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BELLS THAT HAVE MADE HISTORY

The Emperor Bell Of Cologne

A BELL with a chequered history, and perhaps the most famous bell in Germany, is the Emperor Bell of Cologne. It hangs in the south west tower of Cologne Cathedral and was originally cast from French guns captured during the Franco-German campaign, and presented by the German Emperor to the committee charged with the work of completing that Cathedral. It was cast by Herr Andreas Hamm at Frankenthal on October 3rd, 1874, after two failures on August 19th, 1873, and November 13th of that year.

It is 10ft. 8in. in height, 11ft. 2in. diameter and weighs 52,500 German pounds (over 25 tons). The clapper is 9ft. 10in. long and weighs 1,530 lb., and it is the heaviest bell hung for *swinging* ringing. The six arms forming the crown are decorated with angels' heads, and end where they join the bell in lions' feet. It bears a long inscription which—translated to English—reads:—

'William, the Most Illustrious Emperor of Germany, and King of Prussia, in pious remembrance of the heavenly aid granted him in the fortunate course and conclusion of the last French war, has ordered, after the restoration of the German Empire, a bell to be cast from captured cannon, of the weight of 50,000 lb., which is to be suspended in the house of God, now nearly completed. In accordance with this pious desire of the victorious prince, the society formed for the completion of this cathedral has caused it to be cast, under the Roman Pontiff, Pius IX, and the Archbishop of Cologne, Paul Melchers, in the year of our Lord 1874.'

Under the figure of St. Peter is the following:—

'Send I with brazen lips to the peoples heavenly message,
Souls upward soar, leaving earth; join, full of ardour,
in song.
Thou, who through my deep voice of the fane the
portals wide open'st
Ope thou of heaven the gate, heavenly guardian, as
well.'

On the reverse side is the German Imperial coat of arms, beautifully executed, with this verse:—

'Emperor Bell I am named,
The Emperor's name make famed:
On holy ward I stand,
For German Fatherland.
I pray: O God grant it hence
Peace, welfare, and defence!'

In the first-named inscription is also the arch-episcopal coat of arms. During the Great War 1 (1914-18) this great

bell was consigned to the melting pot to make 'munitions of war.' In 1925, however, a new bell of about the same weight and design was cast to replace it.

In more recent times (1950) a great bell was cast by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, of the weight of slightly over 9½ English tons, and with a diameter of 8ft. 2in. It is of the note E, which is about the same pitch as Big Ben. This great bell, whose inscription round the sound bow reads 'That this World under God shall have a new birth of Freedom,' is now in the Rathaus tower at Schöneberg, West Berlin.

THE PETERBOROUGH GUILD

THIS week-end the focus of ringing generally has been on the Peterborough Guild, and at Northampton there was a large gathering of members to support the first dinner-dance held by the Guild. The gathering had a preponderance of youth—a healthy sign—and although it might be said that the speeches were delivered to a far larger audience than those present, touches of lightness held the attention.

The Peterborough is a large Guild of some 1,200 members operating through 11 Branches. Founded in 1924, it was built on a solid foundation of a number of old ringing Societies. The tradition of these early Societies was maintained last year, when more peals than usual were rung. Northamptonshire is a county that abounds with five- and six-bell towers—my Ringers' Guide gives 73 of each, but that figure is not now claimed as accurate. It is not surprising, therefore, to find that of the 109 peals rung 70 were in five- and six-bell towers. Generally speaking, the Doubles rung were multi-method, but it would be safe to say that in these the ringers were from the Guild's own people.

The peal list contains 22 peals of Surprise Major and five of Surprise Minor. Of the Surprise Major peals, six of them were the product of the week organised by Mr. G. E. Fearn, and in another six the composition of the band was predominantly from outside. Only one peal on ten bells was rung—Cambridge Royal at Kettering. Ten-bell ringing is very limited in the county, with only two towers offering such facilities.

Royal occasions accounted for quite a number of peals. The birth of Prince Andrew was honoured by peals at Naseby, Potterspury, Moulton, Spratton, Deene, Staverton, Whiston and Daventry, and the wedding of Princess Margaret and Mr. Armstrong-Jones with peals at Daventry, St. Edmund's (Northampton), Wicken, Naseby, Stanford, Grafton Regis, Oxendon and West Haddon.

The story of the year will be more fully told next week with our report of the dinner.

THE NEW FORMAT

I think 'The Ringing World' is better with the reading matter at the front. As it was before, it seemed as if the paper was printed principally for those who rang peals and the rest of the items just to fill up.—H. T. R.

Congratulations to the brave soul who actually moved the peal columns! I note comments are invited. Here's mine: It's much more encouraging to the non-peal ringing fraternity to take the 'R.W.' if it doesn't start with a welter of peals.—K. S. B. Croft.

I don't like the 'R.W.' in its 'new look.' It is too much like it was during the ban when there were no peals to report. Let us have it again as Jack Goldsmith gave it us.—E. B.

I do not like the new arrangement. In practically all newspapers one turns to the sports page first, and knows where to find it; and so it is with me. I look for the 'Gossip,' expecting to find it opposite the page for Personalities, and then follow on with the letters. If you want to do something different I suggest that you might commence your peal and quarter peal columns with 'Special' or 'Outstanding Performances' which are worth special praise.—A. J. B.

I do not like 'The Ringing World' set up at backstroke.

Might I take this opportunity of saying how much I like the new layout of the 'R.W.' I hope it makes more people realise that the 'R.W.' is not only for peal ringers (a familiar grumble) and that more ringers will in consequence support the paper. I intend to say as much at our next District meeting.—B. S. P.

I'm not yet sure whether I like the rearrangement of the 'R.W.' features, but with peals at the back one might regard all the advertisements as being together.—J. H. G.

I would like to say that I prefer the previous layout of 'The Ringing World.' I feel that the peal columns give a more definite opening to the paper and, generally speaking, are of more interest than the other items.—C. W. R.

'ROUND THE CIRCLE' IN 18 TOWERS

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent, completed 'round the circle' in peals to his 18th tower on October 6th at Frittenden. Mr. Sone does not claim this as a record. When he completed his 17th tower he received a letter from a well known ringer claiming the same number of towers. Details:

Tower	Peal		Cond. Rung	
	Total	Cond.	Round	Circle
Marden	43	29	2	2
Leeds	37	26	—	1
Linton	32	18	1	2
Staplehurst ..	29	17	1	2
Brenchley ..	28	17	1	2
Headcorn ..	26	21	1	1
Rotherfield ..	24	6	—	1
Tunbridge Wells	20	9	—	1
West Malling ..	18	13	1	1
Hadlow	17	16	1	1
Aylesford ..	15	10	1	1
Withyham ..	13	3	—	1
Wrotham ..	12	6	—	1
Rolvenden ..	11	7	—	1
Frittenden ..	11	8	—	1
Penshurst ..	10	8	1	1
Speldhurst ..	9	7	—	1
Salehurst ..	8	5	—	1

All eight bell towers except Leeds, which has 10 bells.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD

Meeting at Dudley on October 7th, the Guild decided by a majority vote to extend its life for another year and review the situation after that time.

The officers for the coming year were: Master, Mr. F. S. Handley; secretary, Mr. M. D. Fellows.

Being a teenager, the secretary is hoping for the support of younger ringers in the area, as well as those of long standing, so as to arrest the decline which has been noticeable at meetings.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—43



MISS MURIEL REAY,
St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

One of the most enthusiastic lady peal ringers in the country is Miss Muriel Reay, of Northfield, Birmingham. All her peals have been rung on tower bells, and she holds the record for the most number in this category rung by a lady ringer. Her total to date is 570, of which no fewer than 500 have been rung with the country's most energetic peal organiser, George E. Fearn.

Muriel Reay was born in Birmingham, and educated at the Moseley School of Art, and later at the Birmingham College of Arts and Crafts, where she took an A.T.D. By profession she is a school teacher—the ideal job for a keen ringer—and at present she is the head of the art and craft department at Charlemont Secondary School, West Bromwich, Staffs.

She learnt to handle a bell at St. Bartholomew's, Westhoughton, Lancashire, in November, 1946, where she was working at the time, and her instructor was Albert Greenhalgh. Being eager to progress, she attended practices two or three times a week, within a radius of 20 miles, and was able also to ring in Birmingham during the school holidays.

Muriel's first peal was Grandsire and Stedman Doubles at St. Peter's, Hindley Lanes, on July 23rd, 1948, and it was called by Jack Ashcroft, who scored his first peal as conductor. She is grateful to Arthur Tomlinson, a famous Lancashire ringer, for calling many of her early peals.

On returning from Lancashire in March, 1951, to live in Birmingham, she soon took full advantage of the excellent opportunities available for peal ringing, and has averaged about 50 peals per year ever since. The majority of Muriel's peals have been rung in and around the Birmingham area, and she has not conducted any of them, preferring to leave that to others.

THE ALPHABET IN SURPRISE

Her list of peals includes at least 85 different Surprise Major methods, including all the letters of the alphabet, eight Surprise Royal methods, and six Surprise Maximus methods, and she has rung over 80 peals on 12 bells. In Spliced Surprise Major, she has rung several up to 10 methods.

Looking back on her list of peals, Muriel has an amazing assortment of memories. One which stands out more than most is of a peal of Cambridge Maximus, rung on tour, at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Kent. The lighting used was an oil lamp, and the shadows of the ringers and their ropes made weird patterns on the walls! The many peals in

which she took part at the now demolished church of Bishop Ryders, where she rang her second peal, have always provided some excitement and amusement. Conditions here were far from ideal, and on a wet night the rain used to come in and flood the belfry floor! Sometimes the ringers stood on little piles of newspapers to keep dry, and she well remembers, on one occasion, Rodney Meadows saying, 'George, I think I'll ring in the shallow end tonight!' The one electric light bulb used to sizzle, as the water dripped down the flex, and one wondered which would come to an end first—the peal or the bulb!

She would have liked to have paid her last respects to the late Albert Walker, so beloved by all, by standing in his memorial peal, but she was on holiday in Italy at the time. She is very proud to have rung in his 500th 12 bell peal.

Muriel's other hobbies are mostly connected with her work. She is very keen on photography, silversmithing, pottery, lettering and illuminating—something of a busman's holiday, but she enjoys doing craft work of any kind and spends a lot of time at it.

Muriel is a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Philip's Cathedral, and St. Martin's, Birmingham, and has set a fine example to her sex by the industriousness and continuity of her peal ringing. She is a very safe and reliable ringer, and it is quite possible that, if she continues in good health, she may well be the first lady to ring 1,000 peals. Her many friends will hope that she will eventually reach that honour. **APACE.**

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Ashford District

About 50 visitors were present for the service, conducted by the Rev. F. Capener, and tea, kindly given by the local ringers, at Ashford on October 7th.

In his report and balance sheet the hon. secretary said membership and subscriptions showed an increase on last year's record: 190 practising members had subscribed so far, including 23 new members. Two new towers now showed subscribers. Peal ringing showed a decline, but service ringing appeared to be well maintained.

Two motions from the Rochester District—one to raise the subscription of practising members and the other to introduce a peal booking fee—were then raised, but found no support. It was felt that the unity and good fellowship of the Association were of more value than any moneys which might accrue. A motion from the Lewisham District to change the date of the annual general meeting found some support, but was lost on a show of hands.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. They are Mr. J. R. Cooper (Ashford), Ringing Master; Mr. C. T. Hillis (Willesborough), hon. secretary; and Mr. J. J. Batchelor (Little Chart) and Mr. A. Berry (Folkestone), District representatives. Three new junior members joined the Association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Little Chart on December 2nd, instead of Woodchurch as appears on the programme.

