

Less than two miles from Eye, Suffolk, is the small Parish Church of St. Mary, Braiseworth. The little church is not a hundred years old—a pretty interior and lit by oil lamps.

Undoubtedly, years ago services used to be much more frequent than they are now, for when the 1955 harvest thanksgiving service was held on Sunday evening, September 25th, it was the first service there since the 1954 harvest thanksgiving.

The one bell hangs in a turret. It is only a 'swinger'—clang, clang, clang—fully exposed to view of persons in the churchyard. Some wire netting has been put round the turret to keep out the birds, but there is a hole in it somewhere!

While people were waiting in the churchyard to go into the 1955 service there was a strange noise from above. It sounded like somebody beating a hedge with a broom handle. Looking up, one saw the bell on the move—not much at first, then each swing a little wider. And there seemed to be a good deal of pressure on the pulling side. Sticks snapped . . . snapped . . . snapped . . . then, at last, a dull muffled clang, which must have given the operator much encouragement, for the weight on the rope increased and soon we had a clear ring sounding over the countryside. Sometimes the pull was a bit too much, for there were several bumps, which appeared to be the bell hitting the side of the turret, and then one could see some loose masonry!

Inside it was a little different. The ringer stood at the west end of the nave, bending on to the rope to the sound of squeak, groan, clang; squeak, groan, clang—until the Vicar put on his surplice, the harmonium started up and the bell came to an immediate stop when the rope was released—quiet for another 12 months, perhaps.

Raven, 1890, gives the inscription on this bell as follows:—

'Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1879. 1606. recast 1879. R. M. Bingley, Rector. W. Allen, C. Schofield, churchwardens. Hung by G. Day and Son, Eye.'

(Davy, April 22nd, 1819: 'John Draper made me 1606.')

C. R.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean A. Howells 1, N. D. J. Webb (first quarter) 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, W. Robinson 4, Cherie Payne 5, D. J. F. Oakshott 6, G. A. Howells 7, D. J. Evans 8. First quarter peal by the local band for over 25 years. Rung for the ordination of the Rev. J. Rose-Casemore.

LETTERS

LINCOLN GUILD PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I have decided to ask for the withdrawal of the peal rung at Leadenham on July 27th for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, owing to the low standard of the ringing.

I apologise to the Guild and to 'The Ringing World' for the submission of the report in the first place.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Lincoln.

HANDBELLS WANTED FOR BLIND PEOPLE

Dear Sir,—I am wondering if any of your readers can help me to obtain a set of handbells, please. There are ten enthusiastic blind handbell ringers in Taunton, but the bells they are using at present are only on loan.

Every effort has been made to get bells, but without success up to now. I shall be grateful for help.

F. M. STOOKE,

Home Teacher for the Blind.

28, Park Street, Taunton.

CALLINGS IN FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—I would like to support Mr. T. R. Butler's letter in your issue of October 7th regarding callings to five and six bell peals.

In fact I would go farther and suggest that it is time a ruling was made that in any five or six bell peal no calling should be repeated.

After all, if a conductor can call the standard ten 120's of Grandsire, he should also be able to call sixteen different 240's. Alternatively, if a band can ring Grandsire Bobs and Singles, it should not present much difficulty to learn Extremes as well, by the use of which 32 different 120's can be obtained.

Under the present state of affairs, there does not seem to be anything to prevent a band learning one 120 by heart, ringing it 42 times in succession and calling that a peal. What a farce!—Yours faithfully,

J. H. JOYNER.

Rugeley.

ACLE—A THATCHED ROOF

Dear Sir,—I can add another church to the list of those with a thatched roof. This is St. Edmund's, Acle, where the nave is thatched. The tower is round at the bottom with an octagonal top and contains a ring of six bells. When the bells were restored and augmented in 1933 a special steel frame was built up from the ground inside and independent of the tower so that the latter carries no strain from the bells.

