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## LIGHTNING WORK

'WELL, I'm sorry, Beryl, I really feel I can't introduce you, he's not the right type for you—yes, well, that's different, I only see him at meetings and all he does is put his arm round me in a friendly way, and then only if Frederick's not around. No, not him, you've got them mixed up, no, this is Bert, yes, you know, that one, no, not the one who came over to a practice, and called old Mr. Higgins in and out three times instead of wrong three times, like he's used to—coo, the fuss! That was the commercial traveller one—wore checks but quite the gent, and kept saying to me, "Come on, sweetheart, whip your back-strokes in!"

Anyway, dear, this one's Bert, the one that asked me in that peal. Ooh, Beryl, never again! The trouble I had with Frederick, and all for what? Three hours' backache and a lot of blisters, that's all.

Frederick and me went to St. Ermytrude's practice, you see, and Bert and I were chatting in a corner, and he was saying how nicely I was coming on, and he asked me to ring the treble in this peal, and when we were going home I just mentioned it casually to Frederick, and honestly, dear, we nearly got a Belisha beacon and three old women who were crossing. He said it ought to have been him calling my first peal (and I didn't tell him what Bert had said about his conducting) only he wasn't going to hurry me on, he said, and I think he'd have turned the car round and gone back to ask Bert what he meant by it, only Bert's such a big chap.

So when we got back he stood on the steps with a noble sort of expression and said, "Well, I thank my stars I don't spoil my bands the way Bert does, shoving them into peals when they can barely handle a sally," and Mum came out and said, "I'll thank you not to use language like that on my front steps, Frederick, and my daughter listening; come along in, dear," and shut the door.

Then I didn't see Frederick for a day or two, and when I did he was ever so chilly, just a nod, and "I hope you've looked up Kent," and off without a goodnight.

Next week was the peal, and when I got there there was the funniest crowd of little men, honestly I felt like Snow-White and the seven dwarfs, yes, I was the only girl—don't be catty, Beryl, you could have taken up ringing too if you weren't so busy with Ern and the speedway—any-

way, Mum's always said ringers are a queer lot ever since we had some to tea and tried to explain ropesight to her, and if she'd seen this lot of little gnomes, she'd have been surer than ever. There was Bert, of course, and he had a friend, quite a nice-looking young chap, pink, with long fair hair; he said he was from Suffolk, Stan something or other. I thought he was about the best of the bunch, but he would keep spitting over his shoulder while he was ringing. I'm sure I don't know what he does when he's in a belfry that hasn't got a nice low window handy. Still, Frederick says every ringer has some kind of a habit.

Well, we started ringing, and we went on, and we went on. You know what it's like at the Palais, Beryl, if you haven't had time to change after work, and men are a bit short, you sit up again a potted palm wondering if the evening's ever going to be over; well, it was like that, only worse, because my hands were sore. I must have looked pretty far gone, because Bert was encouraging me, and that Stan kept saying, "Co-oop, gel, then, co-oop," at least, I think that's what it was; it sounded like calling the cattle home across the Sands of Dee.

Anyway, ducks, we finished at last, and I nearly fell flat, only that Stan put his arm round me, and said, "Art mothered, pretty one?"—yes, really, Beryl, he talks just like that, but quite good-looking, rather like that picture we went to yesterday, where Seth picks the girl up out of Deadman's Dyke, and crushes her to his leather jerkin, and carries her all the way across the moor to his mother's cottage.

So then Bert said he had to dash, and Stan said he'd be back later, and then he said to me, "Happen 'ee'd like a sup? Move then, lass," and gave me a slap and sent me out of the belfry, and we went to a nice little local, and I had my first shandy ever. And that Stan said he was staying for two weeks with Bert, and then he was coming down to get a job here, and he thought I was "a proper maid"—seems a funny thing to say to a girl, doesn't it?—and would I go to the flicks next Wednesday. You wouldn't think a Suffolk boy could move so quick, would you?

But the funniest thing was when I met Frederick on Sunday, and he said how did I like my peal, sort of sneering, and I told him about that Stan, just to put him in his place, and he's been bothering me to introduce him ever since because he says Stan's one of the best conductors in the Exercise.'

D. R. C.

## A BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON TOUR

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

### A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. 6
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 7
DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Daphne R. Castell and Malcolm S. Cloke.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

### A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

THOMAS E. SONE .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 6
ARTHUR D. COOK .. .. 3	BRIAN BLADON .. .. 7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The first peal of Lincolnshire on the bells. The conductor's 150th tower for a peal.

WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 13, 1957, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	BRIAN BLADON .. .. 5
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 5
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. .. 6
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. .. 7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 6
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

ARTHUR D. COOK .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 6
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 7
BRIAN BLADON .. .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 8
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 9
ANN M. COX .. .. 5	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

The first peal of Surprise Royal on the bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.

In memoriam Fred Hayes, late captain of this tower.

WARGRAVE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E.

CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. .. 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HAYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

A birthday peal for the wife of the conductor, and his 25th county for a peal of D.N.C.B.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

### A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb. in E.

DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 2	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. 6
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	BRIAN BLADON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

ARTHUR D. COOK .. Treble	BRIAN BLADON .. .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

The first peal of Bristol on the bells.

WOOBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

### A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 2	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. 6
DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

The first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

### A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. .. 6
ALBERT DISERENS .. .. 3	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. 7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

## A SIX - BELL WEEK IN YORKSHIRE

(PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION)

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD .. Treble	D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 4
JAMES THORLEY .. .. 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

## LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CHAPEL ALLERTON,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

JAMES THORLEY .. Treble	*D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 4
*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 2	*EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 5
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD .. 3	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

\* 25th peal together. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

## HORSFORTH, YORKSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 23, 1957, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

AT PADMAR, 146, BROADGATE LANE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 12 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1—2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3—4
ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

## WRAGBY, YORKSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND OUR LADY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4
JAMES THORLEY .. 2	†ALAN SHEPPARD .. 5
*D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 3	*EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

\* 100th peal together. † 50th peal.

## TEN BELL PEAL

## SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

*ERIC SUTTON .. Treble	‡REGINALD G. TOWNSEND .. 6
REGINALD W. REX .. 2	†RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 7
†MRS. F. G. WILTON .. 3	*FRANCIS G. WILTON .. 8
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 9
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome home to Anthony Peake on completion of his National Service with the R.A.F. Also a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Wilton, who are taking up residence at Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHRIS. T. GRAVES .. Treble	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 5
†A. GEORGE ORBELL .. 2	JOHN SCHOFIELD .. 6
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 3	HUGH NEILL .. 7
JOHN G. GIPSON .. 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

Rung to welcome Gillian Dawn Housden.

## DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 11 cwt.

TOM GREENACRE .. Treble	ARTHUR ROLFE .. 5
JOHN FOX .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 6
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS .. 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 4	JOHN ELSEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. W. B. S. Dorman, who has retired after 32 years as rector of Downham Market

## CHARLTON HORETHORNE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK .. Treble	†DAVID T. ROBERTSON .. 5
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 2	JAMES E. LOOKER .. 6
GORDON GAYLARD .. 3	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. 7
*W. JOHN PHIPPEN .. 4	ERNEST E. BRAY .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † First peal of Major.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Bray, parents of the tenor ringer.

## TENTERDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation of Middleton's.

Tenor 30 cwt.

*VIOLET ROLF .. Treble	WILFRED W. RING .. 5
†LAWRENCE T. POPE .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. 6
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 3	MARK W. MARSHALL .. 7
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hillis, who were married in this church 14 years ago.

## HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST J. JELLEY .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 2	*HARRY POYNER .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
JOHN A. ACRES .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal in the method.

## ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Treble	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. 5
ROGER LEIGH .. 2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. 7
STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. 4	HAROLD HAMER .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

A birthday compliment to Geoffrey S. Mills.



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## PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.
H. FREDERICK MYERS .. Treble	JOHN P. SIMS .. 5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 2	DENIS F. WHEELER .. 6
V. MARY MATHEWS .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 7
REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 4	*FREDERICK R. HOCKING.. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal at first attempt.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal for the Guild, which was also accomplished at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on Wednesday, August 21st, 1907.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CAROL FERNLEY .. Treble	*ALEX RICHARDSON .. 5
†SHIRLEY HARRIS .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
BRIAN HARRIS .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. 7
JAMES FEARLEY .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Bristol away from treble.

‡ First peal of Bristol.

## AYLESFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,856 Kent Treble Bob, 960 Oxford Treble Bob and 2,336 Plain Bob.

*GEORGE KENWARD .. Treble	*MICHAEL J. ROWE .. 5
JOHN L. MORRIS .. 2	BRIAN BLADON .. 6
*TERENCE BARTON .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. 7
*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal of Spliced Major.

## AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. Treble	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 5
REV. PETER R. BLACKMAN .. 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
†DAVID SIMPSON .. 3	*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 7
‡ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 4	TERRY I. ROPER .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples in the method. ‡ 150th peal together.

Rung for the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

## CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 5
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT .. 3	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. 7
GORDON BENFIELD .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

## CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKSHIRE.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

MARGARET A. SOFTLEY .. Treble	THOMAS M. COX .. 5
*MARION S. CAPEY .. 2	DENIS A. BAYLES .. 6
GEORGE S. DEAS .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
ENID SOFTLEY .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Composed by THE REV. H. EARLE-BULWER.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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

## GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
ROBERT J. CASTLE .. Treble	†RAYMOND K. RIVERS .. 5
WILLIAM J. PAICE .. 2	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE .. 6
*SYLVIA A. CASTLE .. 3	BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 7
MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. 4	FREDERICK J. E. HICKS.. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JENNIFER FIRTH .. Treble	MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. 2	ERNEST RAWSON .. 6
RICHARD PRIME .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
HARRY POYNER .. 4	ALAN CATTELL .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

\* First peal.

