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CONCERNING THE EDITORIAL CHAIR

(But not from it)

WHAT reader knows the drudgery and anxieties of the Editorial Chair? Can it lay any claim to comfort and happiness for its occupant? Can an Editor be allowed to express any opinions of his own? Is he to be regarded as something of a machine, or as a human being? Is he to accept as 'news' anything that comes to his hand, or can he have any ideas of his own about that?

Such questions may provoke a variety of answers; but one does not like to think of him as only the tool of those whom he is appointed to serve; rather that he can be some sort of guide to their policies. Nor would one wish him to be a mere reporter, but as able to impart some sort of personality into the contents of his columns.

It must be one thing to be *outside* the Editorial Office; quite another to be *within* it and responsible for a weekly production like 'The Ringing World.' The one outside is free to use his imagination; the one at the Editorial desk is wallowing (we hope) in contributed matter and is compelled to use his discretion, while relying upon some knowledge of his public.

In the main his public has little or no sympathy with him. His readers expect him to turn out a journal which shall contain the acme of interest for them on every page. They will write letters to him, both intelligible and unintelligible, and expect every word to be printed. They will send in their reports and look for post-haste publication.

Yes. It is the Editor of 'The Ringing World' we have in mind. He knows as we, too, know that 'The Ringing World' is not simply a newspaper. It has to deal with the highly technical side of campanology as well as with the doings of ringers generally, their opinions, ideas and their needs. It must admit from time to time articles and notes couched, perhaps, in a language for which only the experts presumably possess the dictionary. It must provide a variety of information, as well as comments upon events and achievements, also occasional biographies. Every ringer cannot set the same value upon all the contents of

his paper, but every ringer will expect to find something which has a personal interest for him or her, and which makes his or her subscription worth while.

And if a column or two has a dry text-book flavour only to be appreciated, say, by composers and method builders, such have as much right to be considered as others who only look for something more popular, or the record of their performances, or items of an instructive nature.

An Editor does not grow on every tree. He must have peculiar qualifications for the post, especially in controlling a paper for such a community as ringers. More than ever in that case he must have a hide like a leviathan; a gentle yet decisive pen; a blue pencil to wield without fear or favour; a just appreciation of the space or prominence which should be allotted to this or that item, and a full sense of his responsibility so to cater for every type of reader in the Exercise that the circulation may keep up to a high point with good prospects. For, surely, any Editor is to be pitied who is always entirely satisfied with the lay-out of his production, who is not open to suggestions for improvement, or who frets himself to a shadow in the face of criticism.

We may not penetrate into the mysteries which lie behind the door of the Editorial Committee Room. But we may believe that our Editor's burden is to some extent lightened by the opportunities afforded for consultation with the eminent persons who form that committee and whose knowledge of ringing matters cannot be gainsaid. At the same time, we have no shadow of doubt that our Editor is left the freedom to function as Editor and is in no sense the puppet of the committee.

And who is infallible? 'The man who never made a mistake never made anything' is an old and true saying, and our Editor can be trusted to offer an apology where the facts prove him to be wrong. How often may not the apology be due from those who call him to account?

Perhaps if any random dissatisfied reader were to undertake the job of editing 'The Ringing World' for a month the Editorial Committee might have real cause for anxiety about the future of the journal! But at the present time we are in good hands, so let us be thankful and helpful, even though occasionally critical, supporters.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5060 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN M. ELLWOOD .. Treble	*WILLIAM WELLING .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	*WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 8
RONALD I. SHEPHERD .. 4	*ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. 9
ERNEST E. HOLMAN .. 5	*WILLIAM BUTLER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1952, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*HENRY HUBBALL .. Treble	*HAROLD J. SHUCK .. 6
TREVOR REYNOLDS .. 2	WILLIAM DAVIES .. 7
*ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. 3	*RODERICK J. LEES .. 8
ERNEST STITCH .. 4	*STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 9
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 5	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. First peal of Plain Bob Royal as conductor. The annual peal for the Guild. Mr. H. Hubball has now 'completed the circle' for the second time