The sixth bell, the treble of the present ring, was given by the then Rector, the Rev. J. E. H. Williams, and his wife. I heard earlier this year of the former's death at Bournemouth, where he was living in retirement, and I cannot let this occasion pass without putting on record the contribution of Mr. Williams to ringing. I think it is no exaggeration to say that but for his efforts the bells of Acle would not be able to be rung to-day. He took a keen interest in the ringers and he and most of his family did some ringing at various times. I was very pleased to hear from Mr. C. K. Lewis that the eldest son of Mr. Williams still does some ringing in Cheshire.

I myself can now look back on about twenty years as a ringer and in doing so I cannot but express my gratitude to the one who introduced me to ringing, the late Rev. J. E. H. Williams.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

MR. JOHN FOWLER, OF COOKHAM

Mr. John Fowler, of Cookham, whose reminiscences appear in the Cookham Parish Magazine, has a record of 57 years in the choir, as master bellringer and as a church worker.

Concerning his ringing career, he joined the ringers in 1912, and when only 24 was appointed conductor. His first major job was to undertake the preparatory work for the restoration of the bells and the belfry. There was death watch beetle in the tower and the cost of this work was just under £300. The bell fund began with £7 11s. raised by an entertainment. In the course of the work a frame was built to carry two extra bells. These were not provided until 1946. One of the bells bears an inscription commemorating the sacrifice of men of the tower in two world wars. There is only one name for the 1939-45 war, Ronald C. Fowler, John's son, who was killed in September, 1943.

Mr. Fowler has always kept a band together in the tower. To-day there are more ringers than bells—15 on the regular roll with an average attendance of between 10 and 12 every Sunday morning and evening.

In 1928 Mr. Fowler was elected Ringing Master of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and last July his services to the Guild were recognised by his election as a vice-president.

ATCHAM BELLS RING AGAIN

Travellers to North Wales using the A5 road will no doubt remember crossing the Severn between Wellington and Shrewsbury at Atcham, where beyond the older bridge stands the Church of St. Eata but a few feet from the river.

Mainly 12th century, but built on the site of an earlier foundation, the church is believed to be the only one of this dedication. In the tower, which looks over the pleasant Shropshire meadows, there are six bells, four being cast by Rudhall in 1709 and two by Mears in 1829.

Unfortunately they have been heard very infrequently during the last 20 years, but recently they have been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, and were rung for the first time on September 18th by a band of ringers from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, after suitable prayers by the Vicar, the Rev. F. M. Oliver, at the conclusion of Matins that day.

A resident band is being formed with Mr. Mathews, of Berwick Wharf, Atcham, as its captain.

F. H. B.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Members representing twelve towers attended the Society's monthly meeting, held at Rothwell on September 24th.

An unfortunate occurrence during the early part of the afternoon delayed ringing for some time. However, before the meeting ended at 9 o'clock various touches had been rung in a variety of methods, ranging from Plain Bob to Yorkshire.

Tea had been prepared by the local company and helpers in the Church Hall and was much appreciated. The former Vicar of Rothwell, now living in retirement, was present for tea and welcomed the Society on behalf of the present Vicar.

A short business meeting followed, at which all those responsible for the local arrangements were thanked for their work.

During the evening the Vicar, making his first visit to the tower since his induction, joined the company. He apologised for his absence earlier in the afternoon and said how pleased he was to have a church with such a fine ring of bells.

The next meeting will be held at Chapel Allerton on October 29th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

25th Anniversary at Towcester

The 25th anniversary celebrations of the Towcester and District Branch were held at Towcester on October 8th. Touches were rung in Towcester Church tower during the afternoon, and the Office of the Guild sung in the Church in the evening. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. H. Curtis (Vicar and Rural Dean of Towcester), and the Rev. G. F. Hales (Rector of Green's Norton), a regular ringer in his parish, was the preacher.

The supper was held at the Towcester Conservative Club, with the president of the Branch (the Rev. R. G. Richards, Vicar of Potterspury) in the chair. Mr. B. Morris, Ringing Master of the Guild, proposed the toast of 'The Towcester and District Branch,' and Mr. Mansfield (Green's Norton), in reply, said that the Towcester Branch of Bellringers had been in existence for 65 years. Amalgamation with the Diocesan Guild took place 25 years ago. He gave a short history of local bellringing. The Rev. Guy Marshall, Vicar of Stoke Bruerne, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and Sir Reginald Manningham Buller, in acknowledging the compliment, spoke of the refreshing and sweetening sound of church bells in the great noise of modern life.