Speaking on behalf of the visitors, the chairman, Mr. J. Willis, thanked all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

As the bells of St. Mary's, Ashford, could not be rung before 3.45 p.m. owing to weddings, Great Chart and Willesborough bells were kindly made available earlier in the afternoon. In addition, Mr. Peter Bond managed to 'grab' Hothfield. **C. T. H.**

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Goldington on October 7th. The Vicar (Rev. D. W. Janes) took a service for the ringers, Ringing in the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London.

Next meeting, Bromham, on November 4th.

KIMPTON CUP CONTEST

The third annual ringing competition for the Kimpton Cup was held on September 30th at Apsley. For a variety of reasons the entries this year were down to four. The test piece was 360 Minor, own choice of method.

Over 40 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea in the Church Room. After tea the Vicar of Apsley, the Rev. J. H. Diminey, welcomed the company and wondered if he was right in regarding the event as something of a ringers' 'local derby'!

Mr. A. V. Good introduced the judges—Messrs. A. P. Cannon and W. Ayre—and expressed pleasure at having these two well known ringers as judges once again.

Mr. Cannon commented that he found it a very pleasant change to be able to sit and listen to ringing rather than taking part. The ringing generally had been of a very high standard and all the teams had a good beat. The trebles had been rung well. He felt that good striking of the light bells was just as important, if not more so, than of the tenors.

Mr. Ayre supported these remarks and said that he was delighted at the uplift in the standard of ringing. He was all for anything that would help to get good striking for Sunday service ringing.

The teams which entered, methods rung and marking were then given as follows: Apsley (winners last year, Cambridge) 35 faults. King's Langley (Plain Bob) 74. Kimpton (P.B.) 83½. Hemel Hempstead (P.B.) 175. The Kimpton Cup was then presented to Mr. R. E. Shepherd, of Apsley, by the Rev. J. H. Diminey.

Mr. T. J. Lock thanked the judges for their services and remarks which he said would benefit all of the teams in their future ringing. The judges were presented with a small gift by Miss Ann Price, 7-year-old daughter of the Kimpton Ringing Master, as a token of appreciation.

Mr. J. G. Cull, on behalf of the Competition Committee and the Kimpton Guild of Change Ringers, thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and also the Apsley band and their ladies for making the day's arrangements such a success.

A lively discussion on the future of the competition followed, the main points being whether the Hertford County Association should take a more active interest in the event and how more towers could be encouraged to enter a team. It was unanimously agreed that the competition should continue independently of the Association. On the question of the number of entrants, many thought that it had been wrong to hold the competition at Apsley, the home tower of last year's winning team. It was also felt that some were discouraged by the thought that the competition was 'prize ringing'. A further general feeling was that both judges should be 'out of county.'

The general tone of the discussion indicated that there is a lively interest in the competition and the various suggestions put forward were to be considered by the committee when organising the 1962 event, which is to be at Kimpton. The committee were nominated as follows: Messrs. W. Ayre, J. G. Cull, T. J. Lock, D. C. Price and T. J. Southam, with power to co-opt a further member, preferably from the eastern or northern part of the county.

The proceedings were very nicely rounded off by entertainment arranged by the Apsley ringers in the village club. Handbells, darts, tape recordings of the day's ringing and, of course, a bar, not forgetting the very tasty 'hot-dogs,' all helped to make September 30th a day to be remembered.

J. G. C.

Lincolnshire Girl's Surrey Romance



FOLLOWING her acceptance of a teaching appointment at Frimley School, Surrey, four years ago, Miss Janet Mary Hanson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hanson, of 47, Pennygate, Spalding, and grand-daughter of Mr. J. T. Brown, for many years a well-known Spalding ringer, met romance. She has now married into a well-known ringing family, the Sherwoods, of Ash, and was at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Spalding, the bride of Brian Edgar, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sherwood, of East Wyke Farm, Ash.

Alas, there are no bells at St. John-the-Baptist Church but, thanks to the good services of Mr. Ronald Noon, the bells of SS, Mary and Nicholas', Spalding, were available in the evening, and it was here that members of the bridegroom's family and friends from Farnham en-

joyed an hour's ringing in announcing the happiness of Brian and Janet.

To amplify our picture, the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white figured brocade dress with short train and a flowered headdress. Her flowers were white orchids, roses, stephanotis and lilies-of-the-valley. The two bridesmaids—the Misses Sheelagh Needs and Aileen Bell—wore deep apricot colour dresses. Mr. Peter G. Sherwood was best man to his brother, and another brother, John, was an usher with Mr. Francis Hanson, the bride's brother. The Vicar, the Rev. Brian Taylor, officiated at the choral service.

A reception at Bromley Memorial Hall preceded a honeymoon car tour. Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Edgar's home is at East Wyke Farm Cottage, Ash.

[Picture by courtesy of 'The Farnham Herald']

LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

Meeting at Thurcaston, Leics, on September 16th, the Midland District received a résumé of the A.G.M. at Bedford from the president (Mrs. P. J. Staniforth). Discussion arose from a suggestion by Miss Thompson that due to lack of support at meetings lately. Branch meetings be held to overcome the difficulty of covering such a wide area as the District. The matter was referred to the A.G.M. Miss Thompson thanked the Rector for taking the service and use of the bells. Next meeting, Hinckley, November 18th; annual meeting, Nottingham, January 27th.

Beds and Northants District

Three new members from Turvey were elected when the Beds and Northants District held their meeting there on September 30th. One hour's ringing took place before the service conducted by the Rector (Rev. B. A. Butler), and again in the evening. Methods rung included Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Next meeting, Higham Ferrers, November 25th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The general opinion of the over 40 ringers who attended the autumn meeting of the Eastern District at Warkington on October 7th was that the new ring of six bells was of a very nice tone. The Vicar conducted the service, and expressed the hope that we would come again soon, and the ladies provided an excellent tea.

Six new members were elected, viz.: Misses J. Gray and S. Knight (Warkington), C. White and M. Dobson, and Messrs. J. Dobson and C. Warner (Hull). Next meeting, Beverley, in December.

H. S. H.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fifteen towers were represented at the Barnsley District meeting at Royston on October 14th. The Rev. K. Law, who presided, gave a warm welcome to the company. Nevill Crossland, of Cawthorne, was elected a member. The next meeting, on November 11th, will be at Holmfirth, near Huddersfield, by special invitation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

65's AT BACKSTROKE DISAGREEABLE

Dear Sir,—I thought there would have been more replies to Mr. Grant's letter about 65's at backstroke, and am surprised at the one (from Mr. Chant) that you have had. It is quite untrue to say that 'a listener outside the tower is not to know whether a row is back or hand'—unless the ringing is 'cartwheel,' for surely the open lead makes the distinction evident, and the slight pause after the last blow at backstroke calls attention to the bells completing that stroke.

As a keen handbell ringer, I can assure anyone who has not had the experience of taking part in well-struck Bob Minor with clearly-marked open leads that 65's at backstroke stick out a mile—and personally I find them disagreeable, and always prefer to ring touches that avoid them, but I would not care to enter into a discussion as to whether I find them unpleasant because they are in any true sense unmusical or because 56's 'seem' right through greater familiarity (taking the plain course as the norm). I cannot understand how this simple point of the effect of the open lead can have been overlooked when the matter was 'explored a few years ago'; unfortunately I was out of touch with ringing matters at the time.

Of course, an open lead is nothing without good striking. All who have heard the famous Spliced Surprise Major record (recently re-issued) agree that the rhythm is masterly, and the touch used abounds in satisfying roll-ups, but without the emphasis provided by the open leads the effect of these would be largely lost.

The open lead does not, of course, have to be exaggerated; my point is that provided it is observed, in well-struck ringing, the backstroke blow is a *successor* to the handstroke and completes it musically, and whatever the technical reason may be (musically speaking), the effect of this is that certain combinations—of which 65's in Minor are but one example—that are tolerable at handstroke become objectionable to the sensitive ear at backstroke. It is rather like ending a sentence with a preposition; although the practice is no longer frowned upon by grammarians as it was, it often sounds awkward and is consequently instinctively avoided by a good writer.—Yours sincerely,

A. R. PARGETER.

New Milton, Hants.

SHERBORNE ABBEY PEAL

Dear Sir.—John R. Mayne's recent performance of Six-Spliced at Sherborne Abbey must surely rank as one of the greatest heavy-bell feats of our time.

May I offer my congratulations to this fine ringer.—Yours, etc.,

GEO. W. PIPE.

Melbourne, Victoria.

A PARSON'S SUGGESTION

Dear Sir.—Mr. E. Barnett wonders why ringers were not specifically mentioned at the enthronement at York Minster, whereas 'singers' were.

Could the fact that one never hears of 'singers' leaving the church as soon as their part of the service is over have anything to do with it?—Yours sincerely,

D. G. BRUNNING (Rev.).

Usk, Mon.

RINGING AT PERSHORE

Dear Sir.—We would like to point out that the feelings expressed in a recent letter are not those of this tower.

We hope that the jesting letter, sent by two of our more irresponsible members, has not caused ill feeling between Putney and Mr. Cattermole and the Pershore ringers.—Yours sincerely,

C. F. MEW, Ringing Master,
B. J. BULL, Secretary.

Putney, S.W.

BODELYDDAN BELLS

Dear Sir,—The Vicar's letter to me, dated July 27th, quoted in full in my letter, is in direct contradiction to Ranald Clouston's statement that the architect sanctioned restricted ringing, and it will be obvious that somebody is not telling the truth.

My application was made on July 18th, and it would be interesting to learn not only how but when the University of London Society obtained permission to ring three days before our proposed visit, when, according to the Vicar's statement, the architect had not yet given the 'all clear.'

It appears on the face of it a clear case of discrimination.

I hope I may never lose sight of the fact that permission to ring in any tower is a privilege and not a right, consequently I hope that the Central Council will not, as Alan Ward suggests, meddle in what is purely a domestic issue.

However disappointing the decision, if the Vicar says 'No' then 'no' it is, although I personally seldom take 'no' for an answer and I intend to try again whenever an opportunity arises.

I fear, however, that even Sunday ringing may now have been stopped and while I note that in his written report—sent after my visit—Mr. Clouston said nothing about restricted ringing, his verbal report three days before my visit had been interpreted—or misinterpreted—that ringing was dangerous.

Also the report on page 608 is rather ambiguous—as I read it, the architect was understood to have considered the spire unsafe to permit ringing, but that the Society considered it safe to ring for half an hour, which to me appeared nonsensical.

Further the report made no reference to the bell frame being wedged, but only that it was not anchored down.

The frame must have been like this since it was installed in 1872 and in criticising the alleged 'condemning' of the bells I cited the comparable instance of Bradbourne, Derbyshire, where I told the Vicar, bluntly, that the architect was a fool.

The late Vicar had previously written to me expounding his views on ringing and chiming and I may say I was astonished when he not only allowed us to ring but came to the church to watch.

Evidently he has since changed his mind and the resumption of ringing at Bradbourne is not due to my efforts.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

HORNCHURCH BELLS AGAIN

Dear Sir.—After a lapse of three years and three months we are once again able to ring our own bells, and I would like very much to thank all those towers who have so willingly allowed us the use of their bells.

We have made many friends and have had only one refusal to our request for permission to ring for Matins. Through the kindness of Mr. E. A. Barnett, we have built up a monthly connection with St. Clement Danes—a connection which we hope to continue—and I think we can claim to have become a reasonably competent 10-bell band. We are especially grateful for this privilege.

I would also like to pay tribute to my own band: their loyalty and the fact that they did not object to regimentation has made organisation very easy.