The composition has the 6th and 5th each in 6th's for six complete courses and the tenors undisturbed throughout the peal.

## MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

KEITH ABBOT .. Treble	HAROLD HAMER .. 5
*IVAN KAY .. 2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 6
ALLAN SMITH .. 3	PHILLIP HUDSON .. 7
STEPHEN L. PARRY .. 4	*SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by SELWYN H. DEARDEN.

\* 50th peal together.

Rung in honour of the 87th birthday of Mr. George Staff, a ringer at the above church for nearly 50 years.

## PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT .. Treble	BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 3	PETER J. EVES .. 7
GERALD M. ROUSE .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

## FRINDSBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
RUTH A. HIGHLEY .. Treble	ALBERT DUNK .. 5
*HARRY SPRINGATE .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. 6
LAURENCE MITCHELL .. 3	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 7
RONALD C. BURNS .. 4	ROBERT BURNS .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

\* 100th peal.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. A. Marley, a faithful worshipper and church worker at the above church, who died on August 18th, 1957.

## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

ARTHUR J. HART .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 5
*BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE .. 6
ERNEST J. LADD .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 7
COLIN A. TESTER .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 158). Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.' The ringer of the third 'completes the circle' for the second time.

Rung for the birth of a second grandchild to Mr. and Mrs. H. Vaughan.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 3,360 Grandsire, 480 April Day, 720 Reverse Canterbury and 480 Plain Bob.

*MARLENE M. GRIME .. Treble	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3
EDWIN WALKLATE .. 2	PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHTS .. 4

†JOHN E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's (C.C.C. Nos. 82, 58 and 59).

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*REV. ALBERT WEBB .. Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 4
ROBERT W. COLE .. 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5
*BRENDA M. SMITH .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Surprise. First in the method as conductor.

HEATH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (eight callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. Treble	EDWIN WALKLATE .. 3
†JILL G. DRAPER .. 2	†PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHTS .. 4

DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal away from cover bell. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
PAMELA LATCHFORD .. 2	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 5
*ALAN SHEPHERD .. 3	HUGH NEILL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

\* First peal of Surprise.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*MARYBELL MCKANE .. Treble	JEAN EGERTON .. 4
WILLIAM H. HARRISON .. 2	ERNEST TREAGUS .. 5
SYLVIA STREATER .. 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

\* First peal.

Arranged as a farewell to the ringers of 3 and 4 on leaving the village to take up nursing careers.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Plain, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

MRS. DOROTHY MOORE .. Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4
*BRIDGET H. MUTIMER .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 5
*MIRIAM A. HIGDON .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

ARTHUR C. WELLS .. Treble	DERICK A. PARDON .. 4
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER .. 2	N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY .. 5
*ROY E. CULLINGTON .. 3	HANBURY F. CARTER .. Tenor

Conducted by N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. F. B. Evans) by a band all resident in the parish.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

JOYCE DAVIES .. Treble	ROWLEY BILLINGS .. 4
THOMAS RUSHTON .. 2	LESLIE EVANS .. 5
ROSEMARY BRAY .. 3	*STANLEY PALMER .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

\* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and third.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (5) Childwall and Thelwall, (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

C. JACK GIBSON .. Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD .. 4
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
JACK PILGRIM .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

\* First peal in ten methods.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES B. MORLEY .. Treble	ROBERT W. LEAVETT .. 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
ALICE E. LESTER .. 3	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. W. Leavett.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one block of 2,160 and one 720 of Durham and three different 720's of Newcastle. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

RICHARD BUSBY .. Treble	THOMAS COOKE .. 4
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK .. 5
ROBERT T. SIMPSON .. 3	ROLAND PARK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Association.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C.C. Nos. 109, 110 and 103).

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Treble	ROBERT W. COLE .. 4
E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 2	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

## DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt.

ERIC WADMAN .. .. Treble	† JAMES HAWKINS .. .. 4
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 2	DAVID HOARE .. .. 5
* EDWIN BROWN .. .. 3	GWILYM SALMON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

\* First peal on tower bells. † First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Holbrook and Miss M. Knowles, for their wedding which took place earlier this day at St. Nicholas', Radstock.

## KINGSCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, using singles only, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 4
S FRANK TUFFLEY .. .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 5
GILBERT J. TOWNSEND .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal of Bob Minor on the bells, and as conductor.

## NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Treble	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 4
WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH

\* First peal in the method as conductor. Frank C. J. Arnold has now 'circled the tower.'

ASH, SURREY.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Sherwood 1. A. Tuck (first quarter) 2. Brenda Davidge (first as cond.) 3. A. E. Goodchild 4. S. Russell 5. E. Sherwood 6. For Evensong.

BACUP, LANCs.—On Aug. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. J. Williams 1. H. Parkinson 2. S. Lowe 3. G. Coppin 4. R. Leigh 5. J. Walsh 6. C. Clegg 7. N. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the Borough of Bacup.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Layton 1. R. A. Harbour 2. Gillian R. Parsons 3. R. I. Parsons 4. H. N. Pittsford (cond.) 5. N. Hobden 6. A. E. Cheeseman 7. M. F. Layton 8. Rung as a compliment to R. A. Harbour on his 21st birthday, and to G. R. Smerdon on his engagement.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1. J. J. Prentice 2. Miss A. E. J. Lester 3. R. W. Leavett (Tollesbury) 4. R. E. Lester (cond.) 5. G. R. Goodship 6. For Evensong.

BENGEO, HERTFORDS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Rushton (cond.) 1. J. R. Jordan 2. C. E. Hayter 3. Miss P. Doorn 4. J. E. Ewer 5. F. W. Ellis 6. G. Penney 7. J. H. Phillips 8. First of Stedman Triples for 3 and 6.

BLOXHAM, OXON.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Peglar 1. Miss H. M. Brant 2. C. C. Clarke 3. J. H. Gregory 4. R. A. Reeves 5. G. F. Burton 6. E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7. E. S. Hitchcox (tower captain) 8. Rung for the wedding of the tower captain's daughter, Cicely Mary Hitchcox to Ronald James Gregory.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey V. White 1. W. P. White 2. W. J. Tiley (cond.) 3. F. L. Andrews 4. H. G. White 5. H. G. Doel 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Geoffrey Sale, headmaster of King's School, also Vicar's warden, who is leaving for Rossall School, Lancs.

## THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANK BRUNT .. .. Treble	† BRIAN GIBLIN .. .. 4
* CLAIRE GREEN .. .. 2	† BRIAN HEPPENSTALL .. 5
GEORGE R. HINER .. .. 3	HARRY MORTIMORE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORTIMORE.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. G. H. Boothroyd who, after 25 years as people's churchwarden and 32 years as parochial treasurer, is leaving the parish to live in retirement near Ripon.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN PARVA.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

* BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	† HARRY POYNER .. .. 5-6
† ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3-4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 7-8
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. 9-10	

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* 250th peal as conductor. † 100th peal of Royal. ‡ 150th peal.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7-8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3-4	HARRY POYNER .. .. 9-10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 5-6	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 11-12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

## QUARTER PEALS

BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: June Knight 1. F. Reynolds (cond.) 2. Rosemary E. Ashley 3. H. E. Ashley 4. A. J. Hinde 5. J. L. Clarke 6. F. A. Elson 7. J. L. Garner-Hayward 8. Rung to mark the marriage the previous Saturday of Mr. K. Haswell to Miss M. Bailey, members of the local band.

## Durham and Newcastle Association's 80th Birthday

An excellent broadcast on the North Region by the president (Mr. K. Arthur) followed by a recording of the bells of Newcastle Cathedral, heralded the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the foundation of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

The proceedings last Saturday, which were attended by a large number of ringers, were admirably arranged. They included Evensong at the Cathedral, an act of rededication and thanksgiving in the Song School of the Cathedral, where the Association was formed, and a dinner in the Great Hall of Durham Castle.

A special report will appear in our next issue.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. T. Norris 1. C. Cook 2. E. Ashby 3. Miss S. Dorey 4. Miss M. Carnochan (first in method) 5. R. Waters 6. C. Slade 7. T. Norris (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CAPE TOWN, S. AFRICA.—On Aug. 24th, at St. Mary's, Woodstock, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): V. Sheppard 1. J. Riley 2. W. Smith 3. R. Stickley 4. O. Lamb 5. J. Ernstzen 6. For Evensong on the patronal festival of St. Bartholomew, sister church of St. Mary's. A welcome back to R. Stickley after two years in Nigeria.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 25th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. J. Button 1. L. G. Brett (cond.) 2. F. Ruffles 3. C. W. Beecroft 4. R. G. Parker 5. W. Ruffles 6. W. W. Miller 7. P. Laffin 8. For morning service.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire) with 7. 6. 8 covering: W. E. Honour 1. G. E. Deeley 2. W. Ivings 3. C. C. Clarke 4. E. E. Pearson (cond.) 5. W. H. Minner 6. H. L. Roper 7. B. J. W. Sykes (first quarter) 8. First in two methods for 1 and 6.

DERBY.—On Aug. 17th, at the Church of St. Luke, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Ryde 1. A. E. Thompson 2. E. H. Johnson 3. F. R. Lowe 4. A. Mould (cond.) 5. W. A. Morley 6. B. Barker 7. Vivienne M. Horton 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lowe, parents of the ringer of the 4th.

EALING, MIDDLEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Kent 1. H. J. Eldred 2. A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3. R. J. Cook 4. S. Croft 5. D. Theedom 6. W. T. Cook 7. A. H. Fulwell 8. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's silver wedding.