Entertainment was provided by the Lambert brothers (handbells), Mr. and Mrs. Reg Gayton (magic and conjuring), Mr. Monty Saunders and the Rev. J. T. Lewis (vocal items), Mr. Eric Walker and Mrs. Fountaine accompanied on the piano.

The festival committee comprised Rev. D. H. Curtis (chairman), the Rev. G. F. Hales, Messrs. W. A. Yates (secretary), V. Burt, W. J. Garlick, A. Mansfield, G. Mansfield, P. Foster and Mesdames K. Ballard and B. Mansfield.

Among the company of 90 present were Mr. G. F. Roome, secretary of the Northampton Branch, Mr. A. E. R. Walker, secretary of the Culworth Branch, and Mr. R. H. Howson, secretary of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

RETIREMENT OF CANON H. S. STEPHENSON

Throughout his long ministry Canon Stephenson has always been a friend of ringers and it was, therefore, fitting that almost his last function as Rector of Gateshead should be to visit St. Mary's to see the ringers who had come to attempt the peal to mark his retirement, for that same evening he was going off to Ryton, where he will reside, just a few miles from Gateshead. Reference to the peal columns will show that the meeting was not in vain.

In St. Mary's, Gateshead, will be found peal boards that tell the story of Canon Stephenson's ministry as each decade has passed. Perhaps in due course one will appear to record this final stage—his diamond jubilee, which fell on St. Matthew's Day, September 21st.

When Rector of Allendale, Northumberland, Canon Stephenson was instrumental in the installation of the original six in a frame for eight. He moved to Gateshead in 1909 and became Rector in 1914. The announcement of his retirement set Gateshead people wondering what they could do to mark the occasion. For some years ago they had conferred on him the Freedom of the Borough, but eventually the Mayor opened a special fund. An honorary canon of Durham Cathedral, he also became a King's Chaplain, and as one of the senior chaplains he was present at the Coronation of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

He has been a staunch supporter of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association throughout the years and he was president from 1950 to 1953. The good wishes of all ringers in the north-east will go with him in his retirement.

D. A. B.

Bells for Army Church in Korea



Sapper Peter Minchin, of Swindon, who was a bell-hanger in civilian life, is here seen fastening the bells to the wooden frame. Assisting him is Sapper Derek Hooper, of Mudford, Yeovil (on the right).



Hoisting this 13 cwt. tenor was child's play to Sapper Hooper, compared with some of the bells he has helped to raise in the home country.

MEMORIES OF THE HOMELAND

One of those delightful stories of the ringer in the Services furthering his art was told in 'The Ringing World' of September 16th by the letter written by Sapper Peter Minchin from Korea, telling how a ring of five bells has been installed in the Church of St. Martha, in Korea, which is situated five miles from the 38th Parallel and three miles from the Imjim River.

Through the kind co-operation of 'The Illustrated Carpenter and Builder' we are able to present pictures of the two ringers instrumental in the hanging of the bells and the construction of the wooden frame. They will, we are sure, be recognised by many ringing friends.

Peter Minchin, whose home tower is at Swindon, is a bellhanger by trade. His two bellringing colleagues are Cpl. Colin Cade (22), of Weir Farm, Scothern, near Lincoln, and Sapper Derek Hooper (23), of Mudford, near Yeovil.

The bells rank among the lightest in any church, a tenor of about 20 lb., but they are sufficient to bring to those in distant Korea memories of England and to enable changes of Doubles to be rung. There are already probationers.

When the bells were dedicated on July 31st by the Rev. E. L. Lake, of the Royal Canadian Army Chaplains Corps, there were only four bells in the turret, but since then a gift of another bell has been received from a neighbouring camp. We are waiting to hear from Korea of the first true 120.



The Church of St. Martha, about five miles from the 38th Parallel, is constructed of local materials and built in the traditional Korean style with wooden structure and mud walls. The bell turret has a ring of five bells.