We have remained a band in every sense. At one time it seemed that we would probably lose one young man to the Methodist choir, but he saw the error of his ways and since married a Sunday School teacher of the established faith, so all is well!

Our opportunities for peal ringing are rather limited and a rather sensitive neighbourhood has to be re-educated, but we shall be very pleased to welcome any visitors at any time. Our ringing times are every Sunday evening at 5.30 and on the even Sundays at 10 a.m. Practice night is at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK V. GANT.

Hornchurch.

'MENTIONED'

Dear Sir.—I agree with Mr. Harold Walker that ringers should certainly consider themselves included in the phrase 'all who bear office and serve diligently,' which formed part of the Bidding Prayer used in York Minster recently at the enthronement of the new Archbishop—if their consciences allow them to do so.

They may be interested to know that they are specifically mentioned in 'A Litany of Intercession for the Diocese,' published a short time ago by the S.P.C.K., in whose compilation the writer had a share. One of the suffrages reads: 'That it may please Thee to fill all Bellringers with reverence and godly fear, that, as they summon others to Thy house, they may themselves offer Thee the worship of their own skill and devotion.'—Yours sincerely,

C. O. ELLISON, President.

Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.

OLD FRIENDS MEET

A recent holiday in Bournemouth provided an opportunity for 'Jafus' to visit two very old friends. The first was Joe Dyke, who, although now a prisoner confined to his bed, is as alert as ever. He is still able to enjoy a joke, and is completely up-to-date with current affairs. Joe, as is well known, was the inspiring force behind the excellent ringing broadcast from Evercreech every Sunday morning at 9.50 a.m. Several of his ringing friends, including Harry Sanger and Ron Beck, call to see him, and he looks forward to their visits. They take with them tape recordings of bells which Joe has not been able to hear, and provide him with some very happy moments.

The other old friend visited was Canon C. Cox, now retired after 25 years as Vicar of Lyme Regis. Although now an octogenarian, he is active, and able to enjoy a little shooting in his own grounds at the rear of his house. When it is remembered that when he went to Lyme only call changes were rung, and that now Lyme Regis possesses not only an attractive modern ring of bells, but also a band which can ring Surprise methods up to London and Bristol, we must accord to Canon Cox full credit for such a transformation. He was ably backed by that other stalwart George Morris, and at a practice, which 'Jafus' recently attended, Canon Cox took part in London, Bristol, Cambridge and Siedman—never making a mistake. Not bad for 80 plus!

30 Years Ago

'R.W.' October 23rd. 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams celebrate their golden wedding.

Bicentenary of the first peal of Stedman Triples coincides with Stedman's tercentenary.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' October 20th. 1911.

RINGERS' STRIKE AT LEEDS

The bell ringers at St. Chad's Church, Leeds, says the Manchester 'Daily Despatch,' are out on strike as a result of a disagreement between one of their number and the Vicar. The trouble began one day last week when one of the ringers, Mr. Dean Swift, was asked by the Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, to sweep the belfry steps and tidy up the place generally. Swift refused, contending that his duties consisted solely of bell ringing and keeping the bells in order. The Vicar persisted, and as Swift would not give way he was discharged. A meeting of the ringers, some ten or a dozen in number, was at once called, and an ultimatum was sent to the Vicar, that if Swift was not immediately reinstated the whole body would come out on strike. Mr. Marshall replied that Swift would not be reinstated unless he would promise to obey instructions, and the men carried out their threat. Matters are now at a deadlock. The men say they are not really paid for their work, but only receive an acknowledgment, and they will not give in.

POINTS FROM PEALS

By the REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

(Continued from page 640)

WE turn now to towers whose visits to the peal columns are rare and other points of interest. The claim for the longest silence since I last wrote on this subject is at Churcham, Gloucestershire. The footnote said first since 1887, but actually I have one in 1909 also. Even so, the tower is a very rare bird. Likewise, the footnote to the peal at Streatley, was not quite accurate. The recent peal was certainly the first since 1903 which has been published, but I have an unpublished one in 1906.

There are three more towers which had not had a peal since before the first war. I confirm that Roughtown had its first peal for 47 years—the only previous one I had was in 1914—and also that the peal at Ingham was the first for 48 years (again, the only previous one). The footnote to the peal at Bradfield, Berks, said 'First since 1912,' but actually, I find it was 1913 when the previous last peal was rung. The recent one was the seventh on the bells.

The peal at Barton-on-Humber, St. Mary's, raises a point in my records. It was certainly the first peal on the eight, but I had a previous one down for 1911 on six bells. I see I queried it at the time, and on looking it up, find it was published on page 678 of the first volume of 'The Ringing World' amongst several peals at the end of that year headed 'Peals rung before the appearance of "The Ringing World" but not previously recorded.' No church name was given and I think I put it down to St. Mary's (it was a first peal on the bells), because the weight of the tenor was nearly that of St. Mary's and not St. Peter's. However, since a peal of Minor was rung at St. Peter's a couple of months later, it is probable that the above peal should really be credited to St. Peter's also. Perhaps a Barton ringer would kindly let me know sometime. I suppose I also should mention Bradley. The footnote was quite correct—first peal on the recast bells, but there had been two peals in the tower before—in 1906 and 1907. So it is over 50 years since a peal was rung there.

APPEAL TO SUBSTANTIATE CLAIM

From just after the first war, in 1919, Strensham had its last peal before the recent one (not 1923, as claimed, unless the latter was not published). The only previous time the names Blaby, Alveley and Kessingfield had appeared in the peal columns was in 1920. I see the first is going great guns this year. The peal at Stoke Doyle said first since 1923. I had not a previous one at this tower and so should be pleased to have particulars of it from the conductor or Mr. Amos. The latter has often told me, in his usual robust style, that there are several peals in his area which were not published, but I fear has never been able to substantiate his claim by details when asked for them. Perhaps he will be able to do so this time.

We then come to East Molesey, where I confirm the last peal was in 1924. For an eight bell tower, its total appearances have been very few—six times between 1891 and 1924 and then twice recently. I also confirm

that we recently had the first since 1925 on the 8 bells of St. Modwen's, Burton-on-Trent. Peals of Doubles were, however, rung there in 1946 and 1953. Before the first war this was quite a popular tower, having had 39 peals from 1881 to 1913. Another confirmation of their claim is at Wouldham, where the only previous peal was in 1925. In 1926, Misson appeared for its only other time in the peal columns, and in 1928 Long Clawson likewise (as claimed). Two towers last heard a peal in 1928—Harbury (its only other one) and Englefield. In the latter case, four had been rung between 1886 and 1901. The last tower which had not been in the peal lists since the 1920's is Jarrow-on-Tyne. Here, the first peal was in 1893, then silence until 1905, when two peals were rung. Another silence until a little burst of enthusiasm brought eight peals from 1926 to 1929, and now the silence is broken again.

LAST APPEARANCES—1930

The list of last appearances in the 1930's is a long one. First we come across Long Wittenham, whose only peal previously was in 1930. Similarly, Ingrave, in 1931. St. Saviour's, Bath (Walcot), had its most flourishing period for peals last century, when six peals were rung from 1890 to 1893. The years 1906, 1910, 1919, 1924 and 1925 each saw one peal each until the 1932 peal ended the occasional visit to the peal lists for another 28 years. Five towers appeared last in 1933. Penrith had its only other peal then. Both Laverstoke and Cucklington had also their first peal in 1930 and then the 1933 one, making three each with the recent one. The other two are Street and Sedburgh. The former had seven peals from 1904 to 1913 and then single peals in 1919 and 1931, all of these being Grandsire Triples. The 1933 peal was Double Norwich. The latter had also seven peals, from 1899 to 1908 and also one in 1932 before the 1933 one. In 1934, Knappston last appeared with the tower's only other peals (two of them), whilst seven towers have had a peal silence since 1935. Stoke Trister and Donhead had their only previous peals then. Arnesby had had another peal before that year in 1928 and Chewstoke, two, in 1929 and 1931. Corse had two peals in 1935 and a previous one in 1907, whilst Lockington had three older ones in 1909, 1921 and 1926. Westbury-on-Severn is the 'severn' (!) tower. Here, a peal 'in the Grandsire Method' was rung in 1887 (I suppose Doubles, but it could have been Minor, for there is nothing in the entry to say which), and other peals in 1890, 1913 and 1928. All the towers which were last heard of in 1936, before their recent appearance, had earlier peals. Yalding had three before then—1913, 1930 and 1935; Crowle was very popular between the two wars, 30 peals being rung between 1920 and 1936, with one earlier still in 1905; Butcombe had six from 1923; North Collingham three in 1927, 1930 and 1932; and Selston five in 1909, 1911, 1930, 1933 and 1935. Two towers were last mentioned in 1937—Kirkthorpe had its only other peal then, and Long Sutton (Somerset) likewise.

When we come to 1938, we find several towers of which we have not heard in the peals columns since until lately. Tharston's

only other peal was that year. Tideswell had four from 1930 to 1938, and Swanbourne one previously in 1937. Stoke Climsland seemed to work on one peal per 10 years, approximately, having previously had one in 1914 and one in 1927, whilst Marlesford had had a long silence from 1903 to 1937. Four peals were rung here from 1901 to 1903, and then one in 1937. Bolsterstone's record is unusual. Last heard in 1938 (as already indicated), there had been 76 peals before that, 40 before the first war and 36 between 1919 and 1937, so it was quite a flourishing peal tower. Of these 77 pre-second war peals, 26 (including the 1938 one) were of College Single Major. I'm quite sure no other tower has as many peals of that method!! I haven't had time to check, but I surmise that the 1938 peal was the last ever rung in this irregular method.

Finally, in this section, the towers last pealed in 1939. Glasbury-on-Wye is the first of these. The 1939 peal was the 28th there—13 before 1914 (from 1907) and 15 between the wars. Although an eight bell tower, no peal of Major has yet been rung there! It sounds as if the tenor is a bit awkward. The claim for first of Minor on the bells was quite correct—all the other peals had been Doubles or Triples. It is good to see Happisburgh getting going again after over 20 years' peal silence (four peals since May, 1960). From 1925 (first peal) to 1939 there were 10. Madley had seven peals from 1907 to 1939, so the peal last December now makes its total eight. Tolleshunt D'Arcy now totals four peals—in 1910, 1913, 1939 and 1960, likewise Darrington, in the years 1901, 1935, 1939 and 1960.

I don't usually include silences later than 1939, but one since 1940 deserves mention—Whitney (Herefords), a five bell tower, whose total of 18 makes it fifth amongst such towers. I hope its first peal for 20 years means that it is about to get going again.

Lastly, we come to a few points of interest of various kinds. I made the peal total at Oxendon (5), 11 when the footnote claimed the 10th. The footnote to the peal at Cross Stone (Tadmorden) on September 29th, 1960, said 100th peal in Tadmorden. I should be very pleased to have particulars of what towers are included in this total, for my total is much less than that. The peal at Wragby was not the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. There was a peal 50 years before, but I had two before that, in 1902 and 1908. The peal at Chulmleigh was not the first since 1931. I have one in 1950. The peal at Lynstead was not the first in seven methods on the bells—one was rung in 1955. I think. Finally, is Nutfield Treble Bob Minor, College Exercise?

Suffolk Ringers Visit Essex

Ringers of Barking, Cotton and Mendlesham had an outing into Essex on October 7th. The towers were of interest. To start with there was the shingled cedar wood tower of Great Totham, followed by the triangular tower at Maldon. After an excellent tea at the Hope Inn, Tollesbury, ringing was resumed at Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Goldhanger. Thanks are specially due to Mr. Robert C. Lester, for making the outing possible, and Mr. C. W. Levett, for local arrangements, and, of course, the incumbents.