ELING, HANTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. White 1. Miss A. Knight 2. G. Northway (cond.) 3. J. Page 4. M. Northway 5. A. Fry 6. Rung by a Romsey Abbey band as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: 1. Waterman 1. Ann Howells (first of Plain Bob) 2. D. J. F. Oakshott 3. W. Parrott 4. N. Webb 5. F. Oakshott (first of Bob Minor as cond.) 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**—At the Church of S. Nicolas, on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman and 720 Grandsire): Joan K. Beazley 1, Monica E. Collins 2, Shelagh R. Collins 3, E. Etheridge 4, Ann M. Cox (cond.) 5, D. A. Cox (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled by members of the Sunday service band in memorial David Warner, who was a ringer at this church.

**HEAVITREE, EXETER.**—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Blown 1, N. Mallett 2, G. Skinner 3, F. Wreford 4, E. Glass 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, S. Milton 7, A. Mitchell 8. For Matins, and in honour of a visit from Gloucester of 1, 6 and 7.

**HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.**—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Robinson 1, M. Davis (first quarter) 2, J. H. Jones 3, J. K. Foot 4, J. Corbett (cond.) 5, V. A. Hemming 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Jill Brettell (a Tanworth ringer) and Mr. William Sparks, of Dunstable; also as a birthday compliment to Miss Robinson.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Biggs 1, Avril Thackray (first of Stedman) 2, D. Cornwall 3, I. S. Biggs 4, A. Foxall 5, J. D. Kape 6, A. E. Cox (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8.

**KERESLEY, WARWICKS.**—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allport (first quarter) 1, H. Folwell 2, W. A. Stote (cond.) 3, Miss T. Bowcutt (first 'inside') 4, R. D. Hart (first 'inside') 5. For morning service.

**LEEDS, YORKS.**—On Aug. 22nd, at the Church of St. Peter, Bramley, 1,260 Minor (in six methods—Single Oxford, Cambridge, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): J. Thorley 1, Sheila M. Schofield 2, D. Margaret Hawley 3, E. M. Bradley 4, A. Sheppard 5, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 6.

**LEYLAND, LANCs.**—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with a coverer): E. Sparks (first quarter) 1, J. Higham (first 'inside') 2, J. H. Owens (first quarter) 3, S. Walmsley 4, P. Barrand 5, A. Meadows (cond.) 6, L. Walmsley cover bell. Rung by regular Sunday service ringers for evening service.

**LONDON, E.C.**—At St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Harte 1, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 2, Miss E. Wooldridge 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, C. W. Ottley 5, D. R. Randall 6, W. T. Cook (cond.) 7, J. Armstrong 8.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on Aug. 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): Miss C. M. Woodward 1, Miss R. S. Hodgson 2, J. G. Pusey (first of Minor) 3, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 4, D. C. Bowen 5, M. J. Hallett 6. Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Daphne Castell to Mr. Malcolm Cloke.

**RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Yelling 1, Miss B. Carter 2, R. Thatcher 3, E. Brown 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, A. J. Jones 6. Rung by the local company as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. Holbrook, a member of the local band, and Miss M. Knowles, who were married in this church this day.

**RYE, SUSSEX.**—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Jennifer Southerden 1, D. Hodgson 2, C. Knowles (first 'inside') 3, A. Hicks (cond.) 4, J. Small 5, R. Chadwick 6, J. Moore 7, S. Skinner 8 (7, 6, 8 covering). First in three Doubles methods for 1, 2, 3 and 5. For morning service.

**ST. AGNES, CORNWALL.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,299 Doubles (60 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 759 Grandsire): A. Carveth (cond.) 1, P. Ruth Hosken 2, H. Harper 3, G. H. Lane 4, Gillian Neal Smith 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells.

**ST. LEONARDS, SUSSEX.**—At Christ Church, on Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bailey (first quarter) 1, A. E. Haynes 2, S. Bailey 3, J. Ridd 4, S. C. Driver 5, G. S. Piper 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, C. Hankinson 8.

**SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.**—On Aug. 24th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wareham 1, E. Chant 2, J. Ralph 3, A. E. Woods 4, M. Hallett (cond.) 5, M. Fisher 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Miss G. Edwards on her recent wedding, also as a token of appreciation to her parents for their services as ringers at this church for many years.

**SHPHAM, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman, 480 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob): D. Wright 1, W. Wilkinson 2, E. E. Bray 3, D. C. Jackson 4, T. Price 5. Conducting shared by all the band.

**TENDRING, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Ann Collier 2, F. A. Harvey 3, Ann E. Pryke 4, I. Cooper 5, R. A. Bugg (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.**—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Miller 1, Miss G. A. Ashby 2, Miss J. Downing 3, L. Earl 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Dr. Davis and Miss Dixon.

**WICKHAM, HANTS.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rolph 1, F. W. Burnett 2, D. Smith 3, B. Daysh 4, A. Mears 5, E. K. Jordan (cond.) 6.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. Bishop 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, M. Sinden 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, J. Brickell 6. First of Stedman Doubles for all.

**WINWICK, HUNTS.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Pat Mason (first quarter) 1, V. Headland (first 'inside') 2, P. G. K. Davies 3, F. E. Crosier 4, D. W. James (cond.) 5. Rung on the eve of the 16th birthday of the treble ringer.

**WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.**—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Mitchell (first quarter, first attempt) 1, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. M. Edge 3, Miss R. Snell 4, P. S. Whalley 5, L. Whalley 6, E. A. Edge 7, G. W. Biddulph 8. For evening service and dedication festival.

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To-morrow (Saturday) the University of London Society starts its tour of Norfolk and Suffolk, travelling on the Broads in three motor cruisers. The tour has been arranged with the idea of having a holiday with some ringing, rather than the reverse. Mr. John Armstrong has been appointed 'Admiral of the Fleet.' Plans have been made to visit some 17 towers before the decommissioning ceremony and Customs inspection at 10.00 hours on the following Saturday.

We regret to learn that Mr. G. Howard Underhill, of St. Illtyd's, Bridgend, band, has met with a fatal road accident.

Congratulations to Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, daughter of the president of the Central Council and Mrs. Sharpe, who celebrated her 21st birthday last Saturday.

Since the bells of Stradbroke, Suffolk, were augmented to ten, Mr. H. W. Barrett has made ten visits to the tower, and on each occasion he has rung a peal on a different bell in the tower. This he regards as a unique feat, even in the present advanced state of ringing. Will David Vincent please note!

An unofficial note regarding Cambridge University Guild week is that the party of between 20 to 30 are enjoying themselves. At the time of writing, two of the scheduled peal attempts have been successful—Double Norwich C.B. Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal (at Bishop's Stortford).

A tape recording was taken of the last part of the second 2,160 of the peal of Ipswich Surprise Minor rung at Eckington, Wores. on August 23rd, by the local Ringing Master (Mr. Ralph Perks) in his builder's office, which is two houses from the church. 'The striking was very good and we were much impressed,' writes Mr. Gerald C. Hemming.

## RELFRY GOSSIP

'The Co-operative Home Magazine' features an interesting article on the leaning towers of England. Towers mentioned are the Temple Church, Bristol; Puxton, near Weston-super-Mare; Woolstone and Gotherington, both near Cheltenham; St. Nicholas', Gloucester; Surfleet, Lincs.

Mr. A. P. Cannon 'turned in' his 375th tenor to a peal at High Wycombe on August 14th.

The Suffolk Guild is having a good year for peals and by the end of August had scored 86, which is more than last year.

When the Cheltenham Branch met at Swindon Village all the local band attended, although they are not yet members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. A wonderful three-course tea was laid on by the schoolmaster and his wife, so that a good time was had by all. Visitors included Mr. W. H. Truman, the Association's Master.

Congratulations to Mr. Brian G. Warwick, hon. general secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, on ringing his 500th peal. It was scored at the Loughborough Campanile on August 28th. The same evening two other records in connection with the foundry bells were established—Mrs. Phyllis Poole, most peals scored on the bells by a lady (over 150); and Mr. Ernest Morris, most peals by a gentleman (190).

Reading University Society will have a useful recruit next term in Miss Mollie Tilbury, of Bridstow, Herefordshire, who is a capable Surprise ringer and has been hon. secretary of the Ross District of the Hereford Guild. Mollie is to read English—a subject in which she obtained a distinction at scholarship level in her G.C.E. from Monmouth School for Girls.

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# OXFORD GUILD TO HAVE TWO-DAY ANNUAL MEETING

AN important decision was reached at the Oxford Guild festival, held at Oxford on July 20th, to hold an annual business meeting in the autumn. Owing to pressure of time, the proposal is that at the annual meeting following the festival service, business should be limited to the election of officers, their reports, the passing of the balance sheet, grants from the Restoration Fund, and such matters as deemed necessary by the annual committee meeting.

In spite of the bus strike, there was a larger attendance than usual at the festival. A large choir of men, boys and girls from all parts of the diocese led the singing at the service, which was conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg). The Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) read the lesson and was responsible for the organisation of the choir. Dr. Watson, the cathedral organist, using a piano instead of an organ (which was being cleaned) accompanied the singing.

The Archdeacon of Oxford (the Ven. C. Witton-Davies), who is a ringer, having learned to handle a bell while at Cuddesdon Theological College, gave the address. His theme was that the purpose of man's existence was for the sole purpose of worshipping God.

The Master presided at the business meeting held in the Chapter House, supported by the Deputy Master, the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the hon. secretary (Miss M. R. Cross) and the hon. librarian (Mr. H. L. Roper). After opening the meeting with prayers, the Master welcomed the Archdeacon of Oxford, who is a vice-president.

## THE GUILD BANNER

Arising from the minutes the Master and Mr. Edmans reported on the Guild banner. The Master stated that the Dean of Christchurch had granted permission for the banner to be used in the Cathedral, but that it could not be displayed in the Cathedral when not in use.

