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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

SINCE the last article in this series, the following towers have recorded their first peals—some claimed as such, and some not: Kentisbeare (Devon), Standon (Staffs), Boroughbridge (Yorks), Kirk Deighton (Yorks), Edmond (Salop), St. Juliot (Cornwall), South Scarle (Notts), Tintagel (Cornwall), Lelant (Cornwall) and Heveningham (Suffolk). That means quite a good number this time. I suppose the day will come when all pealable towers will have been pealed, but there is plenty of scope yet, especially amongst the 6- and 5-bell towers.

As a point of interest, the numbers of 'unconquered' rings I make as follows: 12 bells, one; 10 bells, one; 8 bells, 29; 6 bells, 482; 5 bells, 514. These figures are for the British Isles only. Thus there are still over 1,000 churches where a peal has not yet been rung—nearly 20 per cent. of the total number with rings of bells. Of the 6-bell towers, 160 of them are in Devon and a further 48 in Cornwall (seven of the 8-bell towers are also in Devon). This will probably be expected, although it may cause some surprise to know that the third south western county, Somerset, has had peals on 170 of its 181 6-bell towers—a very high proportion indeed. Actually, there are still more than half the towers of Devon which are virgin territory. Somerset (50), closely followed by Suffolk (49), are the counties with the greatest number of unpealed 5-bell towers. Northamptonshire has most of these, but has had peals on 67 of the 94. At the other extreme, not one of the 33 5-bell towers of Devon has had a peal rung in it! No county has had peals on all its rings, although a few have on all those which are ringable. Counties with the fewest virgin towers are: Cheshire (3), Durham (2), Leicestershire (3), Middlesex (2), Northumberland (3), Surrey (2) and Sussex (3). At the other end of the scale, as indicated above, Devon has more unconquered rings than most counties have towers!

Now to return to our usual story. One or two corrections of footnotes are called for. The peal at Barnard Castle, believed to be the second on the bells and the first of Major, is not quite right, I fear. There have been two previous peals—Stedman Triples in 1906, and Kent T.B. Major in 1912; so this was the third. This tower has the longest peal silence since our last review. Likewise there had been a previous peal in seven Doubles methods at Litlington (Cambs). This was the first peal on the bells in 1921. Seven Minor methods had also been rung at Edith-Weston previously, and as recently as 1954, when the last peal before the recent one was rung.

After Barnard Castle, Elford has been the longest without a peal. There had been just the first peal on the bells in 1922 previously. Mr. Wilfred Williams' North of England and Scottish tour broke the peal silence of several towers. Dundee (St. Mary's) and Leith had not been heard since 1927. The former now has scored four peals and the latter two. Carlisle, St. Stephen's, had its last peal in 1931 (five in all now), and Cockermouth its last in 1933 (seven in all now). As was noted in Belfry Gossip, Tamworth has had a long silence. The recent peal broke the silence of 31 years. The tower was quite popular early on: 20 peals were rung from 1884 to 1896, 13 from 1905 to 1915 and four from 1920 to 1927, so its total is now 38.

Wootton, Northants, last had a peal in 1931; the first was in 1907, and there have been eight altogether now. Sharow's last was in 1932. There have been ten here, the first as far back as 1887. It was in the year 1933 that Potton and Payhembury were last seen in the peal columns (as the footnote claimed in the first case). Thirteen peals have been rung at Potton, but there had only been one before the recent one at Payhembury—also Grandsire Doubles. I confirm that

the peal at Bamburgh was the third on the bells. The other two were in 1920 and 1936. Although quite a popular tower 30 years ago, Clifton Reynes had not appeared in the peal lists since 1937; nine peals were rung from 1905 to 1914 and 13 from 1920 to 1937. Shottesham's only previous peal was in 1938, and Sopley and Halvergate have also been silent from that year. The former had two peals then (the first on the bells), and the latter six from 1936 to 1938.

Woodlesford, Yorks, had 17 peals from 1887 to 1910, then a silence to 1938 when a peal was rung that year and another in 1939; then silence again until this year. Willersey last appeared in 1945 (one peal before that—in 1937). Woodchester, also silent from the same year, is of interest because all its ten peals (first in 1894) have been of Doubles although a 6-bell tower. Lea had its last peal in 1947, likewise Stalybridge, which was a very popular tower at the end of the last century. Thus 35 peals were rung in the 1880's alone, then another 15 from 1892 to 1911. Between the wars only six were rung, from 1926 to 1930. Then there was silence until the odd peal in 1947. Lastly, we have had Whitnash's third peal (first in 1920, then 1948, and now 1958).

Then we come to the congratulations section. Firstly, another 5-bell tower joins the double figures list—Forncett St. Peter. Southwark Cathedral has had its 200th peal since 1881, Burnham its 150th, Darley Dale its 100th and Buxton (Norfolk) and Fairfield their 50th peals. Congratulations to all these. Ringers might like to know of the following imminent landmarks: The next peal at Duffield will be the 250th on the bells; the next at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, will be the 100th, and at Frindsbury the 50th. Silk Willoughby, with 98 peals at the moment (up to and including the peal on September 27th), should shortly be the third 6-bell tower to reach the century. Mention of this will be duly made when it happens.

Finally, one or two points of interest. The peal at Wantage was the first of Major on the bells, despite the fact that the first peal was rung there in 1893, and there have been 11 altogether. The peal of Cambridge Royal at St. Peter's, Nottingham, was the first of Surprise Royal since the first peal on the ten bells in 1922, although there have been about 100 peals since then. Lastly, with the peal of Wooler Surprise Minor at Langleybury on September 24th, I believe that all the Surprise Minor methods have now been rung to a 5,040.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5191 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 35½ cwt.

ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. Treble	† PETER F. WINDLEY .. 7
PETER WOODWARD .. 2	† GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 8
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3	† KENNETH PARK .. 9
* DAVID CUBITT .. 4	JAMES H. KIRBY .. 10
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 11
† DAVID ATKINS .. 6	JOHN E. KIRBY .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells.
Rung on the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

* JAMES WOOLFORD .. Treble	* MARGARET E. WILKINSON .. 7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 2	JACK BRAY .. 8
MARY C. PAYNE .. 3	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. 10
JOHN FREEMAN .. 5	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 11
† JOHN MOSS .. 6	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	† LEWIS F. COBB .. 7
MICHAEL J. BEST .. 2	† LAURENCE E. HITCHENS .. 8
JAMES E. DANIELS .. 3	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. 9
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 10
* CYRIL A. WRAITTEN .. 5	DAVID HOARE .. 11
FRANK L. HARRIS .. 6	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* 125th peal. † First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER .. Treble	MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. 6
MARY H. HALL .. 2	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT .. 7
LEONARD DERRICK .. 3	HENRY J. SANGER .. 8
ANTHONY J. SANGER .. 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. 9
ARTHUR H. REED .. 5	SIDNEY G. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

In memoriam John Thomas and Major J. H. B. Hesse.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILFRID J. NEWMAN .. Treble	WALTER H. RAXTER .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS .. 2	* ROBERT W. COLE .. 7
ARTHUR J. MARTIN .. 3	* HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 8
* COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 5	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal on ten bells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	CHARLES E. BROWN .. 6
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 2	JAMES W. RAITHEY .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 3	GEOFFREY PAUL .. 8
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 9
PETER N. WHITE .. 5	WALTER NICHOLS .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

TREVOR TAYLOR .. Treble	† GEOFFREY HOPKINSON .. 5
IVOR JENKINS .. 2	SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 6
* E. DOROTHY FRANCE .. 3	GEOFFREY FEARNEHOUGH .. 7
DOROTHY HEAP .. 4	DEREK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First of Bob Major.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
ROLAND BIGGS .. Treble	ANTHONY E. COX .. 5
ARTHUR NEWTON .. 2	ARTHUR FOXALL .. 6
DOREEN COX .. 3	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. 7
PERCY NEWTON .. 4	VICTOR EVANS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Biggs on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

SYDNEY J. ANTHONY .. Treble	WILLIAM ALLMAN .. 5
ERIC HORNBY .. 2	* JOHN RYDER .. 6
* ROY FORSTER .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. 7
HARRY W. HOWARD .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal of Bob Major.

Rung to celebrate the Harvest Festival.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
* ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	* BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal of Bristol.

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BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Oct. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	PETER BORDER 5
JOHN A. ANDERSON 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JOAN BERESFORD 5
BRIAN BLADON 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

W. HARFORD Treble	G. MARCHANT 5
*W. J. GOODFELLOW 2	B. KINGSTON 6
†B. TAYLOR 3	W. DARE 7
T. YEOMANS 4	T. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by T. LEWIS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First of Major. First as conductor.

Rung as a farewell compliment to Miss Dillys Hulbert, who will be leaving the district to reside at Redcliffe, Manchester.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

RUTH M. BORDER Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	ANTHONY A. AGER 6
*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGA,

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

MARY H. HALL Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 5
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	PETER BORDER 7
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.	Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE 5
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
RALPH BIRD 4	ROBERT COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Stedman and of Triples.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation of Thurstans'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
MRS. C. N. LEA 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 6
MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH .. 3	CHARLES N. LEA 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 4	ROBERT TELFORD Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

Rung in memoriam David Priestley, who was killed in a road accident the previous day and who, while resident in the area, was a popular member of this Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 6
DIANA J. PERRINS 2	JOHN A. ACRES 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 8
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

WOLBOROUGH, NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., Oct. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*PAMELA J. STEPHENS .. Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL 2	CHRISTOPHER WEBB .. 6
HEATHER HOOD 3	HERBERT W. SPENCER .. 7
W. JOHN ANDREWS 4	FREDERICK WRE福德 .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal. The second ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

In memoriam E. J. T., died October 24th, 1956.

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

*JOHN PEGLAR Treble	*JOSEPH M. STRETTON .. 5
†EDMUND E. PEARSON 2	*ROBERT A. REEVES .. 6
*JANICE GRIMSLEY 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
*JOHN H. GREGORY 4	*EDGAR S. HITCHCOX .. Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Bob Triples. † First of Bob Triples 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. C. O. Moreton), who is just retiring.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Davies' variation of Thurstans'.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 5
*ERIC J. BOOTH 2	†COLIN CONWAY 6
FRED PRICE 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
H. JAMES TURNER 4	DAVID BEACHAM Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. † First of Stedman Triples.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30½ cwt.