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OBITUARY

MRS. CONSTANCE BLATCH

Ringers throughout the south of Essex will be grieved to hear of the death, on October 10th, of Mrs. Blatch, of Orsett.

Coming of a ringing family, Connie was the daughter of the late Harry Chinnery, of Orsett, and four years ago married Fred Blatch, of Fyfield, also a ringer. The following year they had the pleasure of hearing Orsett bells ring again after a silence of many years. The old, rough-going ring of six was turned into a handy little light ring by the attentions of the bellhanger, and Connie set to work to teach a young band, ranging in age from nine to 19 years.

In the last three-and-a-half years, she had had the pleasure of ringing with six of her learners in their first quarter peals, and four of them have rung their first peal. In all, during that time, about 15 quarter peals and two peals have been rung at Orsett, and Connie had taken part in most of them. In the main they have been Grandsire and Bob Doubles, but recently a quarter peal in ten Doubles methods has been scored.

It is idle to say that Connie's place will be hard to fill, for she is irreplaceable. She was patient and unruffled with her learners, and was never absent from practice night or service ringing without some very pressing cause.

She has been laid to rest in the shadow of the tower where she learnt to ring, and which she served so faithfully for many years. At her own request, there was no half-muffled ringing. The Essex Association was represented at her funeral by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Willmington and Mr. and Mrs. John Crampson, the local band by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hills, and the Ladies' Guild by Miss J. Hills. Also present were two very old ringing friends, Messrs. H. Smith and A. Reeve, of Fobbing.

In all, Connie had rung eight peals, two of them were on the rehung six at Orsett. She recalled with greatest pleasure the peal of Grandsire Triples by a predominantly local band at Fobbing, which was brought round in almost total darkness by the skill of the conductor, Sidney Bailey.

To her husband and to Mrs. Chinnery, her mother, we extend our deepest sympathy. The best way we can honour her memory is to continue the work which she began so well. May she rest in peace.

J. E. H.

MRS. WINIFRED BIRKETT

AN APPRECIATION

Perhaps it is unusual to write of one who was a friend on just one single occasion, but the announcement that Winifred Birkett had been called to higher service saddened at least two of us many miles away from Liverpool. We met her after Ted had gone home and told of our plight, marooned in Liverpool, a whole day until midnight. We felt a bit forlorn that day, unshaven and nowhere much to rest. I was nursing a broken leg in plaster.

We rang at St. Nicholas' and Ted told us that he and Winifred would like us to come home for a meal; we naturally hesitated, but Winifred was outside the church and would brook no refusal. What a dear, kindly soul she proved to be; we might have been her sons. After caring for us, she insisted that we accept Ted's offer to go at midnight with us to the docks, where we caught our boat. By now she must have heard the wonderful invitation 'Come, ye Blessed of My Father'... 'for I was a stranger and you took me in.'

W. H. C.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. E. Cawser (cond.) 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, A. A. Rackham 3, D. C. Oates 4, E. W. Colley 5, G. H. Peers jun. 6, E. Elton 7, G. H. Peers sen. 8, N. W. Attaway 9, L. Trevor 10. First quarter on ten 4, 6 and 9, and first of Royal 7 and 8. First quarter on the augmented bells. Rung for Harvest Festival.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. S. Bishop (14, first quarter) 1, Mary Prior (first of Minor) 2, G. Upstell (first 'inside') 3, Christine Glastonbury (first of Minor 'inside') 4, N. W. H. Simon (first of Minor, cond.) 5, W. Dare 6.

ANDOVER DISTRICT'S CUP CONTEST

For 1922 to 1933 there was a competition for the Air Cup, rung on the front six of St. Nicholas' Church, Newbury, followed by a slap-up supper, provided by Mr. Malcolm Aird, the donor of the cup.

This cup contest has now been revived. It is open to all towers in the Andover District and was held at Burghclere on October 7th, the judges being Mr. R. Crook and Mrs. D. Pearce, of Bucklebury.

After tea the judges announced the result: 1 Burghclere 'A' 4 faults (120 Grandsire). 2 Burghclere 'B' 16, followed by Highclere 'A' 19, Andover 22½, Longparish 37½, Highclere 'B' 43, Woolton Hill 48, Whitchurch 50.

Presenting the cup the Rector of Burghclere (Mr. Ince) expressed his pleasure that his teams were first and second. Ringing to suit all tastes followed at Burghclere, Newton and Highclere and ranged from Stedman Minimus to Mixed Triples and Major.

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SIMPLE SIMON'S ACCIDENT

Simple Simon learned to ring.

At home he practised on a string.

Then the string caught in the door

Fractured Simon's lower jaw.

'Now tell me,' said the doctor stern.

Determined that the facts he'd learn.

'How did you get this painful blow?'

Said Simon, 'Coming out of slow!'

R. C.

SOUTH WALES NOMADS

This year's tour of the South Wales Nomads, drawn from Newport and District and Llandaff, started on August 8th and was in two cars and a motor-cycle, the week being organised by Geoff Marchant.

Ringling on the first day was in Herefordshire and the party was joined by the Rev. K. C. Davies. Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the excellent light ring at Bridstow, while the best striking of the day was on the superb six at Weston-under-Penyard.

Breconshire was toured on Wednesday. The two towers in Brecon are both good rings—St. David's a really good six and St. Mary's a Rudhall eight. Llanfagan bells are an eight universally praised by all who have been there. Thursday was again devoted to Herefordshire bells and among them was Stoke Edith (a magnificent Taylor ring), seemingly little used as we had to fit a rope to the fourth.

In Friday's programme were the fine eight at Aberavon, the six at Neath, where the go cannot be bettered and in the best ringing of the tour we were joined by Mr. G. I. Lewis. The day finished on the good light eight at Gorseinon—Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major.

Saturday, the final day, was also spent in Herefordshire, towers visited being Clydock (6), Tyberton (5), Madley (6), Eaton Bishop (6), Much Dewchurch (6) and Kingstone (6). Thanks are accorded to all incumbents, drivers, the Rev. K. C. Davies, Alan Smith and Geoff Marchant for his excellent organisation.

N. W. H. S.

OUTINGS

ST. GEORGE'S, BECKINGHAM

Misty weather prevented the 19 ringers of Beckingham and other friends from enjoying to the full the beauties of the garden of England on September 23rd. It did not, however, spoil the excellent and varied trip Mr. P. W. Cave, tower master, had arranged.

The journey was by private cars and the whole party assembled for coffee half-way along the road to Canterbury. For one hour we enjoyed ringing in the Cathedral, which today is the focal point of the Church of England. Some of the less experienced had difficulty with 12 bell ringing, but were pleased to try. Methods rung were Treble Twelve, Stedman Caters and Grandsire Cinques.

After a good meal at the Old Coffee House we went to Wye and were very impressed with the spacious ringing chamber and pleasant sounding bells. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Superlative were rung. Then came St. Mary's, Chilham, and a novelty in this tower was two spiked drums, dating from the 17th century, which were used to work the carillon. As in all towers, a very warm welcome was accorded at Biddenden. Here an enthusiastic band of young ringers have redecorated the ringing chamber.

At the Dorset Arms at Withyham we sat down to an excellent dinner, which included chicken. Ringing for the day ended on the beautiful eight at Coleman's Hatch, where good touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung. Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. Cave, as without his leadership and inspiration the tour would not have been such a success. The burning question now is 'Where are we going next year?'

J. H.

BROMHAM, BEDS

It was the Bromham ringers and friends who started the season of local ringing outings this year, and therefore it was their privilege to finish the season with a most enjoyable half-day spent in and around Northants.

Three very fine octaves and two sixes, respectively, were visited. Some enterprising and rewarding methods were rung at Rushden and Market Harborough, but due to a misunderstanding of arrangements, ringing was curtailed at Rothwell, where full justice wasn't done to this very fine octave.

A really excellent tea was provided at Market Harborough, putting us in fine fettle to ring on the sixes at Newbold-on-Avon and Staverton. It was on the latter bells that it could be said that we excelled and it was here that the ladies came to the fore and rang an admirable touch.

Thank you, Kathleen, and the people who met us, for an enjoyable day.

K. C. F.

EAST MEON

On September 23rd, six carloads of ringers, comprising most of the East Meon band and a few friends from Petersfield, Haslemere and Liss towers, set off for a day's ringing.

First stop was on the light six at Swanmore, which was followed by ringing on the fine eight at Shedfield. Packed lunch was eaten in the fog on the seafrost at Stokes Bay, and then the very tuneless eight at Alverstoke were rung for three-quarters of an hour. Bishopstoke proved the most elusive tower of the day, several cars having driven round it twice before seeing it. After tea at Curdridge, ringing followed on the fine, heavy eight there. All agreed that these were the best bells of the day, in spite of the 7th and tenor being up false after raising in peal.

Officially the last tower was Bishop's Waltham, but after ringing there, the party was given permission to ring at Soberton, this final 'grab' bringing to an end a most enjoyable day.

Ringing ranged from Kent and Stedman to rounds, and thanks are extended to the incumbents, tower captains and the secretary of East Meon band for making arrangements, and to two of the youngest members of the band for raising the money for the tea at their own children's fete.

J. E. C.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS

Good ringing was had by the ringers of Rotherham Parish Church, accompanied by two friends from Chesterfield and Sheffield, on the occasion of their annual outing.

Towers visited were Heptonstall (8), Skipton (8), Ripon Cathedral (10), Wetherby (8) and Tadcaster (8). Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich C.B., Plain Bob and Little Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. An excellent dinner was had at Skipton, and tea taken at Ripon.

The glorious weather and beautiful scenery enhanced the outing, which had been well arranged by Mr. Norman Chaddock. Thanks are due to incumbents, tower captains and people who met us. S. A.

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

Watford Grammar Schools' Society had, as their first tower on their outing on September 23rd, SS. Peter and Paul's, Watford, Northants. The Vicar and local secretary informed us that the six bells there had not been rung for a year, as we found out from the dust! Some of the party of 24 ringers had difficulty with the length of draught and thick tailends, but a course of Cambridge was miraculously brought round, as was Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

A good touch for us of Grandsire Triples was rung on the anti-clockwise eight at Daventry, after lunch. The 30 miles to Ambrosden were quickly covered, but unfortunately ringing here had to be curtailed due to a death. The best ringing of the day was at Bicester, where we rang for 1½ hours and also had tea. The last tower was Thame, where a course of St. Clement's stubbornly refused to come round.

Back at Watford the representatives of the 13 towers parted after a successful outing, some lacking shoes, scarves and cigarette cases! Thanks are due to Vicars and Ringing Masters and everybody else concerned with the outing. J. M. B.

OUTINGS**ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW**

All the participants in the year's autumn car outing of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, were contained within a Dormobile and one car, the former driven by Lionel Woods, coping nobly, as usual, with the mad fools who always surround him on the roads.

Despite small numbers—and an age range of 14 to 75—a satisfactory performance was put up on the heavy eight and ten at Bury St. Edmunds during the morning.

After a picnic lunch by the much-favoured weir bridge, at the foot of Mill Lane in Cambridge, ringing, including an excellent course of Double Norwich C.B. Major, took place at St. Andrew's. On leaving the tower we were lucky enough to meet Terry and Wendy Earle and with his welcome help we were able to achieve, at the R.C. church, what we feared would be impossible with our reduced numbers—a course of Bristol on this magnificent ring. This music along justified a visit to the tower.