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

THOMAS G. BANNISTER .. Treble	ALBERT R. G. TWINN .. 6
JOHN B. SANSOM .. 2	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. 7
REGINALD W. DARVILL .. 3	HORACE C. BELCHER .. 8
FRANK C. PRICE .. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL .. 9
WILLIAM H. WELLING .. 5	WILLIAM H. COLES .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW.
Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, which took place at this church on September 3rd, 1927. Mrs. Goodfellow has been a member of the local band since 1921 and her husband since 1927. Mr. F. C. Price's first peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 10 cwt.
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	HARRY POYNER .. 6
WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
DAVID S. HARRIS .. 4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. T. Mark White and Miss Audrey Morrison, who were married at Guildford the same day.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
*RICHARD E. MANTON .. 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. 6
*E. CHARLES TURNER .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 7
HORACE A. OVER .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells and the fastest peal of Major on them.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT CHALLEN .. Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG .. 5
ALBERT W. BOND .. 2	OWEN H. GILES .. 6
HENRY STALHAM .. 3	MAURICE THOMAS .. 7
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 4	FREDERICK PAGE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to the local captain, Mr. B. Challen, who has given almost continuous service as a ringer at this church for 66 years.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER J. STANFORTH .. Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD .. 2	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 6
*COLIN P. WALKER .. 3	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 7
JOHN J. MORRIS .. 4	JOHN BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Surprise.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. Treble	JESSE HARRISON .. 5
*NORMAN E. SMITH .. 2	†JOHN HOWARD .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	WALTER LEE .. 7
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 4	ALBERT BRIDGES .. Tenor

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

* First peal (aged 15). † First peal in the method. First peal in the new ringing chamber.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

*RODERICK J. LEES .. Treble	*ANTHONY AGER .. 5
*MURIEL REAY .. 2	*BRIAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	JOHN PINFOLD .. 7
*JOHN McDONALD .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal of Painswick.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Furness and Lake District Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE BRAITHWAITE .. Treble	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 5
*ALAN CAPSTICK .. 2	*REX AGG .. 6
WILLIAM PICTHALL .. 3	JAMES E. BURLS .. 7
JOHN BAGNALL .. 4	†ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells after rehanging. Arranged for William Pictall, a visitor from Ruislip, Middlesex.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDK. G. KINCHEN .. Treble	FREDK. C. PUGH .. 5
FREDK. G. NURDEN .. 2	FREDK. CRUMP .. 6
FREDK. W. RISHWORTH .. 3	FREDK. G. HANDLEY .. 7
FREDK. S. HAWKES .. 4	FREDK. G. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HANDLEY.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HENRY PARKER Treble	JOHN ASHCROFT 5
†KENNETH EDWARDS 2	*HAROLD WORRALL 6
ERIC HORNBY 3	DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. 7
†JOHN SCOTT 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean Gorse, a local ringer. Also on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Betty Peters, daughter of one of the local ringers, to Mr. Dennis Scott.

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Jack S. Dear 5
WILLIAM F. TODD Treble	JOHN CHURCH 6
PETER W. CROFT 2	DEREK P. JONES 7
EDGAR W. WINTERS 3	FRANK W. CROFT Tenor
GEORGE CHERRY 4	

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

First peal of Surprise Major by all except 6th. First peal of Cambridge Major by all the band. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert E. Symonds, president of the Hertford County Association and member of the local band.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 17 cwt.
BARBARA COLVER Treble	ALAN HOUGH 5
JOHN HOUGH 2	T. KELHAM DEACON 6
NANCY MARKLEW 3	FRANK K. MEASURES 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	WILLIAM R. PROUDMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 16 cwt.
*DAVID B. ROBERTS .. Treble	RONALD J. GALE 5
ERNEST J. GOLDSTONE .. 2	*CLIFFORD G. EDWARDS .. 6
MRS. G. J. SIMMONS .. 3	NORMAN H. COOMBS .. 7
NORMAN R. PHILLIPS .. 4	*GEORGE E. ROWBOTHAM Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN H. COOMBS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's.	Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.
*JEAN A. KIRKMAN .. Treble	†ROGER G. W. SOARS .. 5
†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 2	ROYSTON WILMORE .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 7
†ERNEST F. PAYNE 4	FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal together. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

HOWARD SCOTT Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	GIBSON JACKSON 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BURES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(The St. Mary's Society.)

On Mon., Sept. 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*STUART T. HUME (15) .. Treble	†CHARLES BOWER 5
DONALD L. MILLS (13) .. 2	*JOHN PELL 6
†MRS. LESLIE MILLS 3	LESLIE D. MILLS 7
†A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. 4	†EDWIN C. HYNARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by LESLIE D. MILLS.

* First peal. † First peal in method. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal for the St. Mary's Society. All Sunday service band (seven local). Rung as a farewell to John Pell, leaving for Surrey.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 9 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

BRIAN AUSTIN Treble	ROBIN TURNER 4
*GWEN JOHNSON 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 5
JOHN KING 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*HENRY P. COLLIN Treble	*CYRIL H. CAUNT 5
†DENIS A. FRITH 2	*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM. 4
JAMES R. HOLMES 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor. A birthday compliment to the conductor's father and mother.

YARNTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1952, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Single Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 25 cwt.

CYRIL H. KINCH Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD 4
GEORGE F. BURTON 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
PETER ANGER 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a thankoffering for the 29 years of faithful ministry in this parish of Rev. E. J. N. Aston, he having just resigned the living.