DAVID CUBITT Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	J. HENRY FIELDEN 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
DAVID S. HOLLAS 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Rung to commemorate the rebuilding and reconsecration in October, 1858, of the church after a disastrous fire.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

NEIL BENNETT Treble	*GEORGE F. NIX 4
*P. ALLAN B. TOOMBS .. 2	TREVOR TAYLOR 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	DEREK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal 'inside.'

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Single Oxford, four extents Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. Treble	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL .. 2	*HAROLD STEVENSON .. 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL .. 3	-WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal in two Minor methods.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. John T. Gascoigne on completing 60 years as a ringer at this church.

IDEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOAN V. GARNETT Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4
DAPHNE F. LESTER .. 2	ERIC A. FELLOWS .. 5
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 3	ALBERT H. KEMP .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

First peal in the method by all the band.

SWINNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of ten extents of Stedman, 18 of Plain Bob and 14 of Grandsire

Tenor 9 cwt.

ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. Treble	G. ARNOLD MOORE .. 4
HAROLD ROBERTS .. 2	ERIC YOUNG .. 5
ALBERT LAWTON .. 3	WILLIAM WATKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

Rung after the wedding of Gordon Bassett Baldwin to Heather Isabelle Wenger.

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of April Day, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and 12 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt., approx.

*IVY ROE Treble	*HAROLD STEVENSON .. 4
WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 2	*J. EDWARD BROWN .. 5
*FREDERICK DERRY .. 3	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal in four Doubles methods.

In memoriam A. thur J. Chamberlain, a ringer at Southwell Minster for 64 years, and who died October 7th, 1958, aged 78.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in C.

*JUNE CARTER Treble	†ERIC H. KNAPP .. 4
†REGINALD V. JOHNSON .. 2	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER .. 5
†§ALLAN J. BUTCHER .. 3	*WILLIAM J. SALE .. Tenor

Conducted by IVAN A. C. BUTCHER.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Doubles in the method.

‡ First of Doubles. § First 'inside.' First peal on the recently augmented bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. John Cornish, youngest son of the Vicar of Danehill, and Miss Honor Williams, daughter of the churchwarden of St. Olaf's, Hart Street.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*JUNE M. KEY Treble	ALAN G. FOSTER .. 4
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 2	DAVID W. BRUNNING (15) .. 5
ERIC EDGINTON .. 3	JOHN K. SMITH (14) .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

* First peal. First as conductor.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (12 callings).

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

MISS G. BURCHNALL .. Treble	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER .. 3	*CHARLES J. COPP .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* 50th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Copp on the occasion of their silver wedding, and to Miss Ann Foster, daughter of the conductor, on this her 21st birthday.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Oct. 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents and 240 Morris's arrangement of Grandsire, four extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, two of April Day and 32 of Plain Bob (four callings).

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. Treble	MICHAEL J. STOKES .. 3
MARY SOLOMON .. 2	*JEFFERY B. GORROD .. 4

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

* First peal away from cover bell, and first of Doubles. The treble ringer is now the first person to 'circle the tower.'

Rung for Trafalgar Day.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Capel T.B., (4) Sandal T.B., (5) London Scholars' T.B., (6) Kingston T.B., (7) Oxford T.B.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*EILEEN M. FEARN .. Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 2	†LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 5
BASIL JONES .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor on tower bells.

TUTBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Oct. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

E. MARION KEY Treble	*JOHN K. SMITH .. 4
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 2	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 5
VERONA NAYLOR .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Minor.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 38 methods: (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London Surprise; (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York and Durham Surprise; (4) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 5
PETER J. EVES .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Most methods by all the band.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-GOWTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Single Court and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

CHARLES E. BROWN .. Treble	†ARTHUR MELTON 4
*FRED DIXON 2	‡JOHN E. BUNDY 5
ROBERT H. HURST 3	JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First in four methods.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARTIN MAJOR Treble	ROBERT L. PIRON 4
LEWIS H. BYWATERS 2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS 5
ROY A. WARD 3	ALAN S. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Mager on the birth of their son, Christopher Paul, on October 20th.

PENN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven different extents, each containing 360 Plain Bob and 360 St. Clement's College Bob, 52 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SUSAN J. SLADE Treble	MICHAEL HATCHETT 4
MONICA M. BLAGROVE 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 5
HERBERT A. BRADBURY 3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. Treble	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 4
PETER R. JOHNSON 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
RUSSELL S. MORRIS 3	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising five extents each of Norfolk and April Day, six each of Old and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK C. PUGH .. Treble	TERENCE A. SPARKES 4
PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE .. 2	*RODNEY S. SMITH 5
WALTER H. RAXTER 3	GORDON RAWLINS Tenor

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.

* First peal 'inside' and on six bells. First in five Doubles methods by all except the conductor.

Rung within the octave of the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Cattermole, of Droitwich, parents of the conductor. Also a coming-of-age compliment to Mrs. Calder.

HANDBELL PEALS

CRUMPSALL, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 11, 1958, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

AT 33, CLEVELAND ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 23 methods, being seven extents, viz.: Wragby, St. Albans, Charlwood and Neasden Delight; Willesden, College Bob IV, Old, Oxford and Newdigate Delight; College Exercise, Morning Star, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; Plain, Double and Fulbeck Bob; Reverse and Reverse Canterbury Bob; Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14½ in D flat.

*ALLAN SHARPLES 1—2 | †DEREK TAYLOR 3—4

†TREVOR TAYLOR 5—6

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal in 23 Minor methods. † First in 23 Minor 'in hand.' Most methods yet rung by the Association.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 8, 1958, in 2 Hours,

AT 79, ST. PETER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 31 methods, being seven extents, viz.: Cromer, Stevenston, Tibenham, Chalfont Alliance and Crayford Little Court; Walsingham, Lammas, Olney, Fulmer Alliance and Little Bob; Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV and Old Oxford Delight; Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel and Kingston Treble Bob; Morning Star, Norbury, College Exercise, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; Double, Fulbeck and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14½.

ALLAN SHARPLES 1—2 | DEREK TAYLOR 3—4

TREVOR TAYLOR 5—6

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

First peal in 31 methods for all, and most methods yet rung for the Association.

CRUMPSALL, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 24, 1958, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

AT 33, CLEVELAND ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods, being seven different extents, viz.: Oxford Treble Bob, Sandal, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure; Treble Bob; Morning Star Treble Bob; Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; Reverse and Reverse Canterbury Bob; Double and Fulbeck Bob; Plain Bob.

Tenor size 13½.

*NEIL BENNET 1—2 | DEREK TAYLOR 3—4

TREVOR TAYLOR 5—6

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First handbell peal.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT No. 29,

A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

VALERIE WILLARD 1—2 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5—6

MRS. J. THOMAS 3—4 | DAVID J. MARSHALL 7—8

VIVIEN BARNES 9—10

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

With affection, memories and gratitude for the life of John Thomas.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 21, 1958, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1.680 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 1—2 | ALAN SHEPPARD 3—4

JOHN POTTS 5—6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

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QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. J. W. Abbot 1, Betty J. Marsh 2, J. H. Hayne 3, F. B. Stedman 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft, chairman of Dorchester branch from 1957 until his death.

ALFORD, Lincs.—On Oct. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Brenda Willoughby (13) 1, G. Willoughby 2, J. Baggey 3, S. H. Sutton 4, J. I. Smith (cond.) 5, G. Caroline 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. For the Parish Mission.

ASHBRITTE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bristow 1, J. Smith 2, J. Manning 3, Miss P. Norman 4, Mrs. Townsend (cond.) 5, C. P. Podbery 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Rich.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Cooper (first on six bells) 1, K. Prime 2, I. Hillburn 3, E. Skinner 4, J. Walton (cond.) 5, C. Norton 6. For harvest festival.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss L. Masters 1, G. Gunstone 2, R. Purnell 3, P. Pearce 4, G. Parsons 5, P. Gaisford 6, F. W. Box (cond.) 7, E. Wicks 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of the Holy Nativity, on Oct. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Molly P. Smith (first of Cambridge) 1, Monica E. Horseman 2, R. G. Hooper 3, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 4, D. J. Hunt (first of Cambridge) 5, D. E. Cobb 6, P. Bird 7, J. Brain 8.

BROADSTAIRS, KENT.—At the Church of St. Peter-in-Thane, on Oct. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. A. Sole (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, E. Milsted 3, C. Durham 4, S. Gee 5, A. Dadds 6, A. Hinkley 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8. For the 26th wedding anniversary of Mrs. N. Bridges, the 47th wedding anniversary of Mr. A. E. Jarman, a local ringier, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Durham.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—At the Church of St. Luke, on Oct. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. D. Faircloth 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Miss H. Oakshott 3, J. Lyddiard 4, M. F. Oakshott 5, A. S. Richards 6, J. E. Cannell 7, J. W. Smith (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2. For patronal festival.

BURNHAM, Bucks.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Joan Bacon (13, first of Triples) 1, W. Birmingham 2, Janet Adamson 3, H. Oglesby 4, G. W. Limmer 5, K. Walters 6, G. Gilbert (cond.) 7, D. Livingstone 8. First of Bob Triples 3, 4 and 6. Rung after harvest festival Evensong.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Modwen's Church, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Margaret Squires (first quarter) 1, T. Pryce 2, J. Smith 3, L. Chamberlain 4, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 5, R. Welton (first quarter) 6, H. H. Brittan 7, A. W. Skelton 8. For Trafalgar Day.

BUSHEY HEATH, Herts.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. Norris 2, J. Pares 3, H. Hodgetts 4, T. Ashby 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, D. Cobb (first quarter) 8. Rung in honour of Henry Hodgetts, who celebrated his 75th birthday on October 22nd.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Kindred (first quarter) 1, Mary Solomon 2, J. B. Gorrod 3, P. G. Tovell 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Parton (first quarter) 1, J. Marsh 2, E. Drew (cond.) 3, J. Courtman (first 'inside') 4, W. Francis, jun., 5, C. Jones 6, F. Hinton 7, F. Bennett 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. P. C. Hinton, father of the ringier of the 7th.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Newsa 1, Sheila Percival 2, J. Hulme 3, Jill Mayes 4, P. Tompkins 5, J. Church 6, G. Mayes (cond.) 7, T. Dille 8. For Evensong.

COLSTERWORTH, Lincs.—On Oct. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Pinchbeck 1, H. Grocock (first of Minor) 2, H. Wand 3, H. Squires 4, P. E. Parry (cond.) 5, L. Squires 6.