The well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters at Great St. Mary's were some of the best ringing of the day. With the help of two local ringers, a course of Grandsire Cinques was tapped round in true 12 bell compass—a rare event on an outing or meeting occasion. For 75-year-old Mr. Fred Maynard, for many years Master at Walthamstow, it was his first course of Cinques since 1915!

The homeward journey was pleasantly broken by a substantial buffet supper and song at the Good Intent, Sawbridgeworth, a place popularised by the annual trip to Saffron Walden's 'Great Ringing Day.'

In addition to the usual thanks our gratitude is due to Mr. J. W. Quinney, for his great help in making ringing arrangements at Cambridge. A. B.

GIGGLESWICK, YORKS

On October 1st Giggleswick ringers enjoyed a half-day outing into Lancashire and Westmorland.

First stop was at Low Bentham, with a heavy ring of six (19½ cwt.). On from there to Melling (6, 10 cwt.), where the bells are rung from a gallery and we were met by Mr. Gibson, the tower captain.

From Melling on to Hornby, the only eight of the day (12½ cwt.). A visitor from West Lancashire joined in the ringing.

Tea followed in the motor caravan we had hired for the outing. After tea we crossed the border into Westmorland. At Kirkby Lonsdale (6, 12 cwt.), the last tower of the day, we were met by Mr. Procter (local captain), Mr. Shaw (verger and tower-keeper) and Mr. G. Braithwaite, who joined us in ringing for Evensong.

Many thanks to all incumbents and tower captains, and also to Mr. Wright, for arranging transport. D. S. P.

REDE, SUFFOLK

Rede, Suffolk, where the bells have been silent since 1951, has had extensive repairs to its tower costing £3,000. On September 17th a service of thanksgiving and hallowing was held, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Dunwich.

But the three bells, one of them Elizabethan, can only be clocked. Mr. A. W. Rolfe informs us that on raising the bells a crack was noticed inside the tower so the bells are still not in ringing order and had to be clocked at the thanksgiving service.

At the tea afterwards in the Village Hall, the Rector (the Rev. H. V. Koop) thanked Mr. W. Goodship, secretary of the Cathedral ringers, and Mr. Rawlings, captain of the Barrow Church ringers, for their help in restoring and ringing the bells after their long silence.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Bowls and ringing have at times been allied by individual members, but the quarter peal rung at Dorking on October 15th by Surrey bowlers for the service to commemorate the golden jubilee of the Surrey County Bowling Association is probably unprecedented in ringing records. Our 'bob' paid homage to their 'jack'.

Ringing at Stoke Poges church is suspended for about a month whilst stonework is being replaced at the top of the tower.

The tenor at Piddletrenthide, Dorset (19 cwt. 4 qr.), was the heaviest tenor that A. P. Cannon has turned in to a peal. This took place on October 14th.

The Editor thanks the many readers who offered to lend copies of the 1907 edition of *Minor Methods*. The applicant has now been fully satisfied, having taken a copy of the information he required.

After ringing only 11 months, Robert Bolt (14), a scholar at Burley Grammar School, has rung a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. He rang the fourth at Radcliffe on October 14th, in excellent style.

The peal at King's Lynn on October 14th was a farewell to Canon Aitken, who has been a good friend of St. Margaret's ringers. Neville Greenacre, who rang his first peal—and rang very well—is of the latest generation of the well known Greenacre family of ringers.

The Sherborne St. John's bells have gone to the foundry for retuning and there will be no ringing until further notice. Mr. J. Chesterman, of Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Hants, appeals to those who have rung on the bells to send a donation to him towards the £300 still to be raised.

The quarter peal at Hillingdon on October 15th was the first 'in living memory' (theirs!) of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fardon, who after an absence of nearly thirty years are renewing their interest in ringing. Aptly enough the composition of the quarter peal was taken from the 5,019 composed by Mr. Fardon's father, George R. Fardon, a well known member of the College Youths.

After being silent since before the Second World War, the bells of St. John's, Tuebrook, Liverpool, were rung to a quarter peal by ringers of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association. The restoration was carried out by local labour, with help from local ringers. A local band is being trained and we hope that these fine bells will now be heard for many years to come.

From 'Alfred the Great' (dialect feature in 'Mid-Devon Advertiser'): 'Glad knows by the cows when 'tis time to go. Farmer's cows be as punctual at the gate as the bell-ringers outside the pub on Sunday mornin'.

The peal attempt for Cambridge Surprise Minor at Shenley, Bucks, in honour of the appointment of the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg as an honorary canon in Christ Church, Oxford, was called round at the end of the fifth 720 owing to the fraying of the third rope.

Reminding our readers who might regard 'The Ringing World' as an atlas that Cosgrove is in Northamptonshire and not Bucks (see page 678). Mr. R. G. Black writes that the late Mr. Edwin Lambert was a tower of strength at Cosgrove for many years and he is pleased to see that they still have a band.

Walton, Somerset, bells, although last rung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1935, have defied many peal attempts. Twerton ringers, however, scored the first peal on the bells on October 14th. When the last attempt failed, the clock was set going by Messrs. Parfrey and Milsom, after a long silence. To their satisfaction it was still ticking when they visited the tower for the peal.

At Beckington, Somerset, harvest supper presentations in the form of books and book-tokens were made to Mr. Graham C. Grant, who is leaving for Harwell. For 17 years he had been organist and choirmaster. He started ringing with a new band of learners six years ago and has assisted to train many more youngsters since. The band wish him good ringing in Berkshire.

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EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr.

ALBERT M. TYLER Treble	RICHARD J. BOWDEN 7
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	*ANTHONY E. COX 8
*DOREEN COX 3	PATRICK J. BIRD 9
ARTHUR H. REED 4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 10
PATRICIA M. BOURN 5	FRANK D. MACK 11
FRANK HANSFORD 6	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor
	FREDERICK WRE福德

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

ST. PETER, ST. PAUL AND ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

*ANTHONY R. CARTER .. Treble	*DEREK C. JACKSON 7
†M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 2	R. ROGER SAVORY 8
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	PHILIP N. TUBBS 9
JESSIE M. KIPPIN 4	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER 10
†ANN M. COX 5	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 11
*DENNIS BROWN 6	†TOM CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First 12-bell peal. † First of Grandsire Cinques. First 12-bell peal as conductor.

Rung as a mark of respect and farewell to the Rt. Rev. A. T. P. Williams on the day of his retirement as Bishop of Winchester and as president of the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Oct. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5120 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

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

JOHN M. JELLEY Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	*A. JAMES POYNOR 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 9
R. KINGSLEY MASON 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by G. RONALD EDWARDS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 175th peal.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

CHARLES R. C. BOGGIS .. Treble	MICHAEL STOKES 6
*RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 2	DOROTHY CONSTANCE .. 7
EDWIN R. GOATE 3	*MICHAEL J. PARKER 8
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 4	RALPH W. BICKERS 9
†A. WILLIAM BIRD 5	PETER S. BEDFORD Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First on ten bells.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bickers.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HENBURY, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

ANTHONY K. FORTIN .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
DAVID P. HILLING 2	D. JOHN HUNT 6
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3	J. KEITH WARD 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 SALISBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 200th peal on the bells. First in the method (Corrigan, No. 276).

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
*WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	WALTER AYRE 6
†MARTIN JORDAN 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7
ARTHUR DAY 4	*EDWIN J. UPTON Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

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

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ANNE P. SMITH Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
CAROL FERNLEY 2	JOHN WORTH 6
BASIL JONES 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
ALAN A. POTTS 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Carol Fernley.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

SHIRLEY S. MUDD Treble	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 5
GORDON BENFIELD 2	RODERICK W. PIPE 6
RITA M. JOWETT 3	PETER SCHOLFIELD 7
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble	COLIN W. REED 5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN 6
BERYL N. REED 3	J. DAVID CLARKE 7
S. KATHLEEN BALDWIN .. 4	WILLIAM L. EXTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal in the method by all except 4 and 6. First in the method on the bells, and for the Guild.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 6
MURIEL R. PAGE 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 7
ERNEST W. PYE 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*NEVILLE GREENACRE .. Treble	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. 5
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 2	GRAHAM MANN .. 6
† WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 3	JOHN WILSON .. 7
FREDA P. GREAVES .. 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal on eight bells. † 200th for the Association.

Rung as a farewell to Canon W. A. Aitken, for eight years Vicar of St. Margaret's, on his appointment as Archdeacon.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. Treble	*CLIVE M. SMITH .. 5
J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. 2	RODERICK J. LEES .. 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* First peal in the method on a working bell.

A compliment to the ringer of the third on his recent marriage to Miss Elsie E. Gladwin.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*PAMELA BLAKELEY .. Treble	NORMAN SMITH .. 5
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 6
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. 7
*ROBERT BOLT .. 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

Rung after the wedding at this church of Miss Monica Joyce Davis and Mr. Rodney Fowler by the Bishop of Hulme. The bride is the daughter of the Rector of Radcliffe and Mr. Fowler is a ringer at this church.

URCHFONT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5024 HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

ROBIN G. LEALE .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	ERIC J. HITCHINS .. 6
ANNE C. GARNETT .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. MAYNE.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

RONALD J. HILL .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5
*BERYL E. CAWSE .. 2	*MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 6
W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 3	E. ALAN JACQUES .. 7
EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 4	MICHAEL ELSON .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

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

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 640 each of Ealing, London, Rutland and Wembley, and 320 each of Ashted, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Pudsey, Radlett, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method.

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

ERIC EDMONDSON .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. 5
*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of 12-Spliced.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A.

PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Treble	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 2	NORMAN SMITH .. 6
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 3	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 7
RITA M. JOWETT .. 4	RODERICK W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 1).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the sixth.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CECIL WADE .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
*JOHN E. ALLEN .. 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	RONALD C. NOON .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5280 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 17 240's and ten 120's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MARIAN FORRESTER .. Treble	DAVID KIRKHAM .. 4
ROBERT BARRATT .. 2	F. GEORGE FORRESTER .. 5
ERNEST PIMLOTT .. 3	BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* First peal.

Rung for Harvest Festival; also as birthday compliments to Marian Forrester and Robert Barratt.

ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), four Reverse St. Bartholomew (four callings), 12 Plain Bob (four callings) and 18 Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*KEVIN BARNES .. Treble	*RAYMOND J. FULLER .. 4
*PHILIP G. ROGERS .. 2	ALEX SIMPSON .. 5
MARTIN MAJOR .. 3	†TERRY HYDE .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEX SIMPSON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal, first attempt. First as conductor, and of Doubles 'inside.' First in four methods by all except the ringer of the third.

ASH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL .. Treble	JOHN R. PERRETT .. 4
PETER J. JOYCE .. 2	CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 5
COLIN J. CHAMPION .. 3	*RAYMOND E. FINCH .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN J. CHAMPION.

* 25th peal.

Rung in honour of the wedding this day of Mr. Brian Sherwood (a local ringer) and Miss Janet Hanson, at St. John Baptist's, Spalding, Lincs.

LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 4½ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble	KEITH R. DAVEY .. 4
ALAN G. PAYNE .. 2	JOHN G. AMES .. 5
ROGER D. BAILEY .. 3	*FRANK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* 100th peal of Minor.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores Grandsire and 21 six-scores Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT MILLER Treble	D. RUST ANDREWS 4
MISS P. WILLIAMSON 2	W. C. MEDLER 5
H. G. SMITHSON 3	GERALD BIRCHAM Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

Rung for the engagement of Ivan G. Smithson, of Buxton, and Miss Valerie Jean Grimwood, of Merton, near Watton.

NETTLESTEAD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, consisting of five extents each of Stedman and April Day, and eight each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

*ERNEST J. LADD Treble	*MARGARET A. LADD 3
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	*MARTIN L. HOWE 4
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in six Doubles methods.