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DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting at Sunderland

Sunderland, which was the venue of the annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on September 24th, has the greatest number of bells hung for ringing of any town in the Diocese of Durham. Its bells comprise the ten of St. Andrew's, Roker, and the eight of the Parish Church, St. Ignatius-the-Martyr and St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, and all were available for ringing at various times between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The members attended Evensong at Bishopwearmouth, which was choral, and included the anthem 'Non Nobis Domine' by the boys of the choir. The service was conducted by the Rector of Bishopwearmouth, the Rev. C. L. P. Bishop, and the address was given by the Rector of Sunderland, Canon R. S. Troop.

Canon Troop took the Association motto, 'Ars Incognito Contemnitur,' as his theme. The man in the street was sometimes nostalgic about bells, but more often the 'unknown art was despised.' But ringing required physical fitness, courage, concentration, team work and obedience to the conductor, and all that provided a parable of the Christian life itself, where similar qualities were needed and where, too, ignorance often resulted in its being despised.

Tea was served in Bishopwearmouth Church Hall to a company of 56, which included representatives from 18 towers, and visitors from Richmond, Ripon and Sutton-on-Trent.

The business meeting followed tea and Mr. W. N. Park took the chair in the absence of the President, who sent a letter of apology and expressed his best wishes for a successful meeting.

The general secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles, presented his report for 1954-55. He said that the year just ended seemed somewhat of an anticlimax after the visit of the Central Council the previous year, but consideration given to the question of instruction on ringing might lead to important developments in future years, as might also the suggestion of combined planning of District meetings. The handbook, which would contain most of the subject matter omitted from the abbreviated reports, was just about ready for the printer. Meetings had been well attended throughout the year.

While no restoration had been completed during the year word had just been received that Houghton-le-Spring bells could be rung again following repairs to the tower and it was understood that restoration work was in hand at Embleton. Although the year had ended on August 31st it would not have been right to omit mention of the retirement of Canon Stephenson as Rector of Gateshead at the end of September. A day of two earlier he had celebrated his diamond jubilee in holy orders and he had been a firm friend of ringers throughout his ministry. The good wishes of all would go with him in his retirement, and the committee had decided that afternoon to express those sentiments in some tangible form.

The honorary treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley, presented his cash statement showing that the balance in hand had increased during the year from £90 15s. 11d. to £117 5s., with the corresponding figures for the general fund showing an increase from £69 3s. 8d. to £96 8s. 9d.

The editorial secretary, Mr. J. Brewster, presented the peal report, which showed that 35 peals had been rung during the year—an increase of four over the previous year's total. All the peals were on tower bells and covered 19 towers, involving 73 ringers, among whom were 10 first pealers. Notable performances among individual ringers were R. Park with 17 and W. N. Park with 15 peals, and in con-

ducting D. A. Bayles headed the list with 11, followed by R. Park with 10. The methods rung included the first of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, the first of Spliced Surprise Minor in 19 methods and the first of Pudsey Royal and Aldenham Surprise Major for the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The president was re-elected and the other officers were re-elected en bloc. This list of officers for 1955-56, therefore, reads as follows: President, R. A. Gofton; general secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, F. Ainsley; editorial secretary, J. Brewster; hon. auditor, J. F. Bird; Central Council representatives, F. Ainsley and W. N. Park; peal referees, W. J. Davidson, J. E. R. Keen, R. Park and W. N. Park.

The District officers show only one change due to Mr. A. Brunton having left the district, and the list now reads:—Northern: Vice-president K. Arthur, secretary G. S. Deas; Southern: T. Cooke and E. P. Rock; Eastern: K. Lawson and W. F. Sheraton; Western: S. Thompson and C. T. Lamb.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had assisted with the meeting and the service—the Rev. C. L. P. Bishop for the service, use of the bells and facilities of Bishopwearmouth; Canon Troop for his address and the use of his bells; the Revs. J. M. How and G. H. Marshall for the use of their bells; the organist, Mr. Hartley, and last, but by no means least, the ladies who had served the tea.

Mr. J. Anderson thanked the officers for the work they had done during the past year, and spoke highly of the part each had played.