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HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*DEREK W. STONE .. Treble	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4
†RUTH TABRAHAM .. 2	*MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 5
EDGAR R. RALEY .. 3	†WILLIAM BUTLER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal in eight Minor methods.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble	WILLIAM BRETT .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	JOHN NEWBERT .. 5
SYDNEY CARNALL .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Iris Delphine Salt, third daughter of Rev. S. M. I. Salt (Rector), and Mr. Peter Scarborough Taylor, which took place on Tuesday at this church.

OCKHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5400 DOUBLES

Being 15 extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grand-sire with varied callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEORGE L. GROVER .. Treble	*RONALD WALLIS .. 3
WINIFRED OLIVER .. 2	*ROLAND W. MORANT .. 4

*MARTYN W. HARBOIT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE L. GROVER.

* First peal of Doubles.

SEAL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Banks-James' Arrangement. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. Treble	*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. 4
*MICHAEL FULLER .. 2	PERCY J. SPICE .. 5
*RALPH C. SPITTLE .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Fuller, parents of the ringer of the 2nd.

FRESHWATER, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Comprising 34 extents (10 callings) and four of Morris's 240's.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CYRIL A. SAUNDER .. Treble	*ALFRED W. GREEN .. 4
†BLANCHE M. BALL .. 2	†JOHN H. HUNT .. 5
ERNEST F. RIDETT .. 3	FRANK TOMLINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, viz., C.C.C. 77, 75, 80, 81, 76, 21, 20. Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD W. STREATER .. Treble	GEOFFREY LEE .. 4
NORMAN J. SMITH .. 2	ERNEST TREAGUS .. 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3	JOHN W. MEADE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

* First peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, viz., two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob (C.C.C. 151, 150, 34, 52, 50, 48, 29). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	PETER J. THOMAS .. 4
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

A birthday compliment to Frederick Watson, verger at Croft.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JAMES A. JUDD .. Treble	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 4
WILLIAM A. WOOD .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. 5
BERT W. MAY .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*BERNARD JACKSON .. Treble	WALTER MANSLEY .. 4
MRS. W. MANSLEY .. 2	J. RICHARD JENKINSON .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	FRANK STEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal. Rung to mark the celebration of the Preston Guild Merchant, 1952.

LITLINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH .. Treble	WINIFRED M. ELLIOTT .. 4
*HAROLD F. HEATHFIELD .. 2	CHARLES A. BYSOUTH .. 5
WALTER J. HOUGHTON .. 3	ERNEST W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. In memoriam Albert E. Symonds, president of the Hertford County Association.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

*STANLEY G. PONTING .. Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. .. 4
ARCH. G. GRIMWOOD .. 2	ARTHUR T. LEWRY .. 5
HENRY N. VAUGHN .. 3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal in three methods. Rung as a wedding compliment to Albert W. Kitchenside, son of the conductor, and Betty E. Tarr, who were married at St. Peter's, Chertsey, Surrey, on Saturday, August 30th, 1952.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 34, 36, 48, 49, 50, 51, 29).

Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

KATHLEEN M. PROCTOR .. Treble	PETER HALLAM .. 4
WILLIAM R. DRURY .. 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR .. 5
CECIL E. CARR .. 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

Arranged and rung for the wedding of Miss Ann Flint to Mr. Roy Knight.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods, viz.: (1) College, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Plain, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Single Court, (6) Kent, (7) Combined Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*BRIAN HODEN .. Treble	REGINALD T. GOODMAN .. 4
C. WILLIAM HALL .. 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 5
RICHARD E. MANTON .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising one six-score of St. Dunstan's, six of April Day, six of Reverse St. Bartholomew, nine of Plain Bob, ten of Grandsire and five 240's (Morris's arrangement). Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*B. J. TOWNSEND (14) .. Treble		*JAMES A. FOX 4
DAVID W. BARR 2		JOHN R. JOYNER (16) .. 5
MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. 3		*NEIL J. FAIREY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. JOYNER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in five methods by all except the conductor. A birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

LITTLE BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of St. Simon's, 14 of Grandsire and 24 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Treble		JOE E. G. ROAST 3
JOHN WEST 2		PETER J. CAME 4

FRANK L. HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Doubles.. First peal on the bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, DALLINGTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of six extents each of Old (three callings), Reverse St. Bartholomew (three callings), Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), Southrepps Pleasure (two callings), April Day (three callings), Plain Bob (four callings) and Grandsire (six callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*NOEL MORTON Treble		†CHARLES T. WINDRAM .. 4
†JOHN HARROLD 2		ERIC NOBLES 5
ANTHONY J. BAKER .. 3		CHARLES H. BUSHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in seven methods. Rung as a wedding compliment to John Nash and Eileen Wright, the bridegroom being a ringer at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
IN THE 15TH CENTURY PARVIS OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A.	
BRIAN G. WARWICK 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
HARRY POYNER 3-4	DEREK G. GOODMAN 7-8