FINDON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of London, Cambridge, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

EDWARD FOSBERRY Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
*J. RICHARD WILSON 2	ERNEST TREAGUS 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Victor Dale and Miss Dorothy Saunders.

GREAT CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 16 lb.

*EDWARD KINGSTON-MILES Treble	†JOHN RICHARDS 4
†RITA GOULD 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
JOSEPHINE HARDY 3	JOHN R. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (Rev. D. Stowell) and Mrs. Stowell, who are leaving for Mauritius.

HEVER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE FRY Treble	EDWARD J. JENNER 4
*ANN GEORGE 2	BRIAN E. JEFFREY 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 3	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal in four methods 'inside.' First on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, consisting of one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

MICHAEL THOMSON Treble	JOHN RYDER 4
CHRISTOPHER JONES 2	VICTOR NEAL 5
HAROLD WORRALL 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung on the eve of Harvest Festival.

MARSTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 14 extents Plain Bob and 28 Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt.

MARGARET J. COZIER .. Treble	†JULIA A. CHANDLER 3
*NOEL D. DEAM 2	†ROY H. JONES 4
ALEC GAMMON Tenor	

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

* 25th peal. † First of Doubles 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal on the bells.

Rung for the Festival of St. Luke, as a welcome to Miss Olive Lodge (lady church worker), as a wedding compliment to Miss Christine Woodward (a former tower captain) and Mr. G. Lanigan, and to congratulate Canon Elliot Wigg (Master of the Guild) on becoming a Canon of Christ Church, Oxford.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 2.160 and four extents.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

LESLIE H. TAYLOR Treble	JOSEPH W. BAILY 4
ROGER D. BAILEY 2	FRANK TAYLOR 5
KEITH R. DAVEY 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

First peal of Kent Minor by all except the conductor.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Treble	*WILFRED DUNN 4
ETHEL CLEAR 2	*KEITH GAME 5
JOHN C. EISEL 3	ALAN STREETER Tenor

Conducted by ALAN STREETER.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. Cowperthwaite and Barbara Gill, who were married this day.

PIDDLTRENTHIDE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman and 20 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 3
REV. C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER 2	FRANK H. HICKS 4
A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

First peal on the bells, which were rehung by John Taylor and Co. in 1958.

POTTERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Childwall, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Beverley, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*W. FRANK EYDEN Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN 5
THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 3	GEORGE E. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

* First peal in seven methods. First of Minor as conductor. First in seven methods on the bells.

Rung to mark the christening of Paul Truman, son of the ringer of the fifth.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (15 callings).

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*ELISABETH ROBERTS .. Treble	ALBERT H. LAWTON 4
*HAROLD ROBERTS 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
E. MARION KEY 3	WILLIAM WATKINS Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods: (1) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (2) Alnwick and Newcastle, (3) London and Wells, (4) York and Durham, (5) Chester and Munden, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
ANNE EDWARDS... .. *Treble* | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
*GEORGE E. THODAY... .. 2 | PETER J. EVES 5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 3 | JOE E. G. ROAST... .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in 18 Surprise methods. First of Minor on the bells.

TROWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Oxford T.B., two Kent T.B. and three Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

BOB DAY *Treble* | †MICHAEL ARROWSMITH .. 4
DEBORAH HOPKINS 2 | ROY TIFFIN 5
*ALAN RUDGE 3 | KENNETH W. PRICE *Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH W. PRICE.

* First peal. † First in three methods.

WALTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being two extents of St. Nicholas', four each of Winchendon Place and Stedman, six each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob, and 14 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*DAVID J. BARNETT *Treble* | ALAN F. LEE 3
*TERENCE J. MILSON... .. 2 | HAROLD L. PARFREY 4
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN... .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* Most methods in a peal. Most methods as conductor. First on the bells.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Annable's London, Bourne, Norwich, Ipswich, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

DAVID K. PUTNAM *Treble* | TREVOR A. CROSS 4
*MONTY W. GILBERT... .. 2 | BERNARD GROVES 5
*MARTIN L. HOWE 3 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT 24, MANOR STREET,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS 1—2 | ROBERT B. SMITH 5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY... .. 3—4 | *A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* First handbell peal.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 10, 1961, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

IN THE BELFREY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being five extents of Kent and two of Oxford.

A. TERENCE COLLINS... .. 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by all the band.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Anne O'Flaherty.

HALF PEAL

SHENLEY, BUCKS.—On Oct. 14th, 3,600 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. C. Edwards 1, F. Vickers 2, J. Marks 3, R. Cadamy 4, J. Linnell 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg as an honorary canon in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,316 Plain Bob Triples: H. Clatworthy (first quarter) 1, D. L. Kerley 2, D. W. Kerley 3, P. Jones 4, G. Kerley 5, G. E. Kerley 6, G. Hopkinson (cond. and comp.) 7, J. Turner 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Jones, uncle of the ringer of the fourth.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Oct. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. E. Gould 1, Miss J. D. Hardy 2, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 3, Miss M. M. Jones 4, H. S. Wickens 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6, N. J. Davies 7, T. Cullingworth 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 4. For Harvest Festival.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Jones 1, B. Payne 2, G. C. Grant 3, E. E. Bray 4, D. T. H. Robertson (cond.) 5, R. Baker 6, D. G. Brown 7, H. Vennell 8. For Harvest Festival, also as a farewell compliment to Graham C. Grant, who is leaving Beckington for Harwell, Berks.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, P. Corderoy 5, Claude Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (900 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob): M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, Claude Corderoy 3, A. R. T. Greenough 4, P. Corderoy 5, Cecil Corderoy 6. Conducted by H. W. Dunsden (Plain Bob) and Claude Corderoy and P. Corderoy (Grandsire). Both rung for Harvest services.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. H. Kirkup (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Brangwyn 2, C. W. Rigby 3, Miss B. Mansfield (cond.) 4, G. G. Mansfield 5. For Harvest Festival.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gunstone 1, G. Gunstone 2, P. S. Guisford 3, G. Parsons 4, F. W. Box (cond.) 5, G. Carter (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Faulkner 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, O. Gannon 6. For the wedding of Mr. Alec Davey and Miss Ann Strang.

BURSTWICK, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,272 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. Rodmell 1, T. W. Thirkell 2, H. Rodmell 3, Mrs. R. Ducker 4, H. F. Gibson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 9th, at the Cathedral, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: 1. Boustead (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Holtby (first 'inside') 2, B. Forsyth 3, J. Boustead 4, J. Ling 5, A. Forsyth (cond.) 6. A 13th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. F. G. Forrester 1, R. Barratt 2, E. Pimlott (cond.) 3, F. G. Forrester 4, H. Callwood 5, D. Harradine 6. A birthday compliment to Judith Pimlott.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Hayward 1, H. L. Cooke 2, R. Wakefield 3, F. J. Lewis jun. 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, P. Morgans 6, B. Wakefield (cond.) 7, P. Wakefield 8. Rung to mark the 55th anniversary of the Bingham Public Library. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Abraham (first quarter) 1, H. L. Cooke 2, E. Cribble 3, P. Rothera 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, P. Morgans 6, F. J. Lewis jun. (cond.) 7, P. Law (first on eight) 8. For dedication evening services.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on May 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Ipswich Surprise, 540 Plain Bob): N. Avis 1, Doreen A. Fairhead 2, J. Avis 3, W. J. Brunt 4, F. G. Oliver 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Plain Bob and Single Oxford): Doreen A. Fairhead 1, N. Avis (first in three methods) 2, F. G. Oliver 3, W. J. Brunt 4, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 5, R. L. K. Whittell 6.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. Hooper 1, H. Spencer 2, A. J. Peters 3, H. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. Brinson 5, J. Loxton 6. For Harvest Festival.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Wall 1, J. Vickery 2, Miss M. Pearson (first 'inside') 3, R. B. Skelton 4, N. Errington (cond.) 5, R. Oliver 6, W. Tyson 8. For Harvest Festival.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. I. Tatt 1, C. Riddy 2, R. G. Egging 3, Mrs. R. O. Mossop 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, G. W. Riddy 6. As a farewell to Christopher Riddy, Keith I. Tatt and Francis Tatt, three very loyal ringers, and to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Mossop, Vicar's wife and one of the ringers.

DERBY.—On Oct. 1st, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Mould 1 and 2, S. Walklate 3, Mrs. J. E. Larkin 4, F. M. Larkin 5, J. Bailey (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Bailey (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. E. Larkin 2, Miss R. M. Bull 3, A. E. Mould 4, S. Walklate 5, F. M. Larkin 6, W. Steen 7. First of Surprise Minor 2, 3 and 6. A birthday compliment to Miss R. M. Bull.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Newberry 1, R. J. C. Hagley 2, A. S. Besant 3, A. J. Bull 4, A. H. Smith 5, B. Hawkins 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, W. H. Inwood 8. Rung by Surrey bowlers for the service to commemorate the golden jubilee of the Surrey County Bowling Association.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. C. Leigh 1, Ann George 2, J. E. Warner 3, E. J. Jenner 4, S. Jenner 5, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ockenden 1, J. E. Elliott 2, H. Wakelam 3, C. Gower 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, K. Robinson 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss D. Saunders (local ringer) and Mr. V. Dale (local ringer of Brentwood, Essex), who were married on Sept. 23rd.

QUARTER PEALS

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Oct. 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss L. Holmes 1, D. A. Frith (cond.) 2, C. Macartney 3, P. Slight 4, C. Nokes 5, B. Buttery 6, J. Holmes 7, J. M. Simpson 8. For the Patronal Festival.

GREAT-WITH-LITTLE-WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Chambers 1, R. A. Webster 2, R. Russell 3, D. C. Urquhart 4, F. A. Ginn 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Brian Ward (local ringer) to Eileen Weeks.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—On Oct. 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. T. Lee (first on treble) 1, Carolyn White (first 'inside') 2, S. G. Poning 3, C. Hopper 4, D. J. Tubbs 5, H. A. May (cond.) 6.

HALESOWEN, Worcs.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Shilcock 1, B. E. Woodall 2, J. Wightman 3, A. Harris 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, L. W. Clissett 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, 1. Shilcock 8. A farewell to James Wightman, upon his leaving the district.

HALEWOOD, Lincs.—On Oct. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. W. Currie 1, Miss H. Simmons 2, V. D. Jenner 3, J. H. Wilton 4, J. Dunbavin 5, J. Robinson 6, K. J. Hesketh 7, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mrs. E. C. Birkett.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Judy Frost 2, G. Paul 3, D. Trueman 4, G. Dickens (cond.) 5, C. Lamberton 6.

HELBMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. A. Yates 1, Sandra Freeman 2, Mrs. F. P. Brangwyn 3, Margaret Wilson (first 'inside') 4, Betty Mansfield (cond.) 5, Mrs. G. Shellard 6. First quarter peal rung by ladies for the Towcester Branch.

HILLINGDON, MIDD.—On Oct. 15th, 1,241 Stedman Caters: R. A. Fardon 1, Mrs. R. A. Fardon 2, Mrs. A. R. Turley 3, A. R. G. Twinn 4, J. Sexton (first of Stedman Caters) 5, M. W. Seymour 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, M. J. Palmer (first 'inside' of Stedman Caters) 8, J. Hill 9, W. H. Coles 10. For Evensong.

HOLT, Wilts.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (in four methods): R. Gunstone 1, P. S. Guisford 2, D. Stillman 3, R. Lovelock 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, D. Nibbs 6. First in four methods for 1, 4 and 6.