Mr. Edmans said that the design for the banner had been revised. He had received a promise of free workmanship and that the material would be woven free of cost. It appeared, therefore, that the banner would cost the Guild very little, and he hoped that some member of the Guild would provide or would be able to make the pole.

The Master thanked Mr. Edmans for all he had done and expressed the hope that it would be possible to use the banner next year. It was suggested that it might be possible to house the banner in a different part of the diocese each year.

## INVITATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL

The secretary reported that an invitation had been sent to the Central Council to visit Oxford in 1958. This was in support of one which had been issued by the Oxford Society, which was keeping its 225th anniversary that year. The invitation was rejected at Chelmsford by a narrow majority in favour of Dublin.

After the adoption of the officers' reports and the balance sheet, the following officers were re-elected: Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg; the Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe (and congratulated on his election as president of the Central Council); hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; hon. general secretary, Miss M. R. Cross; hon. librarian, Mr. H. L. Roper. The existing ten members of the committee were re-elected and it was decided to keep the two vacancies open.

## GRANTS FROM RESTORATION FUND

Upon the recommendation of the general committee the following grants from the Restoration Fund were approved:—

Church Hanborough—£20. The Master congratulated the Hanborough ringers on raising £420 in three years without help.

Wolvercote.—The original suggestion of £20 was raised to £40 after the Vicar of Wolvercote had spoken about the work which had been done.

Benson.—£10 towards work costing £210.

It was decided to change the title of the Bicester Deanery Branch to the Bicester and District Branch. Mr. C. Kinch explained that the branch covered a much wider area than the Bicester Deanery.

## 'Heavy Manual Labour'

*Presenting himself for his medical examination for the R.A.F. at St. Albans a ringer tells this story. A hoary old medico, after looking him over, started to examine the ringer's hands:—*

*'Worked on a farm, I see,' he remarked scornfully.*

*'No,' said I, somewhat disconcerted.*

*'Well,' he said, a little testily, 'you have engaged in some form of heavy manual labour?'—giving me a pompous look.*

*'No, I haven't.'*

*'Your hands are very heavily calloused,' he pointed out, as though to save himself.*

*Light dawned, so I admitted: 'Well, actually I am a very keen bellringer!'*

*His expression was worth two years in the R.A.F. to see! I was chuckling for ages over the idea of ringing being officially considered 'heavy manual labour'! I would like to have seen the resultant notes.*

## A BUSINESS MEETING IN OCTOBER

The hon. secretary explained that it never seemed possible to get through the business of the Guild in July without either rushing matters through without due consideration or making the meeting too long. It had therefore been suggested that a meeting should be held in October primarily to deal with business, and that the meeting be held elsewhere than Oxford.

At the July meeting business should be limited to the election of officers, their reports, the passing of the balance sheet, grants from the Restoration Fund and such matters as the annual committee meeting regarded as essential.

After considerable discussion, the majority of speakers favoured giving the autumn meeting a trial, and this was adopted. A vote of members favoured the meeting being held at High Wycombe, and if possible it was decided to hold the meeting there, the date and arrangements being left to the officers.

## REVISION OF RULES

The committee concerned with the revision of rules had now completed its second revision. Upon the proposition of Mr. Birmingham, seconded by Mr. Butler, the meeting decided to send a copy of the draft to each tower. The Master emphasised that the Guild must treat the matter seriously.

The Rev. H. Benson had offered to help in the revision of the service book. His name was accordingly added to the committee.

## BOW BELLS FUND

The general committee had recommended that the sum collected by the Guild should be made up to £35, but the hon. treasurer reported that this sum had already been received. Mr. Butler then proposed and Mr. Birmingham seconded that the sum be made up to £50.

The hon. secretary asked where the money was to come from as much of the money in the

Restoration Fund had been subscribed by parochial church councils in the diocese for work within the diocese.

It was decided that any money voted to the Bow Bells Fund should be taken from the General Fund. During a discussion, the question arose how much money had really been sent by the Guild, as it was known that some branches had sent their donation direct and not to Mr. Barker.

Mr. A. E. Lock said that he felt that more than £50 had been subscribed by the Guild in one way or another, and proposed that no further money be added from the Guild Funds. This was seconded and carried unanimously.

It was decided to hold the 1958 Guild festival in Oxford.

Suggested amendments to rules to the effect that a resident member subscribe 5s. annually was referred to the autumn meeting where it could be discussed at greater length.

The election of 296 new members was ratified.

## THE LUNCH

A company of 151 people attended the lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church, guests including the Archdeacon of Oxford and Dr. Watson, organist of Christ Church.

The Master, who presided, proposed the toast of 'The Queen,' and the Deputy Master submitted that of 'The Church and State.' The Archdeacon in his reply said it was only six months ago that he joined the Church of England. Before that he had been a member of a disestablished Church, but a much older one. He was happy to respond to the toast as a clerical ringer and a member of the Clerical Guild. He took the opportunity of thanking the ringers on behalf of those in authority for the services they rendered to Church and State. The Archdeacon promised his sympathy and support and to do everything he could to welcome them.

Miss Cross welcomed the visitors who had come to join the Guild in its festival. She particularly welcomed the secretary of the Cumberland Youths (Mr. P. Bond), a lady visitor from Australia (Miss F. Brown) and the visitors from Guildford. She coupled with the toast the name of Mr. W. Wilson, a representative of the London County Association, the author of an excellent book on change-ringing for beginners, and a member of the committee which was preparing the new Central Council handbook for beginners.

Mr. Wilson replied and also proposed the toast of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild.' As members knew, the Guild's Deputy Master had received the highest honour in the Exercise, when he was elected president of the Central Council. That was not only an honour for Mr. Sharpe but also for the Oxford Guild.

The Master thanked Mr. Wilson on behalf of the Guild, and said the Guild did realise the great honour that had been conferred upon Mr. Sharpe, and realised that in once again having one of its members as president of the Council an honour had been conferred on the Guild.

The Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral, the Chapter House and the dining hall; to Dr. Watson; to the clergy and ringers of Oxford for the use of the bells in and around the city, and especially to Mr. P. Walker who had helped to organise the ringing arrangements.

During the afternoon and evening ringing took place at the following towers: Merton College, St. Thomas's, Marston, St. Giles', Cowley St. James', St. Mary Magdalen, New College, Carfax, St. Ebbe's, Ifley, Wolvercote, Christ Church and Radley.

## POSTSCRIPT TO COLLEGE DEBATE

FOR those members of the Exercise—the majority in fact—not present at the recent meeting of the Central Council, their reading of the reported debate on the College may well conjure up a picture that is hardly realistic. This statement in no way reflects, of course, on the report itself, but is intended to convey that, writing from the centre of operations discussed, one is able to speak in terms of fact, instead of, as in this debate, arguments on what were almost entirely issues of supposition. For it is noteworthy that not one critic argued on what are the positive achievements of the College, still less called for any of these facts.

Quite simply, the College appears already to be likely to gain from the debate which, from some opposing aspects, might be considered as a waste of time. For the two motions for discussion had been prepared and submitted largely on conjecture, and before the proposals published about the College had been finally decided upon; with the result that the first of the motions has little or no bearing on what the College has, in fact, accepted, while the second motion was not even voted upon. For this issue two main reasons may be given:—

(a) Those critics who must share the responsibility for its inception may be shown, generally, either not to have read or not to have remembered that their various objections had, in fact, already been met, either in preliminary articles, or in subsequent correspondence in 'The Ringing World.' On these issues they may be challenged with references and dates.

(b) Probably because of (a) above, but certainly, in any event, they have done the Editor and his committee an injustice by maintaining a rather false position about the publication of the draft material for Part I of the Training Manual proposed. (See 8 below.)

It would be preferable, and only fair, to substantiate these 'reasons' by references 'chapter and verse,' but in the limited space of this article replies to a few of the more salient of the critics' points must suffice to show the other side of the picture:—

1. The principles embraced by the College are not the sudden ideas of one person, but have been 'developing' for some years, the ideas being shared by several instructionally-minded ringers.

2. Articles on this subject, in general terms, have appeared in 'The Ringing World' previously several times in post-war years.

3. The decision to publicise the proposals for a training organisation (or comprehensive 'school' of ringing) and a manual had NOT been taken at the time of the 1956 Council meeting. So there was nothing 'secretly' in preparation at that time.

4. The decision so to publish, when taken, was also to include an OPEN and general invitation to all ringers to participate in the development, and invitations by post, both to individuals and to officers of ringing societies, began to be issued. The time and the cost involved, however, soon began to show that this was not practicable, and it was reluctantly accepted that the invitations could only be continued to an extent that is 'general' if issued

through the only medium available to ringers—their own paper—'The Ringing World.' Such an invitation has been issued (i.e., to participate in developing the whole idea) at least three or four times in the paper.

5. Those who have responded are those who have built and are still building up the organisation, by the process of submitting suggestions, and/or criticisms of drafts circulated, based on experience in ringing tuition.

6. While those who have not responded cannot blame the College for their not having accepted the invitation, they may like to note that their co-operation is still welcomed.

7. From 3, 4 and 5 above it is clear that the suggestion that anything is 'being forced upon' anyone is ridiculous.

8. When all practicable ideas had been collated, they were embodied in an 'omnibus' script, i.e., so that a final selective edition could be made. This script, which was therefore only a provisional draft, was then offered to 'The Ringing World' for publication, with two main objectives:—

(a) Giving ringers generally the opportunity of making what use they might of the material that had taken, in fact, considerable effort by several, to get it together, and without any thought of recompense.

(b) Inviting constructive criticism and suggestions for moulding the material into generally acceptable form.