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

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

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 1-2		MALCOLM KING 5-6
ROBIN G. TURNER 3-4		JOHN KING 7-8

Composed by G. DODDS. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal on eight handbells away from the tenors.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 31, 1952, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1-2		HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.. 3-4		THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. 7-8

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XII.—MORE ABOUT CALLING GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

In addition to calling Grandsire Triples by the position of the 'observation' bell; that is, the bell that returns to the same position at each part end, it is often possible and even more convenient to call touches and peals by the bells 'Before.' This means that you have to memorise the bells that will make the ordinary 3rds place at the bobs.

An easy example of this kind of thing is the touch of 360 which can be got by calling any of the bells (except the 2nd's) five times Before. The place to make the actual call, as we pointed out last week, is when the bell hunting down in front of the treble begins its whole pull at lead. What the bob caller has to watch for, therefore, is the lead in which the bell he has selected to call Before is hunting in front of the treble, and call the bob when that bell reaches the front.

This, in turn, implies that he must be able to watch the coursing order of the bells. At first perhaps he will be able to do this only as he passes them with his own bell, but he will see a lot more than that as he progresses. He must learn to make a mental note of the order in which he meets the bells. In this way he will soon have such a command of the ringing that if two bells try to do the same work he will be able unerringly to put them into their right coursing order.

Only practice will make a conductor efficient in this, but there are certain things which he can learn that facilitate his mental transpositions. The first and simplest is that when he meets the treble, the next bell must be the bell in the hunt. Another is that the bell that is hunting in front of the treble in one lead will be after the bell in the hunt in the next. And that leads to the 'cycle' which all the bells follow. This is how the bells come to lead in the plain course after the hunt bell (the 2nd) has led the first time:—

3467512 5346712 7534612 6753412
4675312

Notice how the order remains unchanged except that the bell in front of the treble takes its place next time immediately after the 2nd. It is hardly necessary, perhaps, to explain that the last 2 in the series is really outside this plain course.

When a bob is called the transpositions affect three bells instead of one. The bell is the hunt is changed and a new cycle is set up. Suppose we call a bob at the first lead, then the order becomes:—

3462517 5234617 6523417 4652317, etc.

The last two bells in front of the treble take their places immediately AFTER THE TREBLE and in front of the bell leaving the hunt. Then the cycle plan proceeds as for a plain lead with the changed hunt bell.

When the touch is being called by the bells 'Before,' the conductor must follow this cycle of hunting and, if he is observant, he will notice how in each lead the bell he is waiting to call Before will gradually close up to the treble. After he has called it Before once, he will find that the next time he meets it he will have four bells between it and the treble; the next lead three bells; the next lead two and the next one bell. In the following lead it will be immediately in front of the treble and then the next bob has to be called.

Sometimes it is useful to be able to base your observations upon the bells going into the hunt as well as those Before. In that case you call the bob in the lead when you have one bell between the bell going in and the treble. If you watch the coursing order carefully to note the wanted bell closing up to the treble, you should not have much trouble in observing

it, but remember the actual 'call' has still to be made when the 3rds place bell leads.

When you have a series of calls in one position, it is as well to make some other 'observation' so that you will know when the last of these calls has been made.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The 5,056 Superlative without bells reversed in 5-6, which appears on page 560 of 'The Ringing World' of August 29th, can, of course, only be regarded as an inferior variation of the well-known peal by C. H. Hattersley and not as an original composition.

The composition as it now appears could be improved by starting at the 11th course when the 6th would be 11 of the possible 12 times in 5-6 instead of eight, as at present. To regain the original form of Hattersley's peal from the variation the three homes on '34 and the three homes on '24 would be omitted and instead of the last four courses the following eight would be substituted—Before, Three Homes, Wrong, Two Homes, Wrong and Three Homes. The peal in this form, giving the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6 is to be found on page 24 of the Central Council Collection (No. 4).

The peal is often rung in either of the following forms—the first giving the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6 and the second the 4th and 6th the extent:—

(1)				
23456	B	M	W	H
42356				—
54326			—	3
23645		—	—	3
42635		—	—	3
34625		—	—	3
64523		—	—	—
32546		—	—	—
52643		—	—	—
24536	x			3
25346		—	—	2
23456		—	—	2

(2)				
23456	B	M	W	H
52436			—	3
42635		—	—	—
53624		—	—	—
63425		—	—	—
32654	x			3
36524		—	—	2
23564		—	—	3
62534		—	—	3
35426		—	—	3
23456		—	—	3

Some of your readers may wonder what the composition would look like reversed. For their benefit the following is the reverse of No. 1:—

(3)				
23456	B	M	W	H
42356				—
26354		—	—	2
36452		—	—	3
65324	x			—
32654		—	—	—
56423		—	—	—
25463		—	—	3
45362		—	—	3
35264		—	—	3
62453		—	—	3
23456		—	—	2

In this form the 5th and 6th are still the extent in 5-6 although the 5th is 12 times home and never in 6ths place and the 6th is nine

times in 5th and three times in 6th. There are a few ringers (I am not among their number) who prefer to have the 5th and 6th in 5ths place rather than 6ths place.