COOMBE, OXON.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): A. Franklin 1, H. Floyd (cond.) 2, G. Wastic 3, A. Leach 4, R. Franklin 5, W. Franklin 6. First quarter in four methods by all except conductor.

COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on Oct. 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: R. D. Hayne 1, Mrs. P. Wright 2, E. Sibley 3, D. Ellender 4, N. Haille 5, H. Folwell 6, A. R. Wright 7, W. Stote (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent Treble Bob Major to be rung on the bells by a Sunday service band. For Evensong, and to celebrate the engagement of N. Haille to Miss Thelma J. Barrow.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Marshall (first quarter) 1, D. Marshall (first quarter) 2, Hilary Johnson 3, H. Johnson 4, S. F. Webb 5, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

DYMOCK, GLOS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. E. Spiers 1, Joy Smith 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, L. Smith 4, C. Phillips 5, R. Chew 6. Rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. J. Roberts, captain of Newent Tower for 50 years.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. P. Colstick (first quarter, aged 16) 1, C. J. Ashdown (aged 15) 2, S. R. Myall (aged 15) 3, F. W. Kefford (first quarter, aged 17) 4, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 5, A. T. Ashdown 6. For Matins.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 552 Kent): Miss A. Fundrey 1, R. G. Corby 2, E. L. Duffield 3, E. White 4, J. H. L. Blick 5, J. H. Edwards (cond.) 6. Rung before thanksgiving service, and as a farewell to J. H. L. Blick, who is leaving the parish to take up training for the ministry at St. David's College, Lampeter.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Moss (first quarter) 1, G. Green 2, D. Laker 3, A. Laker 4, P. Felton 5, H. Carter 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, L. Ainger 8. For Evensong on Gift Day. The ringer of 2nd is aged 86, and has regularly rung at this church for 72 years.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Slowman (first quarter) 1, W. A. Smith 2, C. J. Belcham 3, D. E. Belcham 4, G. D. L. Sandwell 5, M. J. Hullett (cond.) 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Whitby 1, R. Parish 2, F. Whitby 3, F. Hoad 4, J. Collins 5, W. Wheeler 6, J. Alecy 7, S. Clark (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to W. Wheeler on his 70th birthday.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Vinten 1, T. J. Matthews (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Funnell 3, G. Beeny 4, F. Beeny (cond.) 5, A. Pannett 6. A farewell compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HEYWOOD, LANCs.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Rothwell 1, J. P. Partington 2, Mrs. G. S. Mills 3, Mrs. A. Ward 4, R. Maher 5, A. Ward 6, G. S. Mills (cond.) 7, C. S. Taylor 8. For the annual service of the Heywood Sunday School Union.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Whiting 1, J. M. Clifton (first quarter) 2, W. Martin 3, W. Wilby 4, B. Whitworth (first quarter) 5, A. Wilson (cond.) 6, D. Deighton 7, H. Pentlow 8. Rung jointly by Rushden and Higham Ferrers ringers in memoriam David Priestley.

HICKLING, NOTTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse Canterbury, Cliffsides Pleasure, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew, 300 Grandsire): M. W. Lewis 1, Mrs. M. E. Pollard 2, F. W. Midwinter 3, S. Adams 4, W. L. Exton (cond.) 5. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Pickard, of Southwell.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,440 Minor (Court and Plain Bob): D. Armstrong and R. Blackshaw 1, B. Mills 2, R. Larkin 3, J. Meredith 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,440 Minor (Court and Plain Bob): B. Mills 1, R. Larkin 2, J. Meredith 3, D. Armstrong 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. Both for evening service.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Harwood (first in method) 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, F. Welch 3, R. Welch 4, W. Monckton (first 'inside') 5, R. Hebditch 6.

LACOCK, WILTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Gaisford 1, F. W. Box 2, R. Purnell (cond.) 3, A. Bartlett 4, R. Lovelock 5, M. Mace 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

LANCASTER, LANCs.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hornby 1, J. Woods 2, N. Cross (first 'inside') 3, R. Warden 4, R. Rainford 5, S. Jeffery 6, H. Rainford (cond.) 7, J. Pye 8.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hughes 1, J. Goodfellow 2, Rosalie Beer 3, Penelope Welsh (first of Triples 'inside') 4, J. Woodman (first of Triples as cond.) 5, Margaret Way 6, G. Marchant 7, M. Bennett 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8. Rung to mark the wedding this day of Nevil James, tower captain, and Jill Birch, both ringers at Llandaff Cathedral.

LYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Ireland 1, I. Hughes 2, G. Walford 3, G. Gammon 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, C. Baker 6. For harvest festival.

PENDLEBURY, LANCs.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rothwell 1, N. Tompkins 2, J. Thornley 3, A. Lomas 4, C. Rothwell 5, D. Ogden 6, B. Rothwell (cond.) 7, W. Thornley 8. In memoriam Mr. C. F. Jones, who has been ringing for 34 years in the district and captain of St. Peter's, Swinton tower. The conductor was a grandson of Mr. Jones.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, GLAM.—On Aug. 29th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: G. Stickland 1, J. Goodfellow 2, B. Taylor 3, M. Peterson 4, G. Marchant 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6. First quarter of Little Bob for all.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Glover 1, L. G. Hine 2, J. Ayres 3, E. J. Marley 4, C. J. Turner (cond.) 5, W. S. Burrows 6, C. C. Deem 7, E. H. Marks 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Stuckey.

POWICK, WORCS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Brickell (first quarter) 1, H. Cole 2, G. J. Lewis (cond.) 3, D. Price 4, A. T. Hollis 5, F. Hyde 6. A wedding compliment to D. Brickell, of the local band, and Miss Janet King Sear, who were married at Colwall the previous day.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Wakefield (14, first away from tenor) 1, Cecily C. Roberts 2, C. R. Jelley (15) 3, R. A. Routh 4, C. M. Press (14, first as cond.) 5, Rev. D. J. Snelgar 6. First quarter for 3 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Philip James Burgess, belfry carpenter.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Wright 1, Miss J. Curtis 2, Miss G. Smith 3, Miss J. Horton 4, M. R. Blackman (cond.) 5, Miss J. Morton 6. For Evensong, and a farewell to Miss J. Morton, who will shortly be leaving the district.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 26th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Euston 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, J. Rea 3, J. Chapman 4, B. W. Story 5, G. Parsons 6, R. L. Story (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to the conductor, which took place the previous day. The bride was present during the ringing. They both very shortly leave England to take up an appointment in Nigeria.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. White (first of Triples) 1, W. Morcton (cond.) 2, P. Woodward 3, D. Cubitt 4, K. Park 5, G. Townend 6, J. Kirby 7, H. Chant 8.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Ireland (first quarter) 1, G. Gammon 2, G. Salter 3, I. Hughes 4, G. Walford 5, C. Webber 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, C. Baker 8.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Newth 1, M. Fromm 2, S. Howard 3, D. Smith 4, H. Barratt (Barley, Herts, cond.) 5, A. Horn 6.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hims 1, C. Hims 2, M. Clarke 3, H. W. Knight 4, E. A. Price 5, J. Evered 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. First quarter by 1, 2, 3 and 8. Rung half-muffled following the interment of Preb. Wilfred Noel Kempe, Vicar for 6½ years, and sub-Dean of Wells Cathedral.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 19th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: P. Adcock 1, E. Arnold 2, F. Philippo 3, J. Smith (cond.) 4, T. Spight 5, W. Clover 6, W. G. Saunders 7, H. Tooke 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 3.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch at Hethersett on October 18th was attended by 32 members and friends. At the business the belfry elections of Messrs. P. Shipton, Timothy G. Pett and George W. Buckle were confirmed, and Alan Ellis, of Norwich, who had left to live in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, was transferred to the non-resident members' list. The best of luck was wished him in his new home.

The passing of Mr. W. R. Catchpole, of Buxton, was observed by one minute's silence. The former president, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, was welcomed. The Rector (the Rev. R. G. Harwood), who conducted the service and gave the address, was thanked, as were Mrs. Alborough (organist) and Mr. R. Lofty and family for making the arrangements.

Methods rung varied from Plain Bob to Cambridge and there were also touches of Forward, Imperial, Duffield Major and Erin Triples.

A DAY IN DERBYSHIRE

The ringers from Heywood, Lancs, had a long and somewhat exhausting day in Derbyshire on October 4th. Towers visited were Fairfield, Buxton (8), Bakewell (8), Wirksworth (8), Duffield (10), St. Luke's, Derby (8), St. Peter's, Derby (8), St. Andrew's, Derby (10) and Ashbourne (8). They also visited Leek (10) and Middlewich (8). Lunch and tea were eaten while travelling.

Methods rung were: Triples, Grandsire and Stedman; Major, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Ashbourne College; Caters, Grandsire and Stedman; Royal, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent, Oxford and Duffield.

ERNEST READ HIS OBITUARY

It is not often, fortunately, that anyone reads his own obituary notice, but Ernest Morris, of Leicester, received a shock when he read in the local 'Evening Mail' the following heading to a full column article:—

'Time has been standing still at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, because the church has had no permanent clock winder since the whole-time verger died a few months ago.

'Climbing the 80-odd steps to the tower every two days to wind the heavy clock machinery was a tough job, even for the verger, Mr. Ernest Morris, who was used to it.

'When Mr. Morris died . . . days went by without the clock ticking, and passers-by, so used to watching the clock, were concerned . . . etc.'

This naturally caused a great stir, telephone messages, personal inquiries, etc., to find out exactly when Mr. Morris died, and a certain amount of distress in the family.

However, two days later the same newspaper published a photograph of Mr. Morris with the caption, 'Back to Life.'

MR. BRYAN PATTISON'S 100 PEALS

Mr. Bryan Pattison, now at Durham University, has completed his first 100 peals, which were rung in 53 towers for 11 Associations. Details: Doubles 11 (conducted 11) including 21 methods; Minor 33 (25), including ten in seven methods: Triples 5 (1); Plain Major 9 (3); Treble Bob Major 1 (1); Surprise Major 26 (6) in 15 different methods; Caters 6 (4); Royal 2 (1); Surprise Royal 5; Surprise Maximus 1. Handbells 1 (Major). Total 100 (52).

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Meltham won the Association silver cup at the six-bell contest held at Calverley, near Pudsey, on October 18th. Five teams entered, and the test was 600 changes in any method after a plain course practice. Mr. N. F. Moxon was the judge, Mr. D. N. Stables marker, and Mr. P. Wheatry timekeeper.