9. So at this stage neither the organisation nor its handbook were finally determined; indeed the draft constitution was still circulating to all who had expressed interest, as late as the spring of this year, and one of its more important articles prescribes conformity with and loyalty to Central Council rules and decisions.

10. A critic in the debate said that his charge of 'discourtesy' to the Council 'had never been answered.' Again, here is neglect to read. For, at least three times in 'The Ringing World' was that point taken up, including the quoting of the article as in 9 above.

11. Of the charge that qualifications in ringing are only to show superiority, it may be said that it is uncharitable nonsense, at least in the sense proposed by the College. The simplified ones finally adopted certainly have no 'academic titles,' and are primarily and solely to ensure that its work for the good of ringing does not fall below defined standards. There has been no proposal for 'titles' for ringers generally—although many ringing societies have qualifying standards of membership.

12. Meanwhile, commendations and thanks have been received in respect of the publication of the draft Part I of the Manual, expressing help derived, especially in towers more remote. This has encouraged the College to complete the revision of Part I and to make it available, at cost only. Its use has been successfully adapted for pupils of types ranging from village schoolchildren to undergraduates. (All work is, of course, entirely voluntary.)

Officers of the College appreciate the support given in the debate by members and other speakers. Records already indicate that the results of the first year's work will fully justify all support given to these needful efforts.

A. Y.-B.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION Bolton Branch's Good Meeting

There were two feasts for ringers at the meeting of the Bolton Branch at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 24th. One was a splendid tea provided free by the Parish Church Council, and the other the variety of methods rung.

This church is peculiar in the fact that it has not been dedicated to a saint. There are records of a former church which stood on this site in 1502 which may have had the name of Holy Trinity, but proof was insufficient to adopt that name. The bells (tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp) are of very good 'go' and tone. The ringing chamber is parlour-like with its carpeted floor and oak-panelled walls, and the rector is himself a ringer.

There was a large crowd of ringers from many parts of Lancashire and Cheshire, the predominant feature of the personnel being youth. There was only one 'greyhead,' and the Ringing Master had a formidable task to fit in something for everybody. There were rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and for Major ringers, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol, London, Spliced Plain Bob and Cambridge, and a bobbed course of Spliced Surprise in five methods, viz.: London, Bristol, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative.

About 50 sat down to tea, and a vote of thanks was passed to the rector for the use of the bells, the Parochial Church Council for the tea, and the ladies for their service at tea.

At the business meeting it was decided to accept an invitation from the Preston Branch to hold a joint meeting, a date to be fixed by the two secretaries.

P. C.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION Eastern Division at Old Heathfield

In the heart of the Sussex countryside at the little village of Old Heathfield, 40 ringers, including 'furriners' from London, Kent and Surrey, and old friends from 'Heffle' itself, gathered for a successful quarterly meeting on August 24th.

The eight bells were in continuous use during the afternoon, under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. L. Giles), and methods varied widely, including Cambridge Surprise Major, rounds and call-changes.

The service was conducted by the incumbent (Rev. H. Bradburn), whose predecessor in 1620 sailed as chaplain in the 'Mayflower.' The ringing, as usual, was noted for its heartiness rather than for its accuracy.

At the nearby Star Inn an excellent tea was served, and afterwards the Master of the Association (Mr. R. V. Johnson) presided at a short business meeting. At the 'Any other business' stage a very surprised divisional secretary (Mr. H. Reynolds) was presented with two miniature folding chairs for his 6-month-old twin sons. They were the handwork of Mr. George Dann, captain of the local ringers.

Ringing continued until the Ringing Master judged that the local inhabitants had had enough, when the bells were lowered in peal and many of the ringers revisited the Star.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## LANCASTER PRIORY BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to your note in Belfry Gossip about the bells of Lancaster Priory not being hung for ringing.

Having been a ringer there for ten-years and towerkeeper for five years, until I moved to Morecambe in 1954, I can assure you the bells are hung for ringing and are still in a ringable condition.

Although the bells are not rung regularly for service now, it is lack of enthusiasm on the ringers' part and not the condition of the bells as we still ring there for Branch meetings.

An electrically-operated chiming device was installed in 1936, and it was this device which was heard on the radio. It is operated by an electric motor driving a drum, on the same principle as the musical box, the drum having adjustable pegs, which by a series of levers and cranks are connected to the same hammers that were originally operated by the clock only.

The clock chimes are quite pleasant to listen to but the 'automatics' are very monotonous, there being only 48 pegs on the drum and the speed very slow.—Yours faithfully,

ROLAND F. ECCLES.

## DOUBLE PLAIN BOB

Dear Sir,—I was glad to see Mr. C. K. Lewis's comment on the fact that, as a result of the Council's decision at Chelmsford, what has hitherto been 'Double Bob' must now be 'Double Plain Bob'.

The motion, it will be recalled, declared that "Bob" is a general term for a class of methods and should not be substituted for the "Plain Bob" which indicates a particular method within that class. It follows automatically that if the basic method is Plain Bob, the Double, Reverse and Little versions must be Double Plain Bob, Reverse Plain Bob and Little Plain Bob respectively, since 'Double,' 'Plain' and 'Little' are also 'general terms for a class of method': one would not say 'Double Surprise Major,' or 'Reverse Surprise Major,' for example.

I trust no one will write to say that 'Double Bob' has come down to us from the early days of ringing. This point was made at Chelmsford in regard to 'Bob Major,' but was evidently thought to be of no significance.

I had fully expected that one or other of the supporters of Mr. Barker's motion would have brought these matters up, and that it would not have been left to two of its few opponents to do so.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

## 'ANTI-CLOCKWISE'

Dear Sir,—Reference to paragraph 5 of Mr. E. Barnett's letter on page 547, may I say (quite humbly) it has been my privilege and pleasure to take part in peals of Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters, Royal and Cinques on anti-clockwise rings of bells, and at Northfleet 'completed the circle.'

My one and only peal on five was Doubles in five methods at West Wickham, Kent, on March 31st, 1937, which was before the bells were augmented and hung the right way round. It was the first of Doubles by four of the band and was, incidentally, conducted by Mr. Barnett's son, the present secretary of the Central Council.—Yours sincerely,

J. BENNETT.

Grundisburgh.

## ST. PETER'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—With regard to St. Peter's Doubles. This is not the name of a method but the name of an extent of Doubles consisting of either 'St. Martin's with singles instead of bobs' or 'Spliced St. Martin's and Reverse St. Faith's.'

It is generally accepted by the Exercise that a method is defined by its plain course, and that the use of different bobs give variations and not new methods. Many of these Doubles variations have been named. Personally, I think these names should be retained, but such variations could be distinguished by the word Pleasure in their title, i.e., ring a peal of Plain Bob, April Day Pleasure, St. Martin's Bob and St. Peter's Pleasure, but at the same time admit that such a peal is in only two methods and two variations, not four methods.

As a Doubles ringer myself I think that some recent peals of Doubles should be analysed as follows:—

Barrow—4 methods and 1 variation, not 5 methods.

Wolvercote—6 methods and 4 variations, not 10 methods.

Road—9 methods and 2 variations, not 11 methods.

Sherburn-in-Elmet—19 methods and 2 variations, not 21 methods.

Kirby Bellars—7 methods and 3 variations, not 10 methods.

Perhaps other Doubles ringers could express an opinion.

What constitutes a peal of spliced Doubles or Minor? It is, I think, generally accepted that every extent must be an extent of spliced in two or more methods. One conductor in recent months has claimed as Spliced Surprise Minor peals in which only one extent was spliced. If we are to accept this as a peal of Spliced then it follows that every peal in two or more methods is a peal of Spliced. Is this acceptable to the Exercise in general?

Regarding the peal at Evesham on July 27th. This peal is credited to the Society that rang it and not the Society within whose territory Evesham lies. Surely this should be the case in every peal. If the Xshire ringers have a tour in Yshire and ring peals, surely such peals should be credited to the Xshire Society? Peals are surely rung by Societies and not for Societies. Let us have more of this honest crediting of peals.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

Dear Sir,—Being both the arranger of the peal of St. Peter's Doubles and the captain of the tower where it was rung, I contend it to be within my authority to answer your correspondent, Mr. J. E. G. Roast, of Danbury, Essex.

In the first place, the peal was never claimed as a new method, which Mr. Roast is trying to assert. It was merely stated to be the first full peal of St. Peter's Doubles. St. Peter's having been rung and recognised in peals many times in the past, ringers have a perfect right to ring it (or any others similar) again—a precedent has been created, and having recognised a thing once, no one, to be logical, can do other than recognise it again.

The Central Council has shown itself inconsistent in the past: it recognised Bob Triples; later said it wouldn't, and later again said it would. Plain Bob has changed its title from Bob to Plain Bob, then Bob, three times. Grandsire Minor, Major and Royal it recognised, later said it wouldn't and later again said it would. Canterbury Pleasure in older books it changed to Reverse Canterbury—I still call it (and publish it) as Canterbury—and intend carrying on doing so! After all, it was the Central Council who said once a method

has been named no one shall alter it—yet they are the first to go against their own ruling.

It was, I believe, Council members themselves who gave St. Peter's Doubles its name, and many others similar. Later they decided otherwise, and later again Mr. C. K. Lewis states: If ringers want to ring April Day, etc., there's no reason why their peals should not be recognised.—Yours sincerely,

P AMOS,  
Belfry Captain.

Weston Favell, Northants.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Roast and other purists, and perhaps the Peals Analysis Committee, may prefer to consider the recent peal as one of St. Martin's (St. Peter variation). He may, of course, ring and name other similar variations but, in Doubles and Minor, nearly all names have been provided for us already, and he would probably duplicate if he provided fresh ones.