However, for those who prefer the more conventional form we can start at the eighth course of No. 3 and we have the following:—

(4)				
23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
32654		—	—	—
53624		—	—	3
63425		—	—	3
43526		—	—	3
25634		—	—	3
65432		—	—	3
52436		—	—	2
42635		—	—	3
23456	x			—

To make this more respectable and generally acceptable we can transfer the three homes on '25 to '54 and the three homes on '32 to '56 and we have the following:—

(5)				
23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
32654		—	—	3
53624		—	—	3
63425		—	—	—
43526		—	—	3
25634		—	—	3
65432		—	—	—
52436		—	—	2
42635		—	—	3
23456	x			3

The three homes on '25 and '32 respectively could be retained in addition to those on '54 and '56, adding four courses to the length of the peal and giving us 5,952 changes.

There are, of course, many other variations besides those I have mentioned—some of practical value, others not. Many of your younger readers could spend an instructive half-hour in testing the various alternatives of this or any other composition. A word of warning, however—don't waste your time trying to reverse Middleton's (it is the custom of the Exercise to describe Middleton's reversed as 'Johnson's Variation').—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

P.S.—Mr. Brian Price reminded us the other week of the word to describe a composition which is the same in its forward form as in reverse. I doubt whether my spelling is equal to the occasion, but it is something like palindromic.

5,060 BOB ROYAL

By WILLIAM BUTLER

W 7ths 5ths 4ths B In M H 234567890

—				1	—	523749860
—				—	2	54327
—				—	2	53247
—				—	3	45237
—				—	—	23457
\$			\$		2	345279680
—			—		2	35247
—			—		S	32547
—			—		2	35427
—			—		3	23457
—	—	—	—	2	—	283657490
—	—	—	—	—	—	453267890
—	—	—	—	—	S	43526
—	—	—	—	—	—	54326
—	—	—	—	—	3	25346
—	—	—	—	—	2	234567890

QUARTER PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 2, P. K. Williamson 3, D. A. Carpenter 4, H. G. Summers 5, G. Gardner 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, W. A. Stote 8. First quarter in the method for 4, 6 and 7.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss P. Hutton (first quarter) 1, B. Scoot 2, S. Bonnett 3, J. Dear 4, T. Holchouse (first quarter in method) 5, W. Pooley 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, W. Collins 8. Miss Pat Hutton is the first lady of the Baldock band to ring a quarter peal.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Parsons 1, G. R. Smerdon 2, Joyce Fishlock 3, Jill Brittain 4, N. Hobden 5, T. Norman 6, H. N. Pilstow (cond.) 7, H. J. Smerdon 8. Rung as a farewell to G. R. Smerdon on his joining H.M. Forces.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Edwards (first quarter) 1, Dorothy R. Fletcher 2, Kathleen E. Fletcher 3, M. Hatchett (first quarter on 8) 4, J. Howard 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Harrison (cond.) 7, S. Hatfield 8.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Jefferies 1, J. G. Jefferies 2, G. E. Retter 3, C. E. Jefferies 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, J. Salway (cond.) 7, T. Jefferies 8.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Wheat 1, M. Fowler 2, Miss D. Smythe 3, Mrs. N. Wall 4, H. Scott 5, C. Toyne 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, R. J. Sanderson 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Alan Roberts and Miss Marjorie Urch.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Main (first quarter) 1, W. Fern 2, Miss C. Hall 3, L. Busby 4, W. Holloway 5, T. Bowles (cond.) 6.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Quartermaine (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Hannam 2, S. G. King 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. O. Fry 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, at St. John-the-Baptist, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Cooper (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, G. H. Humphries 5, R. Abbott (first quarter in method) 6, W. Rawlings 7, F. E. Collins 8.

DRAYTON, OXON.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Absalom 1, J. Goodman 2, F. Smith 3, F. Absalom (cond.) 4, H. Farmer 5, R. Absalom 6.