Results: Shelley 112 faults, Sandall 222, Meltham 56, Friezland 100, Thornheath 388.

Replying to a vote of thanks, the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Lane) said the Association would be most welcome to return to Calverley at any time in the future, on condition that it did not allow another 30 years to elapse between visits.

The secretary was requested to try for Armitage Bridge bells for the April meeting and contest and, alternatively, Earlsheaton. A proposal by Mr. G. Perrin that the Association should hold another meeting before April was carried.

A warm vote of thanks was passed to the local company and their ladies for providing tea, and the gift of 10s. to the Association's funds as half the profits from the teas.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

For the first time in the history of the Guild, a quarterly meeting of the Andover District was held at East Woodhay on October 18th. Some 20 ringers rang various Doubles and Minor methods. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. W. Omerod), and his wife and helpers served tea. At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. A. W. Alliston, members were asked to support the District's half-day outing on November 15th.

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All Souls' Church, Loudoun Road, South Hampstead, has a 3-cwt. bell, the gift of the Canadian National Railway. This railway is changing over from steam to diesel, and an application by Mr. George Dow, L.M.R. commercial officer, resulted in the gift of the bell. The bell was dedicated by the Bishop of Willesden recently in the presence of Canadian officials and is being sent to the Whitechapel foundry for tuning.

Five-year-old Stephen Newton regularly rings the five-minute bell for morning service at Nantwich Parish Church.

The composition of 5,040 Little Bob Royal (see page 632) was originally produced by Mr. C. Wallater in 1904.

The peal at Bromsgrove, Worcs, on October 25th was the 25th on the bells by Mr. Arthur J. Martin, the popular steeplekeeper.

The method rung in the peal at Hughenden (see page 684) was London Surprise Major and not Bristol Surprise Major. Will those who keep records please correct.

When the bells of Farnham Parish Church were removed for retuning and refitting at Loughborough it was found that the fourth bell (cast in 1723) was badly cracked in the crown and will need recasting.

Reader's letter in 'Radio Times': 'The bells of St. Mary's Church, Dover (9.45 morning service, September 21st) were a delight. It is said that when the weather is suitable they may be heard in the streets of Calais.' Can any reader confirm this?

Mr. Peter Border, of Coventry, can claim to be the youngest ringer to ring 500 peals. His 500th peal was rung at Evesham on October 25th. Mr. Border is 26 years and 8 months old, but he does not expect his record to stand for long.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Probably the active ringer with the longest connection with any one tower is Mr. G. Green, of Great Baddow, Essex, who rang 'inside' to a quarter of Grandsire Triples on October 26th. Now aged 86, he has rung regularly at this church for 72 years and is still going strong.

Ringers veterans will note with pleasure that Mr. Henry Hodgetts rang in a quarter peal in honour of his 75th birthday, which took place on October 22nd.

Mr. E. Rodenhurst, of Whitechurch, writes pointing out that the 1903 edition of 'Stedman' (page 99) gave a 5,016 of Stedman Cinques with Whittington's by W. L. Catchpole.

Although the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Wakefield was especially arranged to mark the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, the band would also like it to be recorded that it remembers with gratitude the life and work of the late Percy Johnson, a vice-president of the Association, interred that day.

Wearing white blouses and grey skirts, eight members of Crondall Women's Institute gave a demonstration of handbell ringing at the Hampshire Federation of Women's Institutes at Winchester. Change ringing and rounds were demonstrated and tunes played to the audience of 1,000 women. The band had been trained by Mr. Keith Cox.

In the peal of Doubles at Grimley, Worcs, on October 26th, at least four of the band struck their first blow in three of the methods rung. The ringers of 2, 3, 4 and tenor are members of Dodderhill, Droitwich, Sunday service band, and after a quarter of an hour tea break, rang on the lovely Dodderhill bells for Evensong, despite somewhat damaged hands.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD HAS A BEST-EVER DINNER

THE general opinion at the Coventry Diocesan Guild dinner, held at the Wine Lodge Hotel, Coventry, on October 18th, was that it was the 'best-ever' dinner in the history of the Guild. Canon H. A. Hayden, Rector of St. Nicholas', Warwick, this year's chairman, presided over a company of 120, and supporting him on the top table were Mrs. Hayden, the Rev. D. M. and Mrs. Davies, Mr. F. W. Perrens and Mrs. Perrens, Mr. A. H. and Mrs. Beamish, Mr. H. Windsor and Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward.

The chairman, in a speech of welcome, paid high tribute to members of the Guild for the help he had received at St. Nicholas' since they had been able to get their bells rehung. He was pleased to say that the bells were now being rung twice on Sundays by members of the Guild, who had all been trained since the bells were overhauled. - After more than 30 years' silence it was a particular pleasure to him to hear them ringing joyously Supday after Sunday calling the parishioners to service. He was greatly indebted to the Coventry Diocesan Guild for their help in achieving this and wished them success in the future.

MR. ADOLPHUS ROBERTS

The Rev. D. M. Davies, Rector of Stoke St. Michael's, in proposing 'The Coventry Diocesan Guild', brought good wishes for a pleasant evening from Mr. Adolphus Roberts, better known as 'Bob' Roberts. He explained that 'Bob' had unfortunately had to give up ringing after fracturing his arm. He spoke very highly of his service to St. Michael's for many years and thought at 87 years of age he was perhaps one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He was not quite sure how many years he had been a member of that Society but was sure there could be very few with a longer membership. Mr. Davies spoke very highly of the work the Guild were doing and said how fortunate they were in having such enthusiastic officers to manage their affairs. It was a pleasure that both Mrs. Davies and himself looked forward to each year to meet the ringers of the Diocese at their annual dinner and to take part in such a pleasant evening. He coupled with the toast the name of the president, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

In his reply, Mr. F. W. Perrens said it was a pleasure to have a full house once again at this function. He paid tribute to the many young people present and congratulated the band at Whitnash on achieving their first peal by a local band of Sunday service ringers. He also expressed his pleasure at the progress made by Studley and Wootten Wawen since their bells had been rehung and he was also pleased to see such a large number of new members that evening from those two towers. He had a word of praise for Mr. Harry Windsor for the very good work he was doing in the Southern Section, but was afraid the same could not be said for the Northern Section. Although the standard of ringing was very high in the Northern Section, there was still a number of towers without ringers and he hoped this could be rectified in the future.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

He was very delighted indeed to see so many new faces at the dinner this year and thought that this augured well for the future prosperity of the Guild. Finally, he reminded members of the value of their own paper, 'The Ringing World.' He said he wished to underline the fact that it was their own paper, and he asked them to do all they could to make contributions to it and in so doing help to make the paper even more valuable than it is. He reminded those present who were not taking 'The Ringing World' that they should do so. The larger the circulation of the journal the lower the cost per copy.

The toast of 'The Ladies' was proposed by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, who said what charm and dignity ladies brought to the ringing chamber. He placed them in three categories. One, the under 20's and unmarried, who treated their ringing not at all seriously and looked upon it as a form of exercise and relaxation. He was just experiencing this at St. Nicholas', Warwick, where he was teaching a band primarily composed of young ladies who fell into this category, but felt they would ultimately become the backbone of the tower.

His second class was the young ringer who was married to a ringer. This started off as being a fine combination, as they jointly supported a tower, but it usually resulted in the loss of the lady and eventually the gentleman, who later returned to the tower. Ultimately, until the family was out of hand, it meant that only one could come ringing. The other class was the lady with no further ties of family, who often became the most reliable member of the band. In paying tribute to the Ladies' Guild, the speaker said that he felt that branch of the Ringing Societies had proved its worth to ringing as a whole and could number amongst its membership some very notable ringers, far too many in fact to attempt to name them. The Coventry Guild was surely indebted to the ladies, as their last honorary secretary and treasurer had been a lady, who had served the Guild in a most able manner for over 25 years. What better tribute could he pay them? Looking around the room that evening, with nearly fifty per cent. ladies, he felt that he had not been sufficiently generous in his references to their charm and

beauty. He called for the males present to stand and drink a toast to the ladies there, coupled with the name of Mrs. D. E. Beamish.

PROVED THEIR ABILITY

Mrs. Beamish, in thanking the proposer for his very nice remarks about the ladies, felt that ladies had a place in the tower, having by their ability proved themselves competent to ring alongside their male counterparts in all methods and on all numbers. She referred to the proposers' three categories and said she belonged to the third. Speaking on behalf of the ladies present she was sure that their association with ringing gave them much pleasure, and she hoped it would continue so.

Summing up, the chairman called for the oldest and youngest ringers present—Mr. W. Collett, of Warwick St. Mary's, and Miss Judith Suffolk, of Chilvers Coton. They were acclaimed with musical honours by the company. He also paid tribute to the honorary secretary for his work for the Guild and for having arranged such a delightful evening for them all.

Solos and duets were rendered by Mr. Albert Barley and Mr. Hubert Summers, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Summers, junior. Tunes on handbells were rendered by the Harbury Handbell Ringers, and the highlight of the evening was a course of Stedman Caters by Mr. W. Male on his tower bells. This instrument he constructed and is a church tower, complete with clock, etc. The bells are operated by a keyboard at the base of the tower and are very musical. Mr. Male's achievement was loudly applauded.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD'S REORGANISATION

There was a very good attendance for the final meeting of the Northern Branch held at Washborough on October 18th.

After the usual service and tea the business meeting was presided over by Mr. J. A. Freeman, Guild Master. Mr. J. Moss, of Lincoln, was elected a member of the Guild.

The meeting endorsed all that had been suggested at previous meetings with regard to the new constitution, so that on December 31st the old Branch will cease to exist and the Grimsby, Gainsborough and Lincoln Districts will become Branches. The names agreed by the Guild half-yearly meeting were approved so the new Branches will be known as the North Lindsey, West Lindsey and the Central, formed from the Grimsby, Gainsborough and Lincoln Districts respectively.

Mr. J. Bray, Guild hon. secretary, spoke of the past history of the Branch, back to the days when it was the North Lincolnshire Association, and mentioned how well it has been served by the early officers.

The chairman thanked the retiring officers for their work, making special reference to Mr. Frank Lord, who for the past 10 years had carried out the duties of hon. secretary so efficiently. Mr. Freeman presented Mr. Lord with a cheque from the members—an appreciation for his services. Mr. Lord, who was taken by surprise, thanked the members for the gift and wished the new Branches every success.