That is the problem, really. Had the name 'St. Peter' been given to an individual plain course method this would have been attempted instead. There was a very special reason for ringing and naming the peal, associated with the dedication of the church, and that reason ought, I think, to outweigh technical considerations of nomenclature. There has been controversy in the past about this, but as I read the C.C. Doubles Collection, we are only advised against ringing variations under their own names at present. This collection gives eight callings for St. Martin's, by the way.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin, Herts.

## HEYWOOD'S 5,024 DOUBLE NORWICH

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see that Mr. Brian Buswell gave due recognition to Sir A. P. Heywood's excellent peal of D.N.C.B., in his article on Choosing Compositions ('R.W.', page 533). A well-known conductor of this musical method has used this peal with considerable success, and it appears to have the ideal combination of music and simplicity. It can be well recommended to anyone wishing to call their first peal in this 'not as easy as it looks' method.—Yours truly,

'BOB CALLER.'

## RINGERS AT CRICKET

Dear Sir,—With reference to the cricket match at Tanfield. History repeats! I remember reading in 'The Ringing World' some time before the 1914 war, of a cricket match being played between the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the College Youths on Mitcham Common. Perhaps my old friend Frank Hains, who I believe took part, can recall the rest of the participants. (A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since those days!)—Yours sincerely,

CECIL V. EBBERSON.

King's Lynn, Norfolk.

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# CANNON-SONE TOUR IN BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON

THE annual 'Cannon-Sone' tour, now in its eighth year, was again very enjoyable, and 11 peals were scored out of 18 attempts. Some of the failures were purely bad luck, but a lost peal is soon forgotten amongst the merriment and comradeship of a peal-ringing party.

In view of the petrol situation early in the year, it was decided to postpone our proposed visit to Lancashire and make our H.Q. nearer home. Reading seemed to be the ideal centre, and it proved to be a very good choice because there are plenty of towers within easy distance, and good rings of bells, too. Members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild co-operated in a splendid manner, and we would like to thank them for kindly allowing us the use of their bells, and seeing that everything was ready for us.

We commenced on Saturday, August 10th, with a good peal of Yorkshire on the light-weight ring at Shiplake. The peal was rung as a compliment to a recently-engaged couple, the male member saying that it was his first peal this year. Mr. A. K. Street met us at the church and joined with us for a touch of Stedman after the peal, for the benefit of other members of our party, who had arrived to hear the end of the peal. Thanks to the taxi service of Mr. K. R. Holtom, who joined us for the weekend, we were able to get to Sonning (8, 20½ cwt.) without getting wet. Mr. F. Cox had everything ready, and we rang a course of London on these fine bells, with Cambridge and Stedman, to which Mr. Cox rang the tenor.

For Sunday morning we had the pleasure of joining Mr. Albert Discrens and some of his local band for service ringing at St. Mary's, Reading (8, 25 cwt.). The high spot of the morning was a touch of 5-spliced rung without a misblow. In the afternoon we had a grand welcome from Mr. C. Wilkinson at Hambledon (6, 11 cwt.). Charles has a really keen sense of humour, and asked us to 'fire' the bells, as he had not heard it done at Hambledon before! He is to be congratulated on having such a beautifully-kept ringing chamber.

We were sorry to leave this charming village, but had to get to Henley (8, 22 cwt.) to meet Mr. C. J. Tigwell and enjoy a ring on his excellent bells, cast in 1812 by Thomas Mears, jun. We were delighted to have Mr. Hubert Hatto join us for a nice touch of Stedman. Mr. Hatto used to ring with the old Caversham band, whose reputation for good striking was well known over 30 years ago. His handling of a bell is still an example to any young ringer.

## A GOOD PEAL, AND SOME BAD LUCK

Our first peal-tower for Monday was East Hagbourne (8, 21½ cwt.). We were met by Mr. A. H. Webb, local captain, and as his band have a reputation for good striking, we were determined to score a really good peal on these splendid bells. They are a joy to ring, and the tap-notes are just right.

Another band were left at Blewbury (8, 19 cwt.) to attempt Cambridge, but came to grief after 2½ hours' ringing, for causes which only those ringing could understand!

After an excellent lunch at the Fleur-de-Lys Inn, kindly arranged by Mr. Michael Bishop, we arrived at Harwell (8, 16 cwt.). Some really excellent ringing followed in the attempt for Superlative, which was lost through a miscall, with only five courses to ring. This was a big disappointment to all, as the striking had been so good. Those not ringing visited East Hagbourne (6, 22 cwt.), the heaviest six in Berks, and certainly one of the hardest to strike properly. One of the local band kindly showed us one of the oldest clocks in the country, made by James Seymour, of Wantage, and dated 1525. It is still in working order, though there is no face to tell people the time!

We enjoyed a ring at Chilton (6, 8 cwt.) with Mr. A. Samler, and finished up the day on the light ring at East Ilsley (8, 8½ cwt.), where we were joined by Mr. Cyril Hibbert, nephew of the famous 'Tom' Hibbert, and his local band. The last touch of the evening was Bob Major, in which a young member of the Hibbert family rang the treble with confidence and accuracy.

## A DAY IN OXFORDSHIRE

A wet day greeted us on Tuesday: in fact the weather was poor all the week, but in some ways this was an advantage, as it was not too hot for peal-ringing. Our first peal-tower was Watlington (8, 24 cwt.), and we were met by Mr. A. Hine. Conflicting reports had been received about the 'go' of these bells, and someone had done a few extra handpresses to be perfectly fit! However, we were pleased to find that no particular effort was needed to finish a good peal of Yorkshire. The 'seventh-king' rang in a pair of white shorts, to make sure he did not soil his shirt! Those not ringing visited Brightwell Baldwin (6, 8 cwt.) and Chalgrove (6, 16 cwt.). Another good lunch was eaten at the Pineapple Cafe, and we continued to Warborough (8, 11 cwt.), where Mrs. F. Absalom met us. The first peal of Surprise was duly rung, though perhaps not as well as it might have been. Another band were attempting London at Dorchester Abbey (8, 16 cwt.), but another big disappointment came when after 2½ hours' excellent striking, the slow falling of the fourth indicated a broken rope. As there had not been a misblow for 1½ hours, it is worth giving the names of the unlucky ringers: S. J. Ivin 1, R. W. Rex 2, A. D. Cook 3, G. R. Parker 4, F. E. Wilshaw 5, R. G. Leale 6, P. Mehew 7, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 8. Those not peal-ringing visited Long Wittenham (6, 9 cwt.) and Little Wittenham (5, 5 cwt.). At the latter place we congratulate the band who rang a multi-method Doubles peal in 1948. The writer thinks that the man on the fourth is a keener man than he is! Though perhaps the 'go' was better nine years ago!

It was a very great pleasure for some of us to make the acquaintance of a grand old veteran ringer of the '90's, Mr. Charles H. Exon, now aged 80, who rang the fourth in Washbrook's famous 11,328 of London in 1896. He is amazingly fit and active, and related several interesting anecdotes about the famous pair, J. W. W. and the Rev. F. E. R.

Our last tower for the day was the very fine ring at Ewelme (6, 19 cwt.), rehung by Taylors. We apologised to Mr. P. Baker for being nearly 30 minutes late, but he and the local band gave us a happy welcome.

## AN EXCELLENT PEAL

For Wednesday we were joined by Ann Cox and Joan Beesley, who were with us for the whole week last year, but could not fit in their holiday dates for this year conveniently. An attempt for Superlative on the really excellent Taylor ring at Hughenden (8, 14½ cwt.) was lost after 1 hour 20 minutes' ringing, mainly because we were ringing too fast to get the best out of the bells. We hope Mr. J. D. Kape, who met us, has forgiven us for what *should* have been one of the best attempts of the week. The other party at the unique tower of West Wycombe (8, 16 cwt.), where Mr. P. G. Harris had everything ready, were more successful with Yorkshire.

We were very sorry that Tom Sone had to leave us on Wednesday morning owing to a sudden family bereavement, and Brian Warwick left us after lunch, as he felt that three days away from home was long enough!

One of the high spots of the week was undoubtedly the excellent peal of Cambridge

Royal rung at High Wycombe (12, 30½ cwt.). Although we had a band for a 12-bell peal, it was thought we would ring a better peal on the back ten, and we feel we justified the decision. Robin Leale took on the role of bob-caller with only an hour's notice, and did the job well. The peal was a fitting 'In memoriam' peal for the late Fred Hayes, whom we had hoped to meet on the day. Many thanks to Mr. W. H. Plumbbridge for meeting us, and having everything ready.

Those not ringing were welcomed by Harry Wingrove at Beaconsfield (8, 22 cwt.), where Bristol was rung; and the last tower was Marlow (8, 15 cwt.), where Mr. E. D. Poole was pleased to renew friendship with his old county companion, Hector Bennett, of Shropshire.

## ANOTHER ATTEMPT FOR LONDON

Thursday arrived and we all hoped that the same band, who had the broken rope at Dorchester, would achieve London at Twyford (8, 12 cwt.). But it was not to be, because the attempt ended after 2½ hours, and the ringing not quite as good as at Dorchester. The usual well-known peal of D.N.C.B. was scored at Wargrave (8, 17 cwt.). It never fails, and can be recommended to anyone who wishes to make sure of scoring! Mr. E. G. Burrows was expecting us at 9.30 a.m., and as we thought we had arranged for 10 a.m., he had to be telephoned to return with the key—the only mistake in the organisation!