HADLOW, KENT.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Rose (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. K. Hasler 2, C. G. Parsons (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. J. Harden 4, J. T. Medhurst 5, S. Rose (first quarter) 6.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Olive Lewis 1, Roselyn Crewe 2, E. C. Crewe 3, S. Jones, jun., 4, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 5, S. S. Wood 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, Mrs. J. D. Niblett 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. D. Niblett 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. First in the method 'inside' for 3 and 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Mrs. K. Parr 1, Miss R. J. Pett 2, Mrs. S. E. Charnley 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, S. Croft 6, F. D. Bishop 7, T. E. Davies 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. Rung in memoriam John Derry, his observer and the 30 spectators who passed on with him at Farnborough on September 6th.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Sept. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss I. M. Weddell 3, C. A. Hughes 4, J. Euston 5, C. M. Meyer 6, W. D. Grainger 7, C. W. Ottley 8.

MAIDS-MORETON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Fowler (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, C. Gough 3, H. Jones, jun., 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5, Miss M. Coleman 6.

MANCHESTER.—On Sept. 10th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Marsden (first quarter on 10 bells) 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, H. Reynolds 3, B. Walshaw 4, H. Longden 5, A. Ridyard 6, W. Pye 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8, R. Longden 9, G. Longden 10.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): C. N. Bennett 1, P. J. Thomas (cond.) 2, S. Haynes 3, D. Allsop 4, K. H. Rowland 5. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. M. Wilkinson, who are leaving for Seer Green, Bucks.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. C. Ryder 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, D. Adams (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. Fisher (first quarter in method) 4, C. R. Wright 5, A. Firth (cond.) 6, N. Chaddock 7, T. C. Ryder 8.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss R. M. K. How 2, Miss E. Brown 3, W. Lambert 4, C. J. Pope 5, C. C. Mayne 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, W. H. Pope 8.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Doubles in 6 methods (300 Grandsire, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 120 St. Simon's, 120 Hurdibras): Eva M. Smith 1, D. H. Mettam 2, H. P. Collin 3, D. A. Frith 4, J. H. Musson (cond.) 5. First quarter in six methods by all the band. An all conducted quarter peal.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLEX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Belcher 1, W. J. Bowden 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, W. D. Prockson 4, S. Wade 5, J. E. Chilcott 6, A. J. Phillips 7, R. F. Deal 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, T. J. Setter 10.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Mrs. A. F. Godley 2, W. H. Poole 3, J. R. Mayne 4, C. C. Mayne 5, J. W. Drew 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, J. F. R. Hebditch 8.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Jefferies 1, G. E. Retter (cond.) 2, E. E. Retter 3, C. E. Jefferies 4, J. Salway 5, J. G. Jefferies 6, A. Holway 7, T. Jefferies 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,224 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Shadrack 1, W. Glover 2, Mrs. P. Andrews 3, G. Sollars (first quarter in the method) 4, E. J. Runter 5, R. Thrift (first quarter as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, at Holy Trinity, West Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Davis 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, F. Blondell 4, C. Watts 5, T. J. Setter 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, R. F. Deal 8. A wedding compliment to Miss June Phillips (daughter of the conductor) and Mr. P. Taylor, whose marriage took place the previous day at Camberwell.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): R. Absalom 1, F. Smith 2, P. Wilson 3, W. Absalom 4, F. Absalom (cond.) 5, R. Cobb 6.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death on Sept. 12th of Mr. E. J. Avery, secretary of the Axbridge Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. He was 48 years of age.

Mr. Chas. Rowse writes:

The work the Prestbury, Glos, ringers have put in to raise enough money for the rehanging of their bells is worthy of the utmost praise. The latest effort was a gymkhana run jointly with the local scouts on a fifty-fifty basis and attended by over 3,000 people. Nearly £240 is to be divided between the two organisations.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford propose to hold an annual dinner at Wolverhampton on November 15th.

The bells of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Boughton-in-Furness, Lancs, are now in excellent condition after being hung on ball bearings. Visitors to the Lake District may care to seek out this delightful corner of the Wordsworth country. They will be well rewarded, as the 'go' of the bells is excellent.

Mr. E. Barnett, Crayford, writes: 'Your correspondent who suggests that Sherborne is the heaviest tenor yet rung to a peal of Superlative has overlooked one at Southwark in the early years of the present century, in which the tenor was rung by the late Henry R. Newton. He also rang Bow tenor to a peal of London much about the same time.' A. H. P., Guildford, also writes us with similar information, giving the year the Southwark peal was rung as 1904.

A happy incident occurred at All Saints', Hoole, on Saturday, September 6th, when one of the local ringers, Miss Olive Lewis, was married to Mr. James Ross. As the bride and bridegroom left the church the bells were fired and rung in rounds and call changes. This was a surprise, even to the bride, as the bells are not usually available for weddings. The bride did her share towards these ringing celebrations by ringing her first quarter peal (1,260 Grandsire Doubles) on the previous Sunday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Instr. Comdr. Gordon Cross returned to England on September 9th from the Far East, where since July, 1949, he has served at Fleet Meteorological Officer and Fleet Instructor Officer on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station. Mrs. Cross, Paul and Jane, who went to Hong Kong in May, 1950, returned with Comdr. Cross.