The occasion brought out much discussion, particularly amongst older members, on the early history of the Guild. Before the formation of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild there had been several Ringing Societies covering the Diocese. In the south of the county there was the thriving South Lincolnshire Association, which prompted ringers in the north to meet at Market Rason on June 13th, 1884, to form the North Lincolnshire Association. This became the Northern Branch of the Lincoln

Diocesan Guild on the Guild's formation on April 29th, 1899, thus the Branch had a life of 60 years, during which many famous ringers had been associated with its activities—Gabriel Lindoff and Arthur Craven, to mention but two.

The Branch has had only one Master during its life. It was in 1922 that Mr. J. A. Freeman the well-known Guild Master, was appointed, and he has held that office up to the present time. Mr. J. Bray was for 10 years Branch hon. secretary before becoming Guild general secretary in 1948.

On January 1st, 1959, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will have six Branches of approximately equal strength. Each will have the same representation on the Guild Committee, and in the opinion of the officers and a big majority of the members, the affairs of the Guild will be administered more easily and more to the satisfaction of all concerned.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

After a lapse of about 25 years the Clifford District held their quarterly meeting at Talgarth on October 18th, when some 30 members and friends had a full ringing programme, including Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor. There was also some 'Churchyard Bob,' ably guided by a budding conductor from Bredwardine.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. Ll. E. James) gave an enlightening address at the service. The tea, prepared by Talgarth ringers and their wives, was sumptuous and necessitated a little belt-loosening before the business meeting.

Meetings were fixed for Whitney on November 15th and Clifford on January 17th, and three new members—A. Matthews, E. Smith and E. Pugh—all from Talgarth, were elected.

OXFORD GUILD AUTUMN MEETING

WITH plenty of opportunities for ringing in the morning and evening and an agenda full of interest to occupy the afternoon, the autumn meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Reading on September 27th was full of activity. The Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) presided, supported by the Guild officers.

Arising from the minutes, Mr. G. Edmans announced that the Guild's banner, dedicated last July, was the gift to the Guild of the Central Bucks branch. Appreciation of this generous gift was expressed by Mr. F. Sharpe (Deputy Master) and Mr. T. J. Fowler. Two suggestions in connection with the banner were adopted, viz.:—A short history of it be compiled and kept in the Guild's library and that the banner should be kept in Great Horwood Church. The Guild also decided to present a book token to Miss Irving, who did the embroidery.

Correspondence included a letter from the Rector of Blechley concerning the Sear window and it was decided to insert a letter in 'The Ringing World' asking all who appreciated the services of the Sear family to ringing to send a donation towards the cost of the window. Mrs. W. J. Paice wrote thanking all those members who by their friendship had helped her husband, particularly during his last illness.

Mr. E. J. Foster, who was elected a vice-president at the annual meeting, made a special journey from Hawley, Hants (where he is living in retirement), to thank the members for his election. A similar letter of thanks was received from Canon G. Dixon.

SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY

The hon. general secretary called attention to the circular of the Special Committee of the Central Council on Sunday service ringing and stated that she was calling a meeting of branch secretaries to deal with the circular. Her action was confirmed.

In this connection Mr. P. Walker, who had arranged for the new printed report of the Guild, called attention to the following facts: Twenty-four towers reported to be unringable; 90 with no members of the Guild; 49 with less than four members. He felt that something should be done to reduce these figures.

The Master congratulated Mr. Walker and his helpers on an excellent piece of work in preparing the report. The hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) commented that the cost of each copy was 5s. 5½d. Discussion arose when Mr. N. Diserens proposed a peal booking fee of 6d. per rope to help with the cost, but the meeting finally accepted Mr. Diserens' suggestion to leave the matter over for discussion at a later date.

NEW RULES

The draft of the new rules, recommended by the General Committee, was proposed by Mr. H. Lawrenson (Newbury) and seconded by Mr. W. Butler. Most were passed, but some provoked an animated discussion. A definition of membership was accepted as 'members of the Church,' although many were in favour of 'practising members of the Church.' As to subscriptions, the amount is to be decided at each annual meeting, to take effect from the following year. A charge of 2s. 6d. is to be made for each copy of the Guild's report.

Branch representation on the General Committee is to be the secretary and one other for every 100 members or a part of 100 exceeding 25. Elected committee members are reduced to six and the following were elected: Miss D. Fletcher (Beaconsfield), W. Birmingham (Slough), A. Diserens (Reading), P. Walker (Oxford), F. White (Appleton) and one vacancy that can be filled by co-option.

A grant of £50 was made towards the restoration work at Cumnor, which is costing £400.

BRANCH BOUNDARIES

The revision of branch boundaries was the subject of a motion proposed by Mr. W. Birmingham (Slough). He pointed out the unwieldy nature of his own branch and that it would take the East Berks and South Bucks Branch 3½ years to visit all their towers, making one visit a month. On the proposition of Mr. H. L. Roper it was decided to refer the matter to the Branch secretaries' meeting.

Mr. A. D. Barker proposed the rejection of the peal at Egham about which there had been some correspondence in 'The Ringing World.' There was no seconder and the matter was dropped.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. L. Roper. This included the Vicar of St. Laurence's for his address at the service, Mrs. A. Diserens and Mrs. D. Catherall and helpers for tea arrangements, Mr. R. Diserens and his parents for local arrangements, and Mr. S. Lester (Radley) organist.

Towers visited included Swallowfield (5), where a new band has been formed after silence for more than 20 years. Here the bells are hung in a small tower supported by a wooden structure and the back four are in an almost straight line. A plan is afoot to rehang the bells and, if possible, to add a sixth bell.

THE MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END

The annual gathering and peal attempts to honour the memory of Major John Hesse were held at Wrington on October 10th-11th this year. Major Hesse was a well-known ringer throughout the country and did much for Wrington and its fine ring of 10 bells.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Yatton on the Friday evening was unsuccessful, but on Saturday a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Wrington in 3 hours and 15 minutes, conducted by Mr. Albert Tyler. This was also rung in memory of Mr. John Thomas.

The company were then entertained to tea by Mrs. Hesse and were pleased that Mr. Rodney Hesse was also able to be present. In thanking Mrs. Hesse for her hospitality once more, Mr. H. J. Sanger said that he was sure it was a good thing to remember the great ringers of the past. On this occasion there was a note of sadness in the death of Mr. John Thomas, who was to have called the peal.

The peal band were pleased to welcome Mr. A. A. Hughes, who came up the tower before the peal, but were sorry he was unable to stay for tea.

Those present were the Rev. B. Lee (Rector of Wrington), Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kingcott, Miss Mary Hall and Messrs. A. Tyler, H. Sanger, A. Sanger, L. Derrick, A. Reed, W. Gigg, S. Smith and M. Horseman. M. J. H.

REDEDICATIONS

Piddletrenthide

Rehung in July after an absence of about eight years, the five bells of Piddletrenthide, Dorset, were dedicated by the Bishop of Sherborne (the Rt. Rev. Maurice Key) on October 12th.

When the bells were removed from the tower in order that they could be sent to Loughborough for recasting and tuning, they had been silent for many years because of unsafe timbers and frame. Nobody seems to remember definitely when the bells stopped ringing. Some say about 20 years and some 30 or even 40 years.

The service of Evensong, during which the dedication was performed, was conducted by the Bishop, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Cooper Anderson) and the sermon was preached by the Bishop.

Among those present at the service were representatives of the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild from Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Preston, Wyke Regis, Buckland Newton and Langport, Somerset.

The bells were rung immediately after the act of dedication, and after the service touches of Grandire and Stedman Doubles were rung.

The Vicar states that money is still needed to meet the cost of the work which has been carried out to the bells and tower, and that the parishioners are very keen to have a sixth bell hung as a suitable space was left when the new frame was installed. R. H. D.

St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork

Sunday, September 23rd, was the climax to the rehousing of the Cathedral bells, for on this date the Dean rededicated the bells to the greater glory of God.

The rededication took place on Ringers' Sunday at Matins before a crowded Cathedral. The lessons were read by Fred Bogan and Fred Dukes. After the collects, the Dean rededicated the bells. The inspiring sermon was preached by Canon R. J. Kerr (Rector of St. George's, Dublin), who took as his text the title of Fred Bogan's article in the Cathedral Year Book, 'Come at My Call.' The Minor Canon (the Rev. E. P. Mills) conducted the service.

The bells of the Cathedral were rung before all services, and during the afternoon seven ringers from Limerick Cathedral turned up, so the bells were put to good use, and it is pleasing to record that Joyce Foster rang several 120's of Bob Doubles on the third bell, and a right good job she made of it, too. Lindsay Bingham and Edith Spencer both did well at plain hunting, whilst George Bingham was as steady as a rock on the tenor. Harry Ellis, Cyril Foster, Fred Bogan and Fred Dukes all assisted in keeping the 'babes' right.

At 5 p.m. all transport made for the Lock—correctly spelt Lough!—to the residence of Fred and Dorothy Bogan. A magnificent and most welcome feast awaited the seven Limerick and the Drogheda ringers. All the visitors were most grateful to the Bogan—the perfect hosts. The Limerick people rang for Evensong, after which they returned to their homes, all much impressed by the Cork bells and the Bogan. Very many thanks to Cork!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNRINGABLE TOWERS IN 'DOVE'

Dear Sir, — Replying to Mr. Southwood (page 660), I endeavoured when compiling the 'Guide' to class as unringable only those towers where the bells have been derelict for a long time and are unlikely to be rehung in the foreseeable future.

Roughly 160 rings are so indicated and I have verified at least one quarter of them by personal inspection. The remainder have been for the most part obtained from Association reports—the Norwich Diocesan Association's list of towers not in union accounting for almost half.

Unfortunately, not all Association reports are reliable. For instance, the Cumberland Association's report shows Cockermouth bells as unringable—a statement which appears nonsensical after reading the report of the recent peal tour in Scotland. Apparently at one time there was no ringing there—a condition which happily no longer obtains, but the use of the word 'unringable' was unfortunate.

The Lancashire Association has persisted for years in classifying St. Peter's (R.C.) Church, Lytham, as 'U,' notwithstanding that an Association meeting was held there in recent times, and the local ringers with whom I had the pleasure of ringing assure me that the bells have at no time been unringable.

Brixworth, Irnham, Sedgfield and Llan-gynwyd bells were shown as unringable in error. Great Comberton's were out of order when the 'Guide' went to press but were rehung during the long time the publishers took over printing, and since publication both Hertford (All Saints') and St. Albans (St. Stephen's) towers have been made safe. The two tenors at Bloxham (Oxon) are no longer disused, and ringers who keep their copy of 'Dove' up to date might like to note these.