HORNCHURCH, Essex.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1, F. G. Richardson 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, A. Grainger 4, J. Fowler 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, A. Gargrave 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. For Harvest Festival.

HUMBERSTONE, Leics.—On Sept. 25th, at 1, Elmcroft Avenue, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Man-ship 1—2, A. Rudge (cond.) 3—4, Miss P. Kent 5—6. First quarter in hand by all the band. First as cond. A farewell compliment to the conductor, who is leaving the district.

KEA, Cornwall.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. F. Dunstan 1, H. Hobbins 2, A. J. Davidson 3, G. D. Carter 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, M. Trenoweth 6, A. Locke 7, D. R. Dunstan 8. Rung after Evensong for the Confirmation service that morning, taken by the Lord Bishop, at his first visit to St. Kea church.

KINGSBURY, Warwicks.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Perry 1, A. Richards 2, S. Perry 3, K. Richards 4, W. G. Lane 5, G. H. Lane (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2. For Harvest Festival.

KINGSDON, Somerset.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Pring 1, R. D. Short 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, F. Andrews 5, P. Cox 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Mrs. R. D. Short 1, D. M. C. Hill 2, R. D. Short 3, P. Cox 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. Andrews 6. First in 11 methods by all except 3 and 5. Rung before and after Harvest Festival Evensong.

LAVERNHAM, Suffolk.—On Oct. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. A. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, Miss J. Reeve 3, A. R. Knight 4, M. T. Symonds 5, F. Mortlock 6, R. Clouston 7, W. Jarvis 8. For Matins.

LIVERPOOL.—At Our Lady and St. Nicholas', on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. L. Gray 1, T. Fitzgerald 2, G. H. Pullin 3, V. D. Jenner 4, K. J. Hesketh 5, J. F. Grove 6, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 7, P. S. Bennett 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mrs. E. C. Birkett. Also at St. John's, Tuebrook, 1,280 Stedman Triples: J. N. Brown 1, P. S. Bennett 2, T. Fitzgerald 3, K. J. Hesketh 4, T. Horridge 5, E. C. Birkett 6, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 7, E. L. Humphris 8. Rung to commemorate the restoration of the bells, after many years' silence.

LOCKING, Somerset.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Creber 1, Marjorie Legg 2, J. Coombes (first 'inside') 3, June Legg (cond.) 4, R. Venn (first quarter) 5, A. G. Skinner 6. For Harvest: Thanksgiving.

LYDLINCH, Dorset.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Miss I. Down 1, Ben Ridout 2, F. Hilliar 3, Bert Ridout 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First on the bells since 1935.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—On Sept. 24th, 1,319 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Evelyn M. Cumberworth 1, Miss D. Southan 2, D. F. Breakspear 3, R. Cottis 4, N. A. Crane (cond.) 5, T. D. Wickins 6. For Evensong.

MOORSIDE, Oldham, Lancs.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Hamer 1, G. Newton (first quarter) 2, J. P. Partington 3, H. Armstead 4, E. Jenkins 5, M. D. Fishwick 6, I. Kay (cond.) 7, J. Brookes 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Herbert Barlow, ringer in Oldham for 60 years.

MUDFORD, Somerset.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Cox 1, P. Sparks 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, A. Callow 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, Warwicks.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove 1, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 2, J. R. Haycock 3, A. G. Grant 4, W. C. Budd 5, A. J. Bellamy (first quarter) 6. Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving. The conductor has now 'circled' the tower.

PACKWOOD, Warwicks.—On Sept. 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mary S. Thorling 1, V. R. Tallis 2, I. C. Maycock 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, P. J. Rothera 5, R. G. Morris 6, R. E. Tallis 7, R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

PRESTON (WEYMOUTH), Dorset.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. E. Watson 1, Miss B. Marsh 2, Gerald Cornick (cond.) 3, Sylvia Watson 4, A. J. Slade 5, G. H. Perry 6. For Harvest Festival.

PUCKLECHURCH, Bristol.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. M. Angell 1, D. P. Pennal 2, G. Sprules (cond.) 3, J. Sprules 4, P. W. S. Angell (cond.) 5, N. J. Smart 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Tom Mitchell, ringer for 70 years and captain of tower.

QUEENBOROUGH, Kent.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss P. Wallace 1, W. A. Wood (cond.) 2, S. Rayfield 3, B. May 4, H. Gardner 5, Mrs. Croall 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Wood, his 90th.

RAYLEIGH, Essex.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: R. D. Tomlin 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, M. Sindon 3, F. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. D. J. Sandwell 6, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 7, A. J. House 8. First in method 2 and 3. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Plain Bob) (tenor covering): E. J. Blower 1, Miss E. Hatch 3, M. Sindon 4, F. May 5, R. D. Tomlin 6, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. F. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RUGBY, Warwicks.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Underwood 1, Miss O. Gray (first Stedman) 2, E. Hunt 3, Mrs. C. Urry 4, A. Barlow 5, R. Gibbons 6, W. Vann (cond.) 7, A. Eveleigh (first of Triples) 8. For Harvest Festival.

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—On Oct. 8th, at the Church of St. Michael, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Foster (first quarter) 1, D. Walsh 2, F. Kirk (cond.) 3, J. D. Chamberlain 4, R. Bedford 5, G. T. Ridgeway 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

SANDRIDGE, Herts.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. C. King 1, Miss C. J. Bland 2, C. M. Foster 3, A. T. Hawkins 4, R. E. Hardy 5, B. B. Hullah (first as cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, and as a farewell to 3 and 6.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Spliced Little and Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Allison 1, W. Bains 2, Mrs. J. E. Finn 3, R. Lord 4, M. Lings 5, M. Whiting 6, F. Lacey 7, H. Judd (first in method as cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

SHALFORD, Surrey.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill R. Tippet (first quarter) 1, Pamela A. Hunter (first 'inside') 2, Mary Davy 3, A. C. A. Hunter 4, L. C. W. Hunter (cond.) 5, E. E. Hunter 6. For Harvest Festival.

SHALSTONE, Bucks.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles: W. H. Yates 1, G. W. Holland 2, R. A. Vickers 3, C. Stopps 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5. For the Patronal Festival.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. E. Pinney 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, R. Welch 3, F. Welch 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. C. Beale 6, J. T. Locke 7, I. Best 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Locke on their 28th wedding anniversary.

SPALDING, Lincs.—At St. Paul's, Fulney, on Oct. 9th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: B. B. Tyrrell 1, J. E. Allen 2, S. E. Bennett 3, J. M. Thorley 4, G. W. Massey 5, A. W. A. Leggett 6, R. C. Noon (cond.) 7, C. R. Burrell 8.

STANMORE, Middx.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Loasby (first quarter) 1, S. White (first 'inside') 2, A. Kett (first quarter) 3, L. North 4, T. Carless 5, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rector (Rev. T. Loasby), on his appointment to St. Luke's, Chelsea.

STISTED, Essex.—On Sept. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Dorking 1, Marian Mills 2, J. A. Warner 3, P. L. Wood 4, A. R. Syder (cond.) 5, H. Dorking 6. Rung for Harvest Festival.

STRETTON, Staffs.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Jefferies (cond.) 1, D. Butcher 2, Noreen Toon 3, G. Lanfear 4, C. E. Whieldon 5, R. G. Thompson 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. C. Bullock, churchwarden for over 30 years. Also first quarter peal by new band of ringers.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Cook 1, Miss A. O'Flaherty 2, Miss P. Lansley 3, H. Ausdin 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, S. J. Withey 6. For Harvest Festival children's service.

SWITHLAND, Leics.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Brown 1, M. J. Copson 2, R. Clark 3, R. Lloyd 4, M. W. Brown (cond.) 5, N. R. Ellway 6. Also same day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Clark 1, M. W. Brown (cond.) 2, R. Clark 3, J. Clark (first 'inside') 4, M. J. Copson 5, A. Copson 6. For Harvest Festival.

TALGARH, Breconshire.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Leonard Jones (first quarter) 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, W. G. Smith 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Parry 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Price, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

THAMES DITTON, Surrey.—On July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Lufkin (cond.) 1, R. Caporn 2, D. Leach 3, M. Gathercole 4, T. Clayton 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Morgan (first quarter) 1, R. Caporn 2, A. D. Leach 3, Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne 4, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 5, C. Rogers 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Morgan 1, Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne 2, R. Caporn 3, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 4, A. D. Leach 5, C. Rogers 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent.—On Oct. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Davey 1, Miss S. Brown (first quarter) 2, H. Vaughan 3, B. V. Collison 4, R. D. Divall 5, J. Warner 6, F. Shorter 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

WARNFORD, Hants.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Sansom 1, Mary White 2, K. Tipper 3, B. S. Gambrell 4, K. Waller 5, R. T. Jones (cond.) 6. A farewell to Reg Jones, District Ringing Master, and his wife, who are leaving Warnford for the Salisbury area.

WELFORD-ON-AVON, Warwicks.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Selby (cond.) 1, A. T. Shorey 2, M. G. Selby 3, F. J. Powell 4, M. C. Homans 5, R. E. Airlie 6. Rung for the first anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

WHITCHURCH, Glam.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Catterson (first quarter) 1, Christine Glastonbury 2, J. Evans 3, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 4, W. H. Dare 5, Meriel Nabett (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

WHITTLEBURY, Northants.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Linford (first quarter) 1, C. E. Truman (cond.) 2, R. Hinton 3, J. Linnell 4, D. Burdige 5.

WINDSOR, Berks.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 1, G. Jenkins 2, A. Bird 3, J. Brooks 4, A. J. Glass 5, F. T. Blagrove 6, A. C. Wenban 7, J. Painter 8. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey Jenkins (first quarter) 1, F. T. Blagrove 2, J. Brooks 3, A. Bird 4, K. Buckingham 5, A. J. Glass 6, G. Jenkins (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. For Harvest Festival.

WITNEY, Oxon.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Marilyn Bird 1, E. J. Hill 2, P. Beedie 3, L. T. Olliffe 4, E. J. Townsend 5, D. J. Smith 6, D. Kay Atkins (cond.) 7, B. J. Coggins 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

WOLLASTON, Worcs.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Brown 1, F. W. Gibbs 2, S. G. Thompson 3, S. Thompson 4, H. V. Cooper 5, F. G. Handley (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Cooper.

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BALDOCK, HERTS.—While tower is closed practice will take place at Norton. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. All visitors welcomed.—E. Buck. 9114

CLITHEROE, LANCS.—There will be no ringing practice at the above church on Monday, October 30th.—W. E. Wilkinson. 9129

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—All ringing suspended for six to eight weeks, while repairs to bells are carried out.—E. H. Smith. 9135

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MEETINGS

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL
BRANDFORD FORUM PARISH CHURCH
Saturday, Oct. 28th

Ring 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.
Tea in Town Hall, 5.15 p.m.
All Dorset ringers welcome.