In the afternoon, Mr. E. E. Gosling met us at Boyne Hill (8, 15½ cwt.), and Brian Bladon made a good job of the tenor, ably assisted by the rest of the band, for the first peal of Yorkshire on the bells. These are a good ring, cast by Warners in 1868, and recently rehung by Taylor's. Although comparatively light, they cannot be hurried, as the brick tower provides plenty of sway. The remainder were given a grand welcome by Mr. Tom Fowler at Cookham (8, 14½ cwt.), and he joined us for Cambridge and Stedman. Later in the evening, both he and Mr. Gosling met us at Bray (8, 26½ cwt.) where, amongst other methods, a very well-struck touch of 5-spliced was rung. Even the redoubtable George Gilbert, who was listening in the churchyard, must have been satisfied! Very many thanks to Mr. J. E. Norsworthy and his local band for kindly allowing us to ring during their practice night. As it was Princess Anne's birthday, the opportunity was provided to join the local ringers at the famous Curfew Tower, Windsor (8, 26 cwt.), and was much appreciated by everyone.

## A GOOD PEAL OF BRISTOL

Arriving at Farnham Royal (8, 12½ cwt.) on Friday morning, we were welcomed by Mr. 'Bill' Henley, still looking very fit, although he does not ring so many peals these days. A strong band was chosen for Bristol, and to everyone's delight an excellent peal was scored, conducted by Stephen Ivin. This was only his second success of the week, as he had been unlucky enough to have been in four of the early failures.

The band who went to the fine Gillett ring at Stoke Poges (8, 13½ cwt.) were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barker. The attempt for Cambridge lasted 1 hour and 20 minutes, and the failure can be blamed mainly on too many late nights. We were very disappointed at losing this peal, but appreciated the opportunity of making the attempt.

After lunch on the Bath road, another attempt was made for Cambridge at Wooburn (8, 18½ cwt.), and Mr. C. A. Smith had everything ready for us. The bells have recently been rehung on ball-bearings, and now 'go' very well. A good peal was duly rung, and

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## 'PER ARDUA'—THE ADVENTURES OF EGBERT

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The second sitting for tea was duly arranged, but it naturally delayed the business meeting and rather spoiled the proceedings generally. However, it was over eventually, but some of its partakers looked as though they would have liked a little more.

The tables were then cleared and the business meeting began, with the Vicar in the chair. The agenda was light and as no one appeared to have any contentious questions to raise the meeting was over in a little more than twenty minutes, for which Egbert was glad. He was not interested in the proceedings but had nothing to do until ringing began again.

Owing to the delay at tea time a number of the visitors had to leave, since Little Taterfield was somewhat isolated, and on arrival at the tower it was found not enough were left for a further attempt at Spliced Doubles, so after about three-quarters of an hour, when others had to take their leave, the bells were lowered and those remaining adjourned to the 'Ring of Beef.'

The R.M. and the secretary were among those who had not yet to depart, and they invited Egbert to go along with them. Since he was not due back until midnight Egbert decided to go. On arrival at the hostelry, they found a small group already entrenched there, having not bothered to go back to the tower after tea. The R.M. regarded them with mild disapproval and told them there would have been enough for another go at the 'spliced' if they had been there. The refreshments having arrived, however, the matter was not pursued, and the newcomers made themselves comfortable.

Egbert found himself sitting next the tower keeper, who opened the conversation by asking Egbert how far he had travelled, after which they chatted about various ringing matters, while the R.M., who sat opposite, was engaged in conversation with the secretary.

### CANNON-SONE TOUR—continued

cheered us up after the morning failure. On both Thursday and Friday, Reg Rex nearly brought off his first 'two-in-a-day' since losing his arm. As usual, Rex's ringing is perfect and an example to all.

We finished up the day with two short touches at St. Giles', Reading (8, 15 cwt.), and were joined by Mr. Albert Discrens and two of his talented sons, Jim and Ronald. They had their bags ready to catch the train for Ireland. Albert has a family to be proud of, and to hear him and his three sons tap off a course of London on handbells, without a misblow, is something worth listening to.

### THE LAST DAY

Owing to several wishing to return home early on Saturday, it took quite a bit of organising to get a band out to Stratfield Mortimer (8, 11½ cwt.) and to choose seven who would not be going to Windsor in the afternoon. The result was a very fast peal of Superlative, and Alan Ainsworth certainly had to work hard on the tenor.

At Windsor an attempt for Yorkshire was stopped at the first trip, after 50 minutes' reasonable ringing.

Once again, another very enjoyable week was finished for another year; and we would like to thank everyone for their excellent co-operation, not the least being the splendid driving of Mr. 'Ted' Palmer, of Messrs. Smith's Coaches, Reading. We hope to see him again next year, when we visit another new county in quest of peals, new towers and good scenery.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Two others who had been standing up came and joined those at Egbert's table, and one of them asked the R.M. for the figures of a new Surprise method which had recently been rung. The R.M. asked him to jot them down, which he did, thus: -38-14, 58-12, 38, 14-14, 58, 16-16, 78, adding the instruction '2nd place lead-end, 4th place bob.' The secretary observed that that idea of notation was quite catching. The railways would appear to have started it with their 4-6-0, 0-6-0, etc., being wheel arrangements of locomotives. The plan was later used in giving vital statistics of film stars—37-26-36, and now ringers had seen its advantages for their own purposes.

From this point the conversation slipped easily into a discussion of methods and then method extension. This was a subject which interested Egbert and, since he rather fancied himself upon his theory, it was not very long before he was involved in a somewhat animated exchange of opinions with the two who had lately joined the party. These two obviously knew what they were talking about, and Egbert found himself out of his depth very quickly. He was told he must have been looking at some of the work of the Wizard, but this did not appear to register with him, whereupon the secretary, who had been listening during the last few minutes, informed him that they were referring to the Wonderful Wizard of Cos, who was a difficult proposition to Tan, although they might Log him for his Sin.

This abominable crack drew titters from the others, adding to Egbert's discomfiture, but the R.M. came to his rescue by asking if anyone fancied a touch of anything upon the handbells, which reposed in a bag under a seat. Four of the party decided to try Bob Major and two courses were rattled off without much difficulty, after which they tried Grandsire Triples, but for some reason this would not go, and after one or two attempts the bells were replaced in their bag, and the party showed signs of beginning to break up. Egbert was not altogether sorry, things not having gone very well for him since tea, and he had not yet recovered from the mauling he had received over the question of method extension. Having secured his ancient bike, he bade his 'good nights' and, minus the first of his tail feathers, pedalled morosely away from Little Taterfield.

B. C. A.

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## LATE NOTICES

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—As yet, it has not been possible to arrange any tea at the meeting at Renhold. Therefore, please make own arrangements.—Phyllis M. Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 819

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—A practice will be held at Caversham on Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 822

**STAUNTON - ON - WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—Dedication service (Lord Bishop of Hereford) of rehung bells (6) (John Taylor and Co.), Friday, Sept. 13th, 7.30 p.m. Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Numbers to W. H. Price, The Rowles, Staunton-on-Wye, by Thursday. 818

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury District.—Supper and social at Lavenham, Oct. 26th. Please book the date—further details later.—R. J. Seabrook. 820

## A YORKSHIRE PEAL WEEK

AFTER last year's success, another week of peal attempts was arranged in Yorkshire during August. This time, however, only four peals were accomplished out of eight attempts.

On Monday, 19th, a well-struck peal of Minor in five methods was rung at Batley, the last part of which was heard by Mr. W. Eric Critchley, the peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

Two attempts were scheduled for Tuesday, the first of which, at Chapel Allerton, was successful. Here another good peal of Minor was rung, although the band showed a tendency towards carelessness. But after a good start to the week's programme the ill-luck that was to attend us for the next three days met us at Armley in the afternoon. We were due to attempt Kent Major, but on arriving at the tower discovered that Alan Hartley was too ill to stand in, and went for another peal of Minor instead (Sheila kindly standing down). A broken rope at the end of the first extent gave us our first failure.

Wednesday saw us at Horbury, where after over an hour's work spent in changing the treble rope (our thanks to Irvin Slack for his efforts on our behalf), Stedman Triples went quite well until faulty front work meant that we had failed for the second time this week.

The band which met at Bramley on Thursday morning was determined to stop the rot, and although Ted Bradley at first seemed likely to join Alan on the sick list, he was fortified with Lucozade and a start was made for Minor in six methods. The first extent (Single Oxford) was rung in fine style, but during the second (Cambridge) one ringer must have heard a gremlin call 'bob', for she came from the back regardless and by mischance rounds came up. No peal, but we rang a quarter to restore our shattered confidence.

A handbell peal had been arranged for Friday morning, and after two very small members of the Ladies' Guild had been seen off the premises, this was duly rung at 'Padmar,' Alan Sheppard taking the place of Ted Bradley who was still a trifle tottery. The afternoon, however, brought us our fourth successive tower-bell failure. Thorne bells are not as good now as they might be, and the band was not really in the mood for a peal here. Cambridge petered out and we then rang a good quarter of Bob Minor.

The last attempt of the week was on the new bells at Wragby. Here we found the form we had shown on Monday, and a very enjoyable peal was rung in four methods. Wragby church stands in the grounds of Nostell Priory, and as Saturday was an open day, we had a considerable audience (ground floor ringing room) until just before the peal finished: this included the inevitable small boy, who sat for a long time behind the ringer of the fifth, kicking his pew for all he was worth.

Despite our 50 per cent. failure, we had a pleasant week of good ringing, and we would like to express our thanks to all incumbents and local ringers who so kindly granted us the use of their bells and met us at their towers. J. M. T.

## NEWS FROM CAPETOWN

When Mr. R. Stickley arrived once again in Table Bay, on August 22nd, he was accorded a streamlined passage through the formalities of disembarking. Although he was in his hotel by 8.20 a.m., his reputation had preceded him, and an interview with the S.A.B.C. took place later the same evening; and the recording went over the air the next evening. On Sunday, August 25th, all the Cape Town ringers, excepting those suffering from Asiatic 'flu, gathered to meet him at tea, and afterwards proceeded to St. Mary's, where a successful quarter peal was rung.