Comdr. Cross, who is hoping that home appointments will prove more restful than the Far East, expects to join R.N.A.S., St. Merryn, Cornwall, on September 23rd for four weeks and to take up a permanent appointment in the Plymouth area in December.

Mr. E. Barnett suggests that the late Mr. James Pettit, about whom W. S. wrote last week in the 'Ringers I Remember' series, was a silk hat maker. Probably one of our readers may be able to confirm this.

To complete the band for the successful attempt for the 'Frederick' peal at Dodderhill, Mr. F. W. Rishworth, at the age of 78, stood in at short notice. The other members much appreciate his action and would like to know how many 'Frederick' peals have been rung.

The band that rang the peal of Stedman Caters at Hillingdon on September 6th offer their best wishes to Miss Bannister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bannister, of Hayes, on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

As is well known, foot and mouth disease is prevalent, and an outbreak has occurred at Sarre, in Thanet. Quex Park being situated in the middle of the park, it has been decided to suspend ringing there temporarily to help in stopping the spread of the disease, as there is a pedigree herd on the estate there. Any ringers contemplating going to Quex should get in touch with Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington.

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MID-ESSEX RINGERS' BUSY WEEK

A SOMERSET TOUR

ZERO hour was 7.30 a.m. on Saturday, August 16th, at Ashdown's Garage, Danbury, for a party of some 26 Mid-Essex ringers. All those due to be aboard were duly in their place, waiting the off. A short run over the common and we found the Sandon party waiting, then over the river to take on board the Boreham contingent. Here we also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. E. Mastin, of Downham Market. Next stop Springfield, where our Mary found her way into a reserved seat in the back row. Next to join the party were Miss Monk and Bob Dannatt, both from Great Waltham.

In Brentwood High Street our old friend Ernie Furbank soon made himself comfortable, then to complete our party we stopped at Cambridge roundabout to introduce Mr. W. Hazell to all.

Soon we crossed Father Thames for the last time, and the flat countryside gave way to the much more irregular ground of Wiltshire. Of course, the White Horse proved as popular as ever. It was most refreshing to see green grass again, but at the same time we prayed that the rain so necessary for the verdure would be delayed.

After a very pleasant run our coach parked amongst the many other coaches in Marlborough High Street, and with 35 minutes to spare our lady members were soon busy window gazing, whilst some others preferred other types of recreation.

Lunch over, we made our way to the Church of St. Mary, where we found the bells up in readiness. Soon this nice six were heard in various methods, the sound attracting the attention of other ringers passing by, who soon found their way to the belfry to join in the ringing. Having enjoyed our ring, we took leave of Mr. J. H. Buckley, once again climbed aboard, making our way via Bath and Bristol to arrive at Worle, Weston-super-Mare (where we had headquarters for the week), with 15 minutes to spare. Soon all had found their respective rooms and were very quickly settled in.

Whilst some preferred to spend the evening relaxed in an armchair, many found their way to Weston for the evening. Later some had the pleasure of meeting Mr. George Prescott, who came to give us final details for Sunday service ringing.

AT CHEDDAR GORGE

On Sunday our party split up to man the bells of Worle, Kewstoke, Locking and Weston for morning matins. At 2 p.m. the party were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Prescott and soon the coach was on the road to Cheddar. Under the guidance of George, we were soon winding our way to the top of the Mendips. The view of the countryside rolling away in the distance is something that will be remembered by all. After a short run along the top of the hills we found ourselves dropping again, this time through the gorge itself. Long may the memory of this grand spectacle remain. Whilst many took the opportunity to visit the caves, others wandered up amongst the rocks to gain points of vantage from which to use their cameras. Then on to the Church of St. Andrew, Cheddar, where we had the pleasure of ringing on this rather difficult octave for evening service.

Promptly at 9 a.m. on Monday we commenced our journey to Burnham-on-Sea. The sky was overcast and we feared the worst. Before our destination was reached the rain came, and those who looked forward to a run along the sea front had to be content to sit in the coach and listen to this very nice eight in various methods. It was with great pleasure we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Shadrack, who joined us for the rest of the day. After

a lapse of some 15 months it was a joy to see Harry with a rope in his hand. The sound of the bells brought about another meeting of old friends. Major Freeborn was delighted to find Mr. H. Mansfield a member of the party.

Through heavy rain we made our way to Mark. By mistake an architect looking for leaks in the roof (a most suitable morning for the job) was mistaken for the local ringer. Soon the right man appeared. The bells raised, we set about the task, but the weather seemed to have had its effect, for try as we might they just would not come round, and as a last resource we put on Grandsire to break the spell. Originally a six, the two trebles were added as a war memorial to make a very good octave. So to the Pack Horse, where the landlord had ready a very good meal, and as we ate our spirits rose, for outside the light grew in intensity until at last the rain gave way to sunshine.