I plead 'not guilty' to classing as 'unringable' the two Cornish towers cited by Mr. Southwood, nor do I understand A. A. F.'s reference to Wetheringsett (page 692) as 'Dove' gives a ring of five (Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of an octave), so if the party had consulted 'Dove' beforehand they would not have anticipated finding a ring of six!

While I do not share Mr. Southwood's optimism that five out of ten of my 'unringables' may be found safe—my information is that there are many more 'unringables' besides those stated—I support wholeheartedly his suggestion that keen and determined ringers should make a point of visiting these towers, and I will most gladly make the necessary corrections in any future edition of the 'Guide' if any of the bells should prove to be ringable.

Whilst on the subject of persistent misreporting, will the many conductors, and the Yorkshire Association, please note that Drighlington tenor weighs only 14 cwt. 16lb., and not 16cwt., as so frequently quoted. This was another example of Warners' 'inflated' weights.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

Moral for four members attending the Norwich Diocesan Association (Northern Branch) meeting at Hethersett: Bus time-tables must be studied as carefully as a new method if buses are to be caught.

SALLIES IN MOTHBALLS

Dear Sir,—It would seem that the Welfare State attitude has now appeared in ringing circles.

Why put the blame on the Central Council because some bells are not rung for Sunday service? After all, the members of the Central Council are scattered throughout the whole country and meetings of a select committee must be expensive to arrange and would serve no purpose.

The Central Council will soon have so many irons in the fire that meetings must be held monthly to cope with an ever-increasing agenda, and ringing members will receive no benefit from it at all.

Why 'pass the can'? If a tower nearby has no Sunday service band, then local ringers should try and help out, and each Association and District should make their own survey. After all, the idea in forming an Association is to link together all towers in its area and to deal with its problems in a light of local knowledge.

Finally, I must add that I wholeheartedly agree with your correspondent, A. H. Cross, in his views on peals and peal ringers. Peal ringers very often form Sunday service bands, but I think the time has come when it must be realised that the 'backbone' of the Exercise is the Sunday service ringers. Peal ringers are, at the best, only the 'ribs.' — Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon, Essex.

Note. — The functioning body in dealing with silent towers is Associations and Districts. The Central Council's survey has one fundamental purpose, to quicken interest, and not to let a lackadaisical attitude develop.—Ed.

Dear Sir.—The correspondence on 'Sallies in Mothballs' makes very sad reading. But it is not all bad. How nice of someone to trouble to put in the mothballs! — Yours sincerely,

C. N. VAISEY.

Freshford, near Bath.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Dear Sir.—I should like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to draw the attention of ringers to the formation of a new Society, the 'Leeds University Union Campanological Society.' As most Universities have a bellringers' society we felt that Leeds should be no exception and an enthusiastic response has resulted in 30-odd members being enrolled, a good half of whom are already change ringers. A peal attempt to mark the formation of the Society is to be made on November 5th at Collingham.

We are also making strenuous efforts to acquire a ring of bells for the University Church of Emmanuel, ardently led by its churchwarden, Dr. Youell, who is our new staff president.

Finally, may I express our gratitude to the many friends in the Leeds District who are in any way assisting us in our first difficult stages.—Yours sincerely,

R. BROWN.

144, Beeston Road,
Leeds.

PEAL RINGERS AND SUNDAY SERVICE

Dear Sir,—Many letters to 'The Ringing World' suggest that peal ringers are, in the main, non-service ringers—Mr. A. H. Cross's being the latest to catch my eye ('Ringing World,' October 24th).

With very few exceptions the peal ringers support the service bands very strongly, in fact many of them are captains of local bands while others are leading lights in the various Associations.

Where there is no local band the peal ringer type will go elsewhere to do his or her service ringing.

If a peal ringer leaves a service band it is usually because there is a lack of real interest by other members of the band, resulting in bad ringing and no progress. As the peal ringer likes good ringing and likes to make progress it's not surprising if he leaves a stationary band!

Up and down the country the peal ringers are striving for perfection all the time, not only in peals, but in local practices and Sunday service ringing, and without their efforts the standard of ringing would be very low indeed.

Having struck a blow on behalf of 'those selfish peal grabbers,' I now await a salvo from the 'anti-pealers' league.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden, Kent.

HESTON'S CHALLENGE

Dear Sir, — In reply to the challenge of Heston, Middlesex, appearing in your edition of October 17th, the band of St. Mary's, Willesborough, Kent, rang three quarter peals on Harvest Festival Sunday, October 12th, being 1,260 Plain for 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 1,260 St. Clement's for Morning Prayer and 1,280 Reverse St. Simon's and Reverse St. Martin's Doubles for Evensong. True, Willesborough is a six-bell tower, and three members of the band rang twice, but two of our best ringers were unavoidably absent, the three quarter peals were in different methods, and Mr. Edward Ruck, who, as usual, rang for Morning Prayer, is in his 92nd year.

All credit is due to Heston ringers, but in my opinion, what is more important is the consistency with which such performances are maintained. Your correspondent, Mr. Webb, did not mention whether such a high standard of performance is a regular feature of the Sunday service ringing of his band. — Yours sincerely,

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

Willesborough, Kent.

FOR THE PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—The following peals of Doubles in recent issues of 'The Ringing World' have been incorrectly reported:—

Kirby Muxloe, July 31st, conductor B. G. Warwick; 6 methods and 1 variation, not 7 methods.

Upchurch, August 2nd, W. A. J. Knights; 2 and 1, not 3.

Roads, August 7th, A. C. Cozens; 3 and 8, not 11.

East Woodhay, August 17th, G. K. Dodd; 6 and 6, not 12.

Alderton, August 30th, R. V. Baker; 8 and 6, not 14.

Sutton Bonington, B. G. Warwick; 2 and 1, not 3. Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

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THE LATE MR. DAVID PRIESTLEY

Appreciations

With the sudden and tragic passing of David Priestley at the early age of 23 years, the Exercise has lost that type of young man whom it can ill afford to lose.

Five short years ago David took upon himself the task of learning to ring so that he might serve in that capacity in his Mother Church of St. Mary, Rushden, which was soon to have a new ring of eight installed.

He quickly proved himself to be an apt and efficient pupil, and in a remarkably short time he became a competent ringer in not only plain methods but also in Treble Bob methods.

With his fine intellect, method learning came comparatively easy to him, and at his passing, in those five short years he had at his command a wide variety of Surprise methods, and perhaps his crowning glory in the art was a faultless peal of Stedman Cinques, and there is no doubt that, had he been spared to remain with us, an outstanding ringing career lay before him.

He was of a quiet and unassuming nature, genuine and sincere in all his words and deeds, and a very likeable and a very lovable personality.

His passing, however, is not only a loss to the Exercise, but also to the nation.

From school at Rushden he eventually proceeded to the University of London, and in due course obtained his B.Sc. degree, passing with honours.

As a scientist, he stood on the brink of a brilliant and successful career in the service of the nation, and it is of such promising young men of outstanding academic ability that the nation can ill afford to lose.

We at Rushden will remember David not only with respect for his ringing and academic achievements, but also with affection and gratitude for the friendship we enjoyed with him.

As the bells of heaven ring forth, I like to think of David at the end of a rope, as I am sure he will be, still praising and magnifying his Creator and serving Him in heaven as he did on earth.

To his parents we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow, and I would entreat them to look beyond the gloom of this life and to picture the glorious reunion which awaits us all as we meet with our loved ones in God's heavenly kingdom, with the full-throated roar of the bells of His kingdom to greet us.

They shall not grow old,
As we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.

A. G.

Mr. Denis A. Bayles, hon. secretary of Durham and Newcastle Association, writes:—

It had been a very nice week-end, including the visit to the Carlisle ringing festival on the Saturday, where I had sat beside David Priestley at tea. In our conversation we had talked, among other things, of the plans for next year's London University tour, for our membership of the London Society gave us another link. I also learned that he had completed his stay at Annan and was proceeding to Warrington for his next job. Then, on the Tuesday I was horrified to read of his death.

David had lived in Newcastle for several months and during that time he had endeared himself to a wide circle of ringers. He had been a very regular attendee at Newcastle Cathedral for Sundays and practices throughout his stay and was also a keen supporter of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association

at its meetings. It was not only his ability as a ringer that made him welcome in peal attempts and other ringing activities, but also his cheerful, friendly disposition that contributed towards the happy fellowship that is an essential part of ringing. One of these occasions was recalled at Carlisle when he gave me a photograph taken on an expedition to Bamburgh earlier this year.

Comparatively little of David's ringing career came within the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and others will testify to his splendid work elsewhere. Nevertheless on behalf of this Association I wish to pay our tribute to a young gentleman whom we were very pleased to have in our membership, for whose stay with us we feel richer and are thankful and in whose sudden decease, with its loss to the Exercise in general, we feel a sense of real personal loss and great sorrow. We extend our deepest sympathy to his parents, relatives and friends in their sudden and severe loss.

Mr. Roger Keeley writes:—

We in London learned with deep regret of the sudden and tragic death of David Priestley. David was secretary of the University of London Society from 1955 to 1957, while a student at University College. It was here that he obtained the best degree for mechanical engineering in the University in 1957.

We remember him for his modest, unassuming personality, his perseverance in learning a new method and his patience in teaching beginners. He always took endless pains to strike his bell faultlessly throughout a peal. Some of us recall one such peal rung at Stepney, after which he remarked, 'I missed three dodges in that, I must do better next time.' There was no flippancy in this remark, he really meant it, and such was his attitude to all his ringing.

As secretary, he combined an arduous task and academic work with tremendous skill, and, with him, one felt that the Society's fortunes were never for a moment in doubt. It is of such people that one may confidently say—they are the salt of the earth. His loss will be felt in many parts of the Exercise, and we extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Priestley.

MR. ALFRED WHIMPEY

The death occurred in Winchester Hospital on October 23rd of Mr. Alfred Whimpey at the age of 78.

Alfred Whimpey was a real character. He had been sexton and captain of the bellringers at Abbot's Ann for many years and was one of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's staunchest supporters. His happy and cheerful disposition, his ready wit and gift for telling a joke will long be remembered by all who had attended the Andover District meetings.

Crippled in both legs, he was unable to walk without the aid of a stick, but this did not prevent him from crawling up the stairs at Abbot's Ann twice on Sundays, and many young ringers have passed through his hands from the village.