## NOTICES

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**LININGTON.**—On Aug. 28th, 1957, at the Rustington Maternity Home, the gift of a son—Andrew Douglas—to Pamela and Douglas Linington, of Married Quarters, R.N.A.S., Ford, Sussex. 821

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Preliminary notice.—Through unforeseen circumstances the date of the annual meeting has been changed to Saturday, Jan. 25th. Annual dinner, Feb. 1st.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 771

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.**—We should be pleased to hear from ringers coming up to the University, or associated colleges, as freshmen this October. Please communicate with the secretary, Patrick J. Bird, 2, Court Drive, Wellington, Somerset. 793

The bellringers of St. Mary's Church, Felmersham, Beds. will hold their practices on Thursday evenings at 7.30 instead of Tuesday from Sept. 8th. Visitors welcome.—C. M. Payne. 810

## MEETINGS

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6) on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 785

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Downham, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Oliver, Frennell's Garage, Downham. 720

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Gold-hanger (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 735

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Sept. 7th, St. Stephen's (10). 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Please come and support the practice.—A. Bennett. 793

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Saturday, Sept. 7th, Barley, 2 to 4 p.m. Barkway from 3 p.m. Tea at Cross Keys, 5 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 750

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Meeting at Langleybury (6) on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 6 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley. 763

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Cowden on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m. 781

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, Sept. 7th, half-yearly ringing meeting at Rochdale Parish Church (8). 2.30 to 9 p.m. Committee will meet at St. Chad's Fold, Water Street, at 3.30 p.m.; also the bells of Whitworth, St.

Bartholomew (8), will be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Chad's Fold at approximately 3s. per head. 693

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Sonning on Sept. 7th, and Waltham St. Lawrence on September 21st; both at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 781

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Croydon, Surrey. St. John's bells (12) available 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Sylverdale Hall. All very welcome!—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 724

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 749

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hinton-on-the-Green on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting and tea. Good attendance, please. 758

**CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.**—St. Bartholomew's Church.—Annual ringers' service, 6.30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 8th. Address by Rev. D. Ballard. Bells (8) 5 to 6.30 p.m. and after service. All welcome. 765

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Kirkburton, September 14th. Bells 3 p.m. For tea, notify Mr. Eric Burton, Church View, George Street, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, not later than September 7th.—J. W. Buxton. 790

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A good attendance is hoped for.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 788

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Patrington, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Bells to 9 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 12th, to Mr. D. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington. 815

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Chelford (6). Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Refreshments provided.—B. Corbishley, Branch Sec. 817

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Next meeting at Studley on Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. These bells have just been rehung and augmented to six.—H. M. W. 806

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton, Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 3 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea available.—A. B. Cooper. 816

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Brampford Speke, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Sept. 10th.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec., 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 787

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Houghton, Saturday, Sept. 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 12th to Mrs. Raine, 43, Gertrude Street, Grasswell, Houghton-le-Spring. 788

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (own food) 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 813

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Dullingham, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Balsham bells available after tea. 762

**FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL.**—The Ladies' Guild (Southern Section), Guildford Guild (Farnham Branch), Oxford Guild (Sonning

Deanery Branch), Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District).—Meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Service in St. Michael's Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea (usual arrangements) 5 p.m. in the Church Cottage. Towers: Basingstoke—St. Michael's, 2.30 to 4.15 p.m., 6.15 to 9; All Saints', 2.30 to 4.15; Bramley, 2.30 to 4, 6.30 to 9; Overton, 2.30 to 4; Upton Grey, 2.30 to 4, 6.30 to 8.30; Odham, 2.30 to 4; Deane, 2.30 to 4, 6.15 to 8.30; Sherborne St. John, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 802

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Allensmore, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 11th, to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 799

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 14th, Benington (note change in place), 3 p.m. T. J. Southam. 804

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 11th, to Mr. F. A. Rye, 74, Downs Road, Walmer, Deal.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 780

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Bearsted on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Evensong 7.30 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 759

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Malmesbury on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea essential to Mr. H. G. Blanchard, Braemore, Filands, Malmesbury.—M. J. de Jong, Hon. Sec. 808

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midland District.—Meeting at Great Barr on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 11th, please, to Diana Perrins, 153, Plank Lane, Water Orton, near Birmingham. 809

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Preston and Blackburn Branches joint meeting at St. Michael's and All Angels', Blackburn, on Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Nominal charge for tea. Will those requiring tea please notify, by the 12th inst., Mr. Tomlinson, 370, Whalley New Road, Blackburn. Compliance with this request will oblige.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 787

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Morecambe, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Ringing 2.30 to 8.30. Tea (approx. 2/6) at 4.30. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea, by Saturday, to R. F. Eccles, 22, Walton Avenue, Morecambe. 786

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Francis Xavier's, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday 11th, to Mr. T. Egan, 6, Norwood Grove, Liverpool 6. 784

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly general meeting at Lutterworth (8) on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Manor House Café, Market Street, 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Buses leave Newark, Leicester, at 2.35 and 4.35, returning 7.45 and 8.10. Train from Leicester Central, 2.29, returning 7.29 and 8.37. Names for tea by Sept. 11th to E. W. Tipler, 47, Baker Street, Lutterworth, Rugby. General committee, Sept. 9th, Cathedral Belfry at 7.30 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 769

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Half-yearly meeting, Boston, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by the Tuesday previous Mr. W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. Usual ringing arrangements.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 757

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Joint meeting with the South Wales Ladies' Guild, Cowbridge, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Ladies' Guild meeting 3.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 744

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Enfield, St. Andrew's, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 785

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Saxlingham, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 11th, to T. Simmons, Home Farm, Saxlingham, Norwich.—C. F. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 756

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Long Crendon, Saturday, September 14th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Sept. 11th.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 786

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Joint meeting with Oxford City Branch at Kidlington (8), Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 11th, to Mr. D. J. Smith, Merryfield House, Witney, Oxon, or Mr. A. J. Adams, 166, Cricket Road, Oxford. 780

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Culworth Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chacombe on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Those requiring tea please notify Tuesday previous to secretary.—A. E. R. Walker, Hon. Branch Sec. 807

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Caine Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 14th, Lyneham (6). Usual arrangements. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham. 807

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Dorchester, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Usual arrangements. Names by Sept. 11th, please, to Miss P. House, 19, Garfield Avenue, Dorchester.—Hayne, Sec. 792

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 21st, Sturminster Newton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 812

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Sept. 14th, Britford, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names by Sept. 10th to Mrs. Lewis, 2, High Road, Britford, Salisbury. Also St. Thomas' open, 6.45 to 8 p.m. 742

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Bridgnorth Branch).—Joint meeting at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 11th to Mr. A. S. Bayley, 19, Church Road, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire. 754

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting at Laxton (6) on Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 3 p.m. Lincolnshire bus from East Retford Church at 1.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by Sept. 10th Mr. G. Dolby, High Street, Laxton, Newark.—H. Denman. 790

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Sept. 14th, Wisborough Green, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Kirdford 6 to 8 p.m. Tea, Kirdford, 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Hasham.—W. L. Weller. 801

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting at Soberton, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. H. Dudman, Priestfield, Station Road, Droxford.—A. H. Sturgess, Hon. Sec. 811

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Henfield, Sussex, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. Cruttenden, Henfield. Local ringers will be welcomed.—A. B. Peck. 796

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Luton District) and **HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Western District).—A joint meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Linslade bells also after tea. Names or numbers, please, to Mr. Whitney, 32, Mentmore Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.—J. Good, K. Spavins, Dis. Secs. 794

**DEVON GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stockland, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 800

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Gainsborough and Lincoln Districts will be held at Saxilby on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells, afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. W. Cox, Trinity Cottage, Saxilby, Lincoln.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and C. Brown, Dis. Secs. 795

**NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.**—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ringing: All Saints' (8), Wigston Magna, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Mary De Castro (8), Castle Street, 12 noon to 2 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5.45 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), Church Gate, 1 to 2.45 p.m.; All Saints' (8), High Cross Street, 2 to 4 p.m.; St. John-the-Divine (10), Albion Street, 2 to 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, 3 p.m., at Police Headquarters, Charles Street. Dinner and social evening at Lord Mayor's Rooms, Waterloo Street, 6 p.m. Tickets (limited) 12s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets with remittance by Sept. 14th to C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 772

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Meeting at Aston Tirrold on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, 17th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 782

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 21st, South Collingham, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. North Collingham 6 to 8.30 p.m. South Scarle if required. Service 4.30 p.m., South Collingham. Tea (3s. 6d.) for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 790

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Debenham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at Stonham Aspal. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 19th.—W. J. Button, Dis. Sec. 789

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Southwold, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 19th to Mr. R. S. Payne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 805

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury District.—Meeting, Great Thurlow, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. E. S. B. Barnes, Great Thurlow, Haverhill, Suffolk. 783

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Ockley and Capel on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ockley bells 3 p.m. and Capel 6 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 18th to Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 791

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Bromsgrove (10) on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting. The Association's 75th birthday (founded at Bromsgrove 1882). Numbers for tea by 18th, please, or you may be unlucky.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 814

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next general meeting will be held at Norton, near Malton, on Sept. 21st. Bells available: Norton (8), 1.30-4 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Malton (8), 2.30-3.45 p.m. Both towers again available after meeting till 9 p.m. General Committee meet 3 p.m. in the Church House, Norton. Service in St. Peter's at 4 p.m., followed by tea and general meeting in Church House. Names for tea, by 19th, to Mr. H. Rowsby, Holmgarth, Park Road, Norton, Malton. The local company extends a hearty welcome to all.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 791

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Preliminary notice.—320th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 18s. 6d.—A. B. Peck. 797

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