It was announced that the committee had arranged the meetings for the coming year as follows: J. W. Parker Commemoration, Sunderland, March 17th, 1956; half-yearly meeting, West Hartlepool, May 12th, 1956; annual meeting, Newcastle Cathedral, October 13th, 1956.

The Rev. D. N. Goldie, of Holy Trinity, Darlington, was elected a clerical member, and four new ringing members were elected—Miss M. Jennings (South Shields), Miss K. Rickaby (St. Cuthbert's, Darlington) and Messrs. B. Gilligan and R. Ridley (Gosforth).

WEDDING AT ROTHWELL

Two popular members of the band of the Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Northants, were married on October 8th. They were Miss Gwendoline Johnson and Mr. Brian Austin. Members of the local band rang both before and after the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon G. Turner).

Following a reception at the Tresham Hall, members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in honour of the occasion.

The couple left for a honeymoon as the peal commenced, and on their return will reside in Kettering.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Yardley Parish Church on October 1st. The ancient church has a fine crocketed spire, containing a beautiful modern octave, upon which some good ringing was obtained during the evening.

The Master, Mr. Albert Walker, who presided at the meeting, referred to the loss sustained, not only by the Guild, but by the whole Exercise, by the tragic passing of that great ringer, Harold J. Poole. He was a ringer who possessed great organising ability, was known personally by the majority of ringers in the room, and his loss would be felt in most of the activities in the art of ringing. The members stood in silence as a token of respect.

Miss Mary Funnell, of King's Norton, and Mr. T. A. Griffin, of Yardley, were elected ringing members. The tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified:—Miss Stella Hughes (Walsall), Miss Elisabeth Grime (Derby), Messrs. Selwyn H. Dearden (Oldham), James Phillips (London, N.W.3) and Richard J. Bowden (Bristol).

The next meeting, being the annual, will be held in the City on January 7th.

The Master referred to the peal recently rung at Southwark Cathedral by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths in celebration of the bi-centenary of the Guild. This fine gesture was much appreciated by the Guild, and the thanks of the members were extended to their friends of the College Youths.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL BAND VISIT LIVERPOOL

At 8 a.m. on September 24th Lichfield Cathedral ringers, together with friends from Alrewas, Penkridge and Stafford, set off on their annual outing. A very pleasant run was enjoyed through North Shropshire and Wrexham before a halt was made at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Pulford, on the main road from Wrexham to Chester. Here an hour's ringing was enjoyed.

Packed lunches were eaten whilst en route for the next tower, which was Neston, where the recently overhauled ring of eight (tenor 14 cwt.) was put to good use. This church seemed to be doing very well for weddings, as there were no less than four booked for that afternoon alone. A course of Double Norwich 'in hand' was also accomplished on the new set of handbells to be found in the belfry. The best ring of eight visited was at St. Saviour's, Oxtou. This is a modern church with a central tower. The tenor is 20½ cwt. in E.

The highlight of the day was ringing on the glorious new Taylor 12 of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, with its tenor of 40 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. The church itself suffered severe bombing during the last war and the wonderful restoration work and the beautiful harvest festival decorations were much admired.

Ringing for the day officially finished at Liverpool, but after a salad tea in Chester an hour had been allotted for sight-seeing, and on setting off from the restaurant the 'best music of all' could be heard in the distance emanating from the tower of St. Mary-without-the-Walls. Most of the ringers eventually found themselves ringing on this good eight.

Methods rung during the day were Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol and London Surprise Major, Grand-sire Caters, Cambridge Surprise Royal and Grand-sire Cinques.

The party would like to express their sincere thanks to all incumbents and ringers who met them and gave them the freedom of their belfries, the ringers at Chester for allowing them to 'barge in,' and by no means least to Mr. Oliver for arranging another enjoyable outing.

C. M. S

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES WILLIAM KING

With deep regret we record the passing on September 29th, at the age of 72 years, of Mr. Charles William King, after a long illness.