One of his proudest moments was when a band from the District rang the first peal on his native bells as a 76th birthday compliment to him. He was also proud of the fact that he had 20 honorary members from Abbot's Ann enrolled by him for the Guild, and he had hoped to increase this number to 30 in 1959.

The funeral service took place the following Tuesday, the bells being rung half-muffled by Guild members as the cortege left the church. It is hoped to ring a muffled peal to his memory in the coming weeks.

G. D

MR. JOHN BASS

With the passing of Mr. John Bass, of Wollaston, Stourbridge, the Worcestershire Association loses the last surviving member of an old company which did much towards putting it in the centre of the 'ringing map' and which included such noted ringers as William Short, Robert Matthews, Alfred Davies, the immortal Harry Withers, Samuel Grove, T. J. Salter and Alfred Hackett, to name but a few, most of whom had been Association or Branch Masters at one time or another.

His introduction to change ringing came at a very early age when his grandfather, Mr. William Lawrence, took him to Wordsley, and he became a visitor to the Wollaston tower towards the end of the last century when Adolphus Roberts was their very able leader and conductor. There are records of several extents of Minor which he rang in 1901, and his first peal, Bob Major, at Sedgeley, came on November 15th, 1902. His last peal was Double Norwich Major at Oldswinford on September 9th, 1950.

Of his recorded total of 513 peals, 440 were rung for the Worcestershire Association, the complete list being: Doubles, various methods, 14; Triples, Grandsire, 61, Stedman, 80, others 3; Caters, Grandsire 6, Stedman 8; Cinques, Grandsire 3, Stedman 4; Minor, Plain methods 63, Treble Bob and Surprise 10; Major, Plain methods 82, Treble Bob 24, Bristol 27, Cambridge 36, London 47, Superlative 14, others 7, Spliced 5; Royal, Plain 3, Treble Bob 5, Surprise 4; Maximus, Plain 2, Treble Bob 3, Surprise 3.

Joining the Wollaston company in 1910, he subsequently became their leader and trained many pupils who became proficient in the art of ringing. Highly esteemed by his fellow ringers, he was presented by them with a silver medallion in the form of a bell upon completion of 50 years' membership of the Association in 1951, and at the Association's annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday in that year he was unanimously elected a Freeman. He resigned the leadership at Wollaston in 1956, owing to ill-health, but remained a member until his death. He was for many years a member of the Parochial Church Council, resigning only when his health began to fail. He always laid particular emphasis upon Sunday service ringing and it was seldom that Wollaston bells did not ring out both morning and evening.

The funeral took place at Wollaston Church on October 11th, with the Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Honey) officiating. He referred in detail to the many ways in which Mr. Bass had carried out his duties and served his church.

Four of Jack's fellow-ringers, Messrs. F. G. Handley, Sidney Thompson, Samuel Thompson and C. E. Stinton, J.P., were bearers, and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. Sidney Thompson, John Lloyd, Clifford Skidmore and Bernard Ashford.

There were many beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends, the St. James', Wollaston, band, and the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and ringers from most of the towers in the area joined the large congregation in paying their last respects to an old and valued friend.

B. C. A.

Swindon Ringers' Outing

Three car loads of ringers from Swindon had an outing into Worcestershire on October 18th, organised by Mr. A. Peake. Ringing took place at Ashchurch, Bredens Norton, Eckington and Pershore before tea in Worcester. Afterwards came two ten-bell towers—All Saints', Worcester, and Claines.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting In Newcastle

The annual general meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on October 11th was made a special occasion by the presence of the Lord Bishop of Newcastle (the Rt. Rev. H. E. Ashdown) at the service in the Cathedral.

The service was conducted by the Provost (the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby). A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung after the third collect. The Bishop took his text from the Acts—'They were all with one accord in one place.' He drew from ringing a parable to be applied to the life of a Christian. In ringing, one needed to be always learning, to be part of a team and to be striving to maintain and hand on the tradition. Those three points were necessities, too, for the Christian life. The collection, amounting to £5 4s., was placed in the Bell Restoration Fund.

A company of over 70 members and friends sat down to tea in the Cathedral Library and the business meeting followed the tea. The president, Mr. K. Arthur, expressed his pleasure at seeing such a good representative gathering, which included the Vicar of Embleton and his fellow ringers, probably the first-ever from Embleton to attend an annual meeting. He also proposed a hearty omnibus vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting possible.

The hon. secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles, reported that the year had not included any outstanding event but had nevertheless seen the work of the Association continuing steadily, with meetings well attended.

IMPROVED FINANCES

The hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley, reported an excess of income over expenditure in the year's working. The total balance had increased from £68 14s. to £94 8s. 9d., with the corresponding figures for the General Fund being £50 7s. 7d. and £70 19s. 10d. The improvement resulted in the main from the reduced amount of peal ringing, which had greatly reduced the cost of the annual report. It was a satisfactory financial position, but there was no room for complacency.

The hon. editorial secretary, Mr. J. Brewster, had recorded only 22 peals for the year—a decline of two on the low total for the previous year. The peals were rung in 18 towers by 45 members with six conductors. The highest individual totals were: J. A. Ainsworth 20, G. S. Deas 18 and K. Arthur 14, with J. A. Ainsworth and K. Arthur heading the list of conductors with seven each.

In the election of officers there was re-election of all save that of hon. editorial secretary, where Mr. J. Brewster felt obliged to resign due to pressure of other duties. In the absence of any other nomination the offer of the general secretary to combine the offices was accepted, making the complete list for 1958-59 as follows: President, Mr. K. Arthur; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley; hon. general secretary and editorial secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles; hon. auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird. District officers:—Eastern: Vice-president, Mr. C. N. Lea; secretary, Mr. W. F. Sheraton. Western: Mr. K. W. Cheeseman and Mr. C. T. Lamb. Northern: Mr. J. A. Ainsworth and Mr. G. S. Deas. Southern: Mr. T. Cooke and Mr. E. P. Rock.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed by Mr. R. W. Leighton, who mentioned especially the excellent work of Mr. J. Brewster and the regret that was felt that he could not continue in office.

Meetings for 1958-59 were arranged as follows: Christmas social function, Chester-le-Street, January 3rd. J. W. Parker Commemoration, St. Ignatius', Sunderland, March

14th. Half-yearly, Fenham, May 9th, 1959. Annual general meeting, Darlington, September 26th, 1959.

A motion by the president for the amendment of Rule 11 to create two trustees, to whom should be entrusted the oversight of the Association's property, was accepted. Sixteen new members were elected.

Among other business the secretary was asked to convey fraternal greetings to the meeting of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association to be held at Carlisle the following Saturday. Sympathy was expressed to Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness in the loss of Mrs. McGuinness, sen. Congratulations and best wishes were extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ainsworth and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Deas, whose weddings had taken place since the end of the Association's year.

During the day the bells of All Saints', Gosforth; St. George's, Desmond; SS. James and Basil's, Fenham; St. Mary's, Gateshead; and St. John's and the Cathedral in Newcastle were available for ringing, and a variety of methods was rung. D. A. B.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

About 50 ringers attended the fifth annual ringing festival of the Stratton Branch at St. Andrew's Church, Stratton, on October 25th.

The service was conducted and the address given by the Rev. C. P. Triplett, with Mr. W. Parnell as organist. Tea was provided at the Kings Arms Hotel.

The Guild's Ringing Master, Mr. D. Burnett, took the chair at the annual meeting which followed and the Guild secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella) was also present. The Rev. R. Watts (Kilkhampton) was elected chairman for 1959, Mr. R. J. Hicks re-elected secretary, and Miss C. de Jong (Stratton) treasurer vice Mr. A. Bissett. Ringing consisted of Grandsire, call changes and rounds. R. J. H.

A TALE OF SUSPENSE

(or The Lack of It)

To you, my friends, I will relate
A tale that you will all debate
About six ringers led by Kate,
Who got into a funny state.

Three maids were there with all their graces,
But wait! Our Percy has no braces,
His slacks seem bent on going places,
Causing the maids to wear red faces!

One hour fifty and all was nifty,
But now poor Percy looks rather shifty,
He has good reason to, I'm sure,
His slacks are moving towards the floor!

John could not see our Percy's plight,
And, trying to keep the poor chap right,
Quothed '4-5 up and keep it tight,'
But Percy was a sorry sight.

His slacks had slithered to the floor;
Gasped Kathy, 'What an awful bore!
Stand them up we must for sure
Ere someone comes in through the door.'

The moral to us quickly races
That if you wish to show your paces
Before the maids with all their graces,
Do not start without your braces!

V. R., E. M., W. W. R.

The attempt was at High Halden, Kent, on October 1st.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: E. G. Fletcher 1, J. Corbett 2, Alma Greaves 3, J. T. Gwillt 4, A. C. Morris 5, C. A. Barron (cond.) 6, J. Green 7, J. W. Perkins 8. First of Major for 2, 3 and 7.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On October 18th the Hinckley District held their monthly meeting at Leire, a small parish set deep in the heart of the South Leicestershire countryside. It was an occasion which had been long looked forward to by District members. Leire has for many years been unique among the four-bell towers. The names of its ringers, who, Sunday after Sunday, have rung out the score and four, have appeared frequently in the peal columns, ringing Surprise Major with the best. Now, mainly due to their efforts, Leire is a four-bell tower no longer, for on October 4th the Bishop of Leicester dedicated two new treble bells, which had been given by the ringers and their friends. And so it was that on the 18th ringers from many towers in the surrounding district went along to savour their excellence.

The afternoon's ringing was followed by Evesong taken by the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Craven), after which tea was served in the village school. District business being disposed of, a return was made to the tower for further ringing on the delightful six.

Afterwards a social evening in true Hinckley District style was held at the local inn. Stedman and Treble Bob 'in hand' went remarkably well, and all the old songs were sung, before the company finally made their way back in the dark to Leire Halt for the last train home. M. V.

OBITUARY

THE REV. S. P. ROWCROFT

A serious loss to the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild is the death of the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft, Vicar of Abbotsbury and chairman of the Branch since the retirement of Canon A. W. Markby. Although not a practising ringer, he was keenly interested in the art of church bellringing and was always eager to forward the interest of the ringers. His interest led to honorary membership of the Guild and subsequently election as vice-chairman.