9061

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Batcombe (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9065

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, October 28th. Greinton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names please.—K. Prime, High Street, Ashcott. 9113

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Tideswell, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) 3 till 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 9089

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice, 6 to 9 p.m. at Pirbright (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th. 9094

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Burford, Saturday, October 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, own arrangements.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 9034

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—An evening meeting will be held at Horton (6) on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.—Miss Haguc. 9103

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting, Tamworth (10), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. George Peers, jun., 7, Edward Street, Tamworth. Annual dinner tickets available at meeting.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beoney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 9090

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Alverstoke, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Broderick Hall, 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport. 9086

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Overton, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells from 3.45 p.m. Ringing at Laverstoke from 2.30, owing to wedding at Overton. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. P. G. Holmes, 4, Dellands, Overton, Hants.—John Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 9085

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 28th, Hinton-on-the-Green. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to C. B. Longmore, 65a, Port Street, Evesham, Worcs. 9076

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 324th anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 4th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner: St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; St. Clement Danes, Strand (10), 12.30-1.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 1.45-3; St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 2.30-3.45; St. Lawrence, Jewry (8), 3.30-4.30; St. Michael's, Cornhill (12), 4.5-5.15 p.m.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 9133

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 4th, Snitterfield, near Stratford-on-Avon. Arrangements as usual. Ringing 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa, Warwick. 9121

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Hatherleigh, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—R. Pearce, Sec.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Northern District). LADIES' GUILD (North-Eastern District).—Joint meeting at St. James', Benwell, on Saturday, November 4th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss I. Thomson, 56, Colston Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 4. 9132

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9118

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Springfield, Saturday, November 4th. Finals of striking competition will take place at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Chelmsford. 9040

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Stinchcombe, on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., service and tea. Names to B. T. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley. 9126

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—A practice meeting will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Saturday, November 4th, 6-8 o'clock.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 9125

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 4th, Coalbrookdale (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Bayley, 19, Church Road, Coalbrookdale, by previous Wednesday.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 9103

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, Royston, Saturday, Nov. 4th, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9079

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Langleybury (6), November 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9128

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 4th, St. Mary's, Portsea, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Cathedral House, 5.15 p.m. Portsmouth Cathedral, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashted, Surrey. 9095

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Bentham on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Coates, 8, Cheapside, Bentham.—P. Handley. 9131

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Coppull, on Saturday, November 4th. Tea provided free to those sending their names to Miss B. Yapp, 316, Spennmore Lane, Coppull, near Chorley.—L. Kenrick, Sec. 9110

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Old Wolverton on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (5) available from 5.30 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Branch Sec. 9119

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, Saturday, Nov. 4th, 6 for 6.30 p.m., at Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester. Entertainment will include items by Great Glen Handbell Ringers. Principal guest, the Rural Dean of Christianity. Tickets 15s., cash with order and s.a.e., from undersigned by Tuesday, Oct. 31st, at latest. Ringing: Cathedral (12), 2 to 3; St. John-the-Divine's (10), 3 to 4; St. Margaret's (12), 3.30 to 4.30; All Saints' (8), 4 to 5 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 9081

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 1st, to Mr. B. B. Tyrrell, 10, Link Way, Clev Hall Drive, Spalding. 9069

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, November 4th, at Clipston. Names by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9120

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devises Branch.—Monthly meeting. Seend. Saturday, November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 9123

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Conisbrough, Saturday, November 4th. 3 p.m. Cups of tea available, bring food. —J. Seager. Sec. 9130

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 4th, Lenton (8). Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 1st to Mr. K. F. Lee, Midland Bank Flat, 37, Plains Road, Mapperley, Nottingham. —S. Adams. 9099

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting of the S.E. District will be held at Henley (8) on November 4th. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. Names for tea please by Thursday, November 2nd, to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grundisburgh. 9122

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8). Saturday, November 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., to those who notify by Wednesday, November 1st. Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge (Sussex). T.N. 438 9106

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Ringwood, Saturday, November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Avon Hotel. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. W. E. Cheater, 43, Addison Square, Ringwood, Hants. 9117

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RINGING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

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Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

Please notify by Wednesday, Nov. 1st, H. W. Knight, Masonic Hall, Yatton, Somerset.

RINGERS' SERVICE

Sunday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m.

Bells available at 5 p.m.

Address to be given by the Master of Bath and Wells Association. 9082

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 24th annual dinner will be held in the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, on Saturday, November 4th, at 5.45 p.m. Accommodation for 300. Cathedral bells (12) available 3.30-5 p.m. Tickets (13s. each) obtainable up to Wednesday, November 1st, from Dinner Committee, Branch officers, or from J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., 'Aubyns', Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham (Tel.: Ashton-under-Hill 309). 9043

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Watlingbury on November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Bennett, Old Road, Watlingbury.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 9115

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, St. Dunstan's Hall, Canterbury, Saturday, November 11th. Tea 4 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. each from T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. Latest date November 8th. 9102

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Tenth annual dinner to be held at Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock, Saturday, Nov. 11th, 1961, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 12s., from Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Walsall. Cannock bells available during afternoon. 9059

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Practice meeting at Kingswood (6), November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 9th to Mr. G. Clark, 1 Copley Way, Tadworth.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 9127

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Hallow, Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Grimley (6) also available 7 p.m. Practice methods: Yorkshire Surprise Major (Hallow) and St. Clement's Bob Minor (Grimley). Names for tea by Tuesday, November 7th, to F. Hyde 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 9116

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A WEEK IN CORNWALL BY ESSEX RINGERS

THE Rev. Jack Jose, Vicar of Perran-ar-Worthal, placed practically the whole of the top floor of his vicarage at the disposal of eight young ringers from Essex who spent the first week of September touring Cornwall, with their dormobile. Pressure on our space prevents us from recording all the Cornish towers and places of refreshment visited.

On the Monday, after a picnic lunch at Lizard Point, where handbells were rung, a peal in seven methods was scored at Mawgan in Meneage, which is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Lunch of Cornish pasties on Tuesday was eaten in pouring rain on the cliff tops at Tintagel, and afterwards a peal in 14 methods was rung at Tintagel Church. A headlong dash to Truro followed, in order to join in the Cathedral practice. About 50 people were already in the belfry, so good use was made of the bells. Later, at the City Hotel, with our old friend, Alan Carveth and Bob Southwood, the same 50 people who were in the belfry were milling around a very small saloon bar.

On Wednesday, St. Mewan was the tower for the day's peal attempt, but 28 methods went adrift after an hour and a half's good ringing. Within a quarter of an hour of losing the peal we were enjoying an educational visit to St. Austell brewery.

TOO EARLY

The alarm was set at 5.30 a.m. on Thursday so that the more lunatic fringe of the party could find time to ring a handbell peal before breakfast. The bells were set in motion at 5.47 and by 6.18 a.m. the whole band had returned to bed.

A fair peal was rung that afternoon at Lansallos, the home of the leading call change band in Cornwall. Afterwards we were confronted by four of the local band outside, who told us we had spoilt the whole of the ringing by dropping the bells singly. An enjoyable social evening was spent with Friends of the Exercise at Truro.

Friday was taken very easily seeing the scenery around Land's End and the peal attempt at Zennor came to an abrupt halt after 26 minutes' ringing. The evening's ringing at Carbis Bay was for the harvest festival service, and we were made very welcome by Evangeline and the Rev. Arthur Roberts. The Rev. Jack Jose was our guest for the evening at Perran-ar-Worthal.

To round off the week's ringing a peal in 28 methods was brought round at Stithians, definitely the best six of the many sampled. The East Cornwall ringing festival at Eglosayle was visited during the afternoon. We responded to their request to ring handbells and the business meeting was opened with a very well received course of 'Scientific.' Qua friends from Lansallos took the first certificate, but we reluctantly had to refuse invitations to help them celebrate. On the journey home on Sunday we rang for Matins at Honiton, and for Evensong at Waltham Abbey, home being reached at 7.30 p.m.

Thanks are expressed to all who helped, including our friends in the Truro Diocesan Guild, the East Cornwall Bellringing Association and our splendid host, the Rev. Jack Jose.

A. S. H. & H. W. E.

The band that rang the peal of Minor at Ash on October 7th would like to place on record their appreciation of the marvellous tea they had after the peal, provided by Mr. E. Sherwood and arranged by Mrs. S. Russell.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

The October contest and meeting of the Halifax Association was held at Longwood, near Huddersfield, on October 7th. Four teams entered and the placings by the judge. Mr. T. W. Hilton, were Friezland, 20 faults, penalties 10, total 30; Meltham, 39 faults, penalties nil, total 39; Barnsley, 39 faults, penalties 10, total 49; Shelley, 54 faults, rang out.

Votes of thanks were passed to Vicar, judge, local company and W.V.S., who provided cups of tea. A collection on behalf of the W.V.S. realised 12s. 6d.

For the spring meeting, at which there will not be a contest, the secretary was instructed to write for Cawthorne bells.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Striking Competition

The third annual striking competition was held at Breedon-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, on October 7th, when about 50 members attended. Six teams took part from towers within the Association. Mr. P. Staniforth, president of Leicester Diocesan Guild, was the judge. In his comments after tea Mr. Staniforth stated that ringing had greatly improved since last year. The winning team was Alvaston 'A.' Only ten points divided the first three teams.

ANNUAL OUTING

About 40 members of the Association enjoyed the annual outing, which took place on September 23rd, in and around Worcester.

Towers visited were St. John's, Worcester, Powick, where a band was asked to ring for a wedding as local ringers were on their outing, and Madresfield, where Mr. A. Whiting made himself very popular with a box of apples, kindly given by the Vicar. The last tower visited was Leigh. Some very good ringing was accomplished. Tea was taken in Worcester, and members finished the day off by calling at Ashby Wakes.

R. S. B.

'RESERVED FOR MISS LEWIS'

Notoriety came to Miss Lewis, of Kingston, who organised an outing to the Isle of Wight on October 14th. The words 'Reserved for Miss Lewis' labelled the Portsmouth express at Waterloo and this attracted a happy band of ringers, including those from Wimbledon and Putney.

After an uneventful crossing two cars were waiting at Ryde and in these the island was toured. The sequence was Ryde (8), Brading (8), Whitwell (6), Niton (5), Chale (6), Showell (5), Brighstone (6), Freshwater (6) and Carisbrooke (8). A big disappointment was met at Newport, where the key to the tower could not be found. With heavy hearts the picture village of Godshill was reached and the six here produced the best ringing of the day.

The last tower was at Arreton (a discordant six, though the 'go' is good).

For some the climax came when we crossed to the mainland again—this time in the dark. Within half an hour we were all safely landed and once more were greeted with 'Reserved for Miss Lewis'—this time in the rear of the train.

To those who made the outing possible we extend our grateful thanks. A. C.

Stonham Aspal, Suffolk, Ringers' Outing

A half-day's trip into Norfolk by Stonham Aspal and district ringers started with an hour's ringing on the light eight at Saxlingham, followed by the odd-struck ring at St. Giles', Norwich, where some good ringing also took place.

All did justice to a bountiful tea at Yarmouth, before going to St. Nicholas' Church. Rounds on 12 for beginners and Treble Bob were rung, and on the back eight Cambridge. Superlative and Stedman—all very enjoyable.

A social hour was spent at 'The Wrestler' (of Nelson fame). Songs and harvest hymns were sung by the Stonham choir, all joining in. Many thanks to Bill Button, for a well-scheduled programme, and to incumbents and all who met us. L. G. B.

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After local ringers had spent several nights clearing out a vast accumulation of birds' nests and other rubbish that had collected round the bells, a party of about 20 ringers visited the church. A thorough examination and a tightening of bolts took place and the six bells (tenor 14 cwt.) were rung again. The visitors brought with them a set of ropes and this was fortunate as one of the ropes broke.

It is hoped that these bells, cast in 1728, will be ringing regularly on Sundays when new ropes are fitted.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Sept. 25th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 behind): A. T. Weeks 1, R. W. Bridges 2, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 3, H. Sturges 4, W. A. Swift 5, J. Saxton 6, S. G. Grant 7, P. Whale 8. Half-muffled in memory of A. J. Culley, for 30 years a ringer and captain since 1942.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Cheney 1, J. R. White (cond., age 14) 2, L. A. Whewall 3, W. E. Burnell 4, H. White 5, A. G. Eveleigh 6.

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