He had been a ringer at St. John's Church, Goole, for 53 years and was a life member of the Yorkshire Association, joining in 1902, and was a member of the Selby and District Society of Change Ringers. Although a french polisher by trade for 19 years, he took up a seafaring career in 1914 which he followed until 1954, when he retired because of ill-health. Nevertheless wherever his ship was in port on Sundays he visited his own or other towers to enjoy his ringing.

Because of his seafaring career his peals were limited, numbering 14. He rang in the first peal on the old bells at Snaith Priory Church, as well as in the last peal on the old six and in the first peal on the augmented eight. Mr. King was a very cheery and sociable personality and his passing means a sad loss to the ringers at St. John's Church, Goole. Our sympathy goes out to his widow and family.

The funeral service was held at his home, conducted by Sister M. Hopp, preceding cremation at Lawnswood. A quarter peal (half-muffled) was rung on October 4th in his memory at Goole Parish Church. L. M. W.

MR. FRANK W. ROLLINGS

With deep regret we record the death on October 5th at Weston Favell, Northants, of Mr. Frank W. Rollings, at the age of 68 years.

Mr. Rollings took up ringing early in life. He rang a peal at Weston Favell in 1908—the year in which Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, rehung the bells. This peal and one rung in 1910 for the death of King Edward VII. are recorded in the belfry and will perpetuate Frank Rollings' memory.

Although his main ringing was in his own tower, Mr. Rollings was equally 'at home' on six, eight or ten bells. He rang something like 130 peals in a variety of methods in Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters and Royal. Several peal boards in Northampton churches and elsewhere can be seen bearing his name.

Mr. Rollings was a member of the old Central Northants Association and of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild at its inception, but of late years he allowed his membership to lapse after the deaths of Thomas Law (for many years tower captain), Mr. A. Richardson and, later, the promising Mr. J. Linnett, who died in his twenties. The loss of these completely broke up the old Weston Favell band and the bells were seldom rung until the present team started from scratch.

A sufferer from thrombosis and failing sight, Frank would lend a hand, showing a willing heart. He did, in fact, ring a number of quarter peals of late, despite his two handicaps, and rang for two weddings (his last acts of ringing) on September 3rd. He was an authority on bee keeping and horticulture, and before retiring was head gardener at the Convalescent Hospital, Weston Favell. He is survived by a widow and a daughter.

On October 10th the funeral service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Douglas Hopkins) was attended by a number of friends including Mr. W. Gamage, Mr. F. Hopper and Mr. P. Amos, representing the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Mr. Amos, as tower captain, also represented the local ringers.

The deceased was buried near the sound of the bells which he loved and faithfully served for many years. A wreath was sent by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

In the evening following the funeral a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled, and at the conclusion the Rector went into the belfry and offered memorial prayers of thanks.

giving for one who had faithfully served his Lord and the art of bellringing

At a Guild meeting at Harpole on October 8th Mr. P. Amos touchingly referred to the life and passing of Mr. Rollings, after which all present stood in silence as a tribute to his memory. P. A.

A DAY IN THE DERBY-NOTTINGHAM AREA

By the calendar, September 24th was the first Saturday in autumn, but for an outing arranged by 'Bill' Stote the clerk of the weather provided summerlike conditions. Meeting at Stapleford (Notts) just before 10 a.m. the mixed band found that their visit had been forgotten, for there was no one to meet them. To save time the party then went to the second tower, Stanton-by-Dale (Derbyshire) (6, tenor 10 cwt.), where the Rector and Mr. Gobey welcomed them. After a short ring, back again to Stapleford (6, 7½ cwt.), where they were successful this time in finding the incumbent and, after a search, the belfry key. After about 20 minutes' ringing the band moved back into Derbyshire to Breaston (6, 7½ cwt.), where there was another delay owing to two cars going to Beeston in error! Car trouble then delayed the party still further.

Being well behind time, only a very short ring was had at Breadsall (6, 14 cwt.) and then to Ockbrook (6, 9 cwt.), where the bells rang one bride out of church and then welcomed another. After 20 minutes' ringing at Spondon (6, 10 cwt.) the Standard, now repaired, was collected from the garage and the party again redistributed. The next tower was West Hallam, a light eight (tenor 9½ cwt.) with a long draught which proved rather disconcerting to some of the younger members, but the bells were rung to speed another bride on her way after the reception.