After service in the Royal Flying Corps in the first world war, Mr. Rowcroft was ordained in 1919. He did much towards building new churches at St. Helens and Wigan, and later held livings at Loxells, Birmingham and Frankley, Worcestershire, before coming to Abbotsbury in 1953.

Members of the Dorchester Branch at the funeral were Mr. R. H. Duke (hon. secretary), Mr. H. J. Ford (Ringing Master), Mr. J. H. Hayne, Mr. D. Wood, the Rev. P. J. Heaton (vice-chairman) and Mrs. D. P. Duke. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Townsend (son-in-law) and the Ven. J. C. Chute (Archdeacon of Sherborne).

MR. W. J. ROBERTS

The death occurred after a short illness at Over Hospital, of Mr. W. J. Roberts, of Newent, Glos, on October 19th, at the age of 80 years.

Mr. Roberts had been in business as a wheelwright for over 50 years. He served in France with the Royal Engineers during the first world war, joining in 1914. One of the founder members of the North Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, he had been captain of Newent tower for 50 years. During that time he had rung and conducted several peals in Doubles and Minor methods; he had also trained many young ringers in the surrounding towers.

At the funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Newent, on October 23rd, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Hodgins), four local ringers acted as bearers. The bells were rung half-muffled immediately after the service and during the evening.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

The newly-dedicated bells at Piddletrenthide which are in a new frame and on ball bearings, were tested by members of the Dorchester Branch when they held their quarterly meeting on October 18th. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Cooper Anderson) assisted by the Branch vice-chairman (the Rev. P. J. Heaton) and ladies of the church served tea in the village hall.

At the business meeting, when the vice-chairman presided, tribute was paid to the late Branch chairman (the Rev. S. P. Rowcliffe), who had died earlier in the week, and the company stood in silence.

It was reported that the band learning at Piddletrenthide under Mr. W. A. Riggs were making good progress. Mr. Riggs thanked the hon. secretary for arranging ringing at the dedication.

Subject to confirmation, Branch practices will be held at follows: November 5th. Maiden Newton; November 29th, Upwey; December 13th, Cattistock; January 3rd, Frampton; January 10th, Abbotsbury. The next Branch meeting (annual) will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 17th. The usual votes of thanks were passed.

Salisbury Branch

The Salisbury Branch held a very enjoyable meeting on October 18th at Downton. The day was reasonably fine, the bells are a treat to ring and the tea was 'super.' The Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Overton) conducted the Guild service and then joined the company for tea, at which time we numbered 27, including visitors from Wareham, Bournemouth and Birmingham. At the business meeting, preliminary consideration was given to the review of Sunday service ringing, and to the suggestion of a Branch outing next spring.

Ringing continued at Downton till 8 p.m. and included Double Norwich, Cambridge and Bristol, while some members went on for the evening to the light six at Britford, where methods were rung up to Cambridge.

Y. L. E.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

When the Crewe District held their meeting at Nantwich on October 18th, attended by 64 ringers from 12 towers, Mr. Joe Boyer, a former Nantwich ringer, who now lives at Southport, brought along the handbell team of the No. 1 Company, Southport Boys' Brigade. Their programme of handbell ringing after the customary ringers' tea was warmly applauded.

The Rector (the Rev. E. M. B. Southwell) conducted the service and he was thanked in the vote of thanks after tea by Mr. W. Kerr, the Branch secretary. Also thanked by Mr. Kerr were Mr. J. Brough, leader of Nantwich ringers, for making the arrangements, and Mrs. E. J. Boffey and the ladies who assisted with the tea.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—There will be no Branch meeting in November. Arrangements for December meeting published later. 3319

RAMBLING RINGERS' REUNION.—Leicester, Dec. 13th. Details of ringing arrangements, and the dinner (price 11/6), from John E. Cook, 44, Wanlip Avenue, Birstall, Leicester, as soon as possible. All friends welcome. Peals on application. 3287

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District).—Meeting at Dronfield, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea provided.—A. B. Cooper and E. A. Wardill. 3280

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, Nov. 8th, tea and meeting at Maresfield. Uckfield in evening. Names to C. Catt, 55, Lampool Corner, Fairwarp. Names will be taken for annual dinner (January 10th).—C. A. Bassett. 3277

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3270

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayne on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 3159

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting, Waltham Abbey, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in nearby hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Austin, 33, Sun Street, Waltham Abbey. 3217

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th, Hoddesdon, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at Broxbourne followed by tea. Ringing at Broxbourne in evening.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3269

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Chart Sutton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Please bring tea. 3256

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Rochdale Branch, Lancashire Association, at St. Mark's, Glodwick, near Oldham, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 3260

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mortimer (8) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3246

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Debenham, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3268

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, New Alresford, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Bell Hotel. 3266

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Publow (6) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Sec. 3291

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Dunstable, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Priory bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2/6) 5 p.m. in Priory Cafe. All welcome.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 3296

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Nicholas', Wallasey, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free only for those who notify by previous Tuesday.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3317

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Alsager, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Nov. 12th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 3323

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 3321

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thornaby on Saturday, Nov. 15th at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 3298

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Exhall on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to Mr. H. D. Harrison, 199, Wheelwright Lane, Exhall.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec. 3297

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Western District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Combined meeting, Saturday, Nov. 15th, 2 p.m., Blackhill, St. Aidan's, also at St. Mary's R.C. bells available. Names to Miss M. Sproat, 11, Gallagher Terrace, Blackhill. 3288

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 15th, at Tibshelf; usual times. Names for tea to Mr. Radford, 64, High Street, Tibshelf, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3294

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at Godmanchester (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3302

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Colerne, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea, by Thursday, to G. Sheppard, 38, High Street, Colerne.—H. Heath. 3303

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Egham (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names at the latest by Nov. 12th.—Mr. D. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham. Good attendance by all members of the District earnestly requested.—H. Hancock. 3249

HAWKHURST GUILD. — Meeting, Rye, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3.15 p.m. to 7 p.m.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 3308

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Aldington (6) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 12th, to C. T. Hillis, 244, Hythe Road, Willesborough, near Ashford. No names, risk of no tea.—C. T. H. 3263

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15th, in St. Dunstan's Church Hall. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d. each) not later than Wednesday, Nov. 12th, from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, enclosing cash, please. 3272

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Marden, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 12th, to Mrs. C. Nye, The Hill Tea Rooms, Marden. 3261

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—The meeting advertised for Bowness on November 8th is altered to Nov. 15th.—N. M. Newby. 3320

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Ramsbottom on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5.—J. Porter. 3311

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Ringing meeting at St. Mary's, Eccles, Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 3322

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—A joint meeting with the Syston District at Great Glenn on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Crown. Please notify for tea, by Nov. 12th, L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. Phone Great Glenn 225. —L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3301

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Croft, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Schools at 5. Names for tea, please, by the previous Wednesday, to Mr. Fred Watson, 5, Pochin Street, Croft, Leicester. Please note change of tower.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3309

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Diseworth, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. W. Fletcher, 28, Hall Gate Lane, Diseworth. 3300

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray Branch.—Meeting at Hose, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 12th, please, to Mr. A. Moulds, Hose, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. 3304

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Next meeting, Upton, Nov. 15th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Willingham bells evening.—Geo. L. C. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3285

MARSDEN. — Ringers' Day, Nov. 15th. Bells (10) available 2 p.m.-8 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. Names, by Nov. 13th, to Roy Shaw, 4, Lane Ings. No whist drive. Dance and buffet supper 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. All ringers' wives and friends welcome. 3318

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —South and West District.—Meeting at Twickenham, Nov. 15th. Ringing at All Hallows' 3-4.30 p.m., St. Mary's 6.30-8.30 p.m. Service at All Hallows' 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting St. Mary's Parish Room 5.15 p.m.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3305

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warborough on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells at 3. Tea for those who notify, by Nov. 12th. Mr. F. Abalom, Beverley, Warborough.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 3312

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twford on Nov. 15th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: St. Clement's Major.—B. C. Castle. 3307

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Croughton, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 3306

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Warmington (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by Tuesday previous.—P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 3284

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlborough, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 3313

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Balderton, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify by Tuesday previous.—Mrs. C. W. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton Hospital, Newark.—W. L. Exton. 3290

STEBBING, ESSEX.—Rededication of the bells by the Dean of Bocking, Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 12th, please.—P. Wood, 3, Downs Villas, Stebbing, Dunmow. 3288

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Leiston on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential (no names, no tea) to Alan R. Brides, 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston. Note: Special item on agenda to discuss—Suffolk Guild Districts. 3250

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Blechingley (8) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by previous Wednesday Mr. F. W. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Blechingley. 3251

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wolverton (6) on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 6 p.m. All welcome. 3314

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Handsworth, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me by 13th. No. 52 bus from Commercial Street, Sheffield; alight at the Plaza.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. 3316

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Ringing at St. Lawrence Jewry 3.15-4.15; St. Giles-in-the-Fields 5.15-6.15. Dinner, Bonnington Hotel, 7 p.m. Names, by Nov. 18th, to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage, Herts. 3247

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Caldicott (Mon.), Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by November 18th, please. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 3295

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Surfleet, Nov. 22nd. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday previous, to Mr. C. Rawding, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 3292

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Meeting at Holme Hale, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, 20th, to S. H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford. 3324

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice.—Will members please note that the next general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Jan. 24th, 1959, and the next Western District meeting at Wetherby on Dec. 20th, 1958, due to local circumstances. —L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., A. E. March, Dis. Sec. 3315

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The Diamond Jubilee Dinner of the Guild will be held at the Saracens Head Hotel, Lincoln, on October 17th, 1959. Further details later.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 3310

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The five-bell tower of Piddington was selected for the annual meeting of the Bicester District on October 18th and various Doubles methods were practised. The Rev. Mr. O'Reilly, of Ludgershall, conducted the service, and the company were afterwards entertained to a ringers' tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Jones.

Branch officers elected were: President, the Rev. J. H. B. Elkerton; vice-presidents, the Rev. Hugh Benson and Mr. Frederick Sharpe; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kinch; representative on Guild Committee, Mr. E. G. Jones vice Mr. W. Baggett, who was thanked for his services during the past years.

The secretary reported a drop in ringing members of the Branch and hoped that recruits would come forward. The Misses Pamela M. Guildford and Wendy A. Jones and Philip A. Jones, of Piddington, were elected members. The next meeting will be at Ambrosden on January 10th, and the branch outing on May 30th (provisional). The usual votes of thanks were passed.

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