Over the border into Notts to Trowell (6, 9½ cwt.), where some rope adjustment was necessary as the top of the tenor sally was about chest high. Next stop was Wollaton and another delay, for there was again no key. Luckily a way to the belfry was 'discovered' and these bells (6, 6 cwt.) proved the highlight of the day and the band were sorry to have to leave them so soon despite the noise in the ringing chamber. By various routes (each driver knew the way) the party arrived at Ruddington (8, 15 cwt.), where a meeting was concluding, and with the aid of the last remaining members the tourists got a course each of Bob Major and Stedman Triples before lowering the bells in peal at 8.30.

So ended a very happy day (despite various difficulties) and an outing in which ringers from Warwickshire, Nottinghamshire and Somerset took part. Ringing included Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor and Stedman Triples. The band are grateful to all incumbents who allowed the use of their bells, and the local ringers who met the band, and Bill's great efforts in organising such a successful tour are greatly appreciated. E. T. P. F.

St. Albans Abbey Juniors

Six towers were visited by St. Albans Junior Band on October 1st, when a half-day's coach outing was much enjoyed. The first tower was Hertingfordbury (5), followed by St. Andrew's, Hertford, Bengoe, Hunsdon, Widford and Standon.

Almost every church visited had harvest festival decorations, but the finest display was perhaps in the lovely little church at Widford. The very happy outing finished with a rather riotous journey home. Thanks are due to clergy and ringers who met the party at their churches and to those who granted permission for their bells to be rung.

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BIRTHS

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SMITH.—On October 12th, 1955, at Princess Mary Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to Robert and June Smith (née Ainsworth), twin daughters. 7135

MARRIAGES

HAWELL—DEARLING.—The wedding of John Hawell, retired sheep farmer, of Keswick area, Cumberland, and Miss Isabel Edith Dearing (a member of St. Mary's, Wimbledon, ringers) took place on Tuesday, October 11th, at Wandsworth Register Office, London. 7140

HAYWARD—MARLOW.—On Saturday, Oct. 15th, 1955, at St. Mary's Church, Fording-bridge, Hants, Michael John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hayward, of Woolwich, London, to Rosemary Kathleen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Marlow, of Bickton, Fording-bridge, Hants. 7159

TURNER—MACEY.—On Wednesday, Oct. 12th, 1955, at St. Mary's, Sutton Valence, Kent, Rev. G. Stanley Turner (newly-appointed Vicar of St. Denys', Eaton, Leicestershire) to Patricia Muriel, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Macey, of Bram Lea, Sutton Valence, Kent. 5157

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HORSMONDEN, KENT.—Practice nights have been changed from Wednesdays to Fridays, 7.30. 7144

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30. Ship 6 p.m. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck. 7097

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Meeting at Charlton Horethorne, Oct. 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 7111

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Worle, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 7127

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting now at Long Eaton (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Endeavour to make this a good meeting!—N. Bailey, 22, Borrowfield Road, Spondon, Derby. 7114

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7106

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Bala Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7110

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at Rochester Cathedral. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7054

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 6.30. annual dinner and social, Six Bells, 197, King's Road, Chelsea. Ringing: Barnes Parish Church, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, Putney, 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 7119

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Garboldisham on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Fox Hotel. Blo-Norton bells (6) evening.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 7107

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Autumn meeting, Leafield (6), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte. 7029

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Marlow (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7104

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Barrowden on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec. 7131

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Acomb, near York, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (3s. each) 5 p.m. approx., Church Hall. Names, as soon as possible, to Mr. F. Horner, Linden Lea, 6, Granger Avenue, Acomb, York.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7125

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Barton-in-Fabis, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. 7093

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Stowmarket (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Tea, Dykes Restaurant, opposite church.—B. Chilvers. 7116

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Heathfield, Oct. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 7108

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cosington, Oct. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 7130

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Dulverton, Saturday, Oct. 29th, 7 p.m.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 7129

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, Oct. 29th. Please make own tea arrangements.—F. J. Jackson, Hon. Sec. 7147

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, Oct. 27th (this is essential), to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne 3. 7149

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Ardleigh, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to F. H. Erith, Vince's Farm, Ardleigh. 7095

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Werburgh, Bristol, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 25th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 7145

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Upton St. Leonards (8), Oct. 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6.15 p.m. Notify before Oct. 25th for tea.—A. Lynall, Marlyn, Ermin Park, Brockworth, Gloucester. 7132

HEREFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Eastnor, Oct. 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 7128

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary Cray, Saturday, Oct. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than Monday, October 24th.—A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 7098

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Oct. 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service and tea. Frequent Green Line and local bus services. All members and friends welcome. 7101

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8) on Saturday, Oct. 29th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ladies welcome: gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, by Oct. 27th, please, to Jill Haffenden, Church Green, Marden. 7123

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Chapel Allerton (new 6), Oct. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea for those notifying, by Wednesday previous. Mr. Clark, 114, Wensley Drive, Leeds 7.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 7148

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Harby, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names, by the 26th, please, to Mr. J. Butcher, Langar Road, Harby, Melton Mowbray.—J. H. Cook. 7136

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington (6), Oct. 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea essential.—W. Hacker, Moggs Lane, Calstone, Calne. 7153

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Freckenham (5), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's, Mildenhall, after tea at Freckenham.—Mrs. E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 7152

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Surprise practice, Billingshurst, Oct. 29th, 3.30-5 p.m., 6-7.30 p.m. 7138

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.—Corporate Communion, Sunday, Oct. 30th, at 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast to W. A. Prescott, Elmleigh, South Road, Timsbury, near Bath. 7103

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Waltham (6), Nov. 5th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Nov. 3rd, to Mr. J. Willows, Snowdon, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 7126

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with the Bridgnorth Branch of the HEREFORD GUILD at Berrington on Saturday, Nov. 5th (brought forward from 12th). Bells available from 2.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, to Mr. W. Lloyd, 113, King Street, Cross Houses, Salop. 7150

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Greasley (8), Nov. 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 7133

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Sheffield, Nov. 5th. St. Marie's R.C., Norfolk Row (8), 2.30-5: Cathedral (12) 6-9 p.m. Tea in Wostenholm Hall 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hems-worth Road, Sheffield 8, by Thursday, Nov. 3rd.—J. Seager and J. J. L. Gilbert. 7155

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—318th anniversary dinner, Nov. 12th, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7087

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Fourth Annual Dinner at Stork Hotel, Walsall, Nov. 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 9s. 6d.; remittance with order. Accommodation is limited to 100, so early application is advisable. Ringing arrangements: St. Giles', Willenhall (10), 2.30-4 p.m.; St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), 4 p.m.-6 p.m.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 7142

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Preliminary notice: Annual Dinner to be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 26th, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Further details later. Tickets (10s. each) now available from R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 7134

MASONIC RINGERS.—Meeting in Wigan, Lancs, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Peal, other ringing, important business. Will those interested write: Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs. 7137

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice: Annual general meeting, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 1956. Full details later.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 7122

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice: The annual general meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Jan. 28th, 1956.—E. Vaughan Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle View, Shrewsbury. 7151

QUARTER PEALS

WALMER, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Frances Woodcock (first of Major) 1, F. R. Hawkins 2, Mrs. F. Lawrence 3, A. C. Rye (first of Major) 4, F. A. Rye 5, D. Ladd 6, M. Stephens 7, F. Lawrence (cond.) 8. For harvest festival, also as a wedding compliment to Miss A. Devonshire and Mr. G. Gray, two members of the Dover band.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Goodier 1, Janet Adamson 2, Sylvia Wickendon 3, F. T. Blagrove 4, A. Wratter 5, A. J. Glass 6, B. L. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. Painter 8.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Barlow 1, Phyllis Holborn (first of Major) 2, Gaynor E. Higgins (first 'inside') 3, Rachel Snell 4, P. S. Whalley 5, G. W. Biddulph 6, W. Massey 7, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 8. Rung for evening service and the 18th wedding anniversary of the ringers of the 6th.

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