LADY VERGER TO THE RESCUE

Next stop was Wedmore, where we were escorted to the belfry by the local postmaster. Some hasty repairs were carried out to the chiming wire of the seventh before the bell could be raised. During ringing a young lady from Germany paid a visit to the belfry and was interested to see how bells were rung.

Soon the Tor of Glastonbury was in sight and after a short run we were outside St. Benedict's. All the possible places were searched, but no key could be found, and after some unsuccessful calls we were at last rewarded by obtaining means of access from the lady vergier. The bells (6) were soon raised and set going to various Minor methods. The sound of their voices brought memories to a certain gentleman, who hastened to the belfry with apologies. During our short stay full advantage was taken of the easily handled bells. Then we took the Taunton road to Highbridge, where we said goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Shadrack. In good time we reached Worle for dinner. Soon appeared the 'face at the gate,' denoting it was time for those who wished to join the local band for practice, whilst others set out towards the sea shore.

Tuesday morning found us on the road to Yatton, where we were welcomed by the Price brothers. You could never overlook this tower, for on top is what is called locally the 'pepper pot.' There are still better reasons why it should be remembered, for within the tower are eight bells which are second to none at the weight. The sound of this glorious ring is something which will long be remembered.

Reluctantly we left Yatton behind and set course for the coast to find the old Parish Church of Cleveland. But search as we might we could not find a certain gentleman. Providence eventually came to our rescue in the person of Mr. Prescott. Our coach was turned around and the all important man traced, and we were all able to ring a plain course of Triples on this light eight.

Having satisfied the 'inner man,' we made our way to Wraxall, where one of the lady ringers waited to meet us. Soon this nice octave was being put to good use, touches of Stedman being first class. Then over the valley to Backwell, where we received a welcome from the Rector. Having shown those bent on ringing to the tower, the Rector kindly showed the rest of the party around his beautiful church. Here we found another good eight, and after ringing in various methods the best drop of the tour took place.

Next stop was at Nailsea. Here again we found a lady ringer awaiting us, to whom many of the party are indebted for a lovely cup of tea. The bells were up and waiting and soon were going merrily, we having been warned that the parishioners were accustomed only to good

striking, so we did our best to maintain the standard. After the usual thanks we set course for headquarters. Dinner over, we took our seats once more, but for only a few minutes, for soon we were climbing the steep path to the old church of Uphill, where many people visiting this partly demolished building took the opportunity to see 'just how it is done.'

AT WOOKEY AND WELLS

Punctually at 9 a.m. on Wednesday we set forth for a day of ringing mixed with sight-seeing. First stop was the six at Wookey, where we found the fifth rather tucked away behind the clock case. Next to Wookey Hole, where many visited the famous caves. How we wished for those handbells when we found ourselves in the large chamber!

We proceeded to Wells, where we climbed the 73 steps to the belfry of St. Cuthbert's. After a welcome from the Rector, we 'had a go' on this very large circle, where one's elbows in no way annoy one's neighbour. In fact, for a time, one experiences a feeling of loneliness, which, of course, has some effect on the standard of ringing. After lunch everyone spent the next hour within the walls of the beautiful Cathedral.

The road out of Wells took us high up in the hills. At the end of a very pleasant run we found ourselves at Chewton Mendip, where Mr. Baber left the harvest field to bid us welcome. The fame of this ring is well known and we were not in any way disappointed. A truly glorious ring. Next to Blagdon, where the church stands high above the great reservoir. Here the Rector and one of the local ringers were waiting to welcome us. Those not actively employed in the ringing chamber climbed to the top of the tower to look at the scenery. After thanking the Rector we set off to Weston-super-Mare. Locking was the tower for evening ringing; on this light six touches in various methods were rung, whilst some attempted 'spliced.'

Thursday brought us the pleasure of the company of Miss Legg. Our itinerary took us over the border into Gloucestershire—to the octave at Bitton. It was only after many attempts that we at last got the bells round in recognised manner, the reason for the difficulty not being apparent.

With our instructions in hand we made our way into Bristol to the Church of St. Ambrose. Mrs. Skidmore was here to bid us welcome and good use was made of this very pleasant eight; even our Tom was able to ring this treble without effort. Another set of instructions and soon we were at Parkside, with a few minutes to spare before lunch. We took advantage of this to view the city of Bristol. Mr. Skidmore kindly met us to give us directions for the afternoon. Big George struck 3 p.m. just as we moved off after lunch to find Emanuel, where, after freeing the chiming hammer of the third, the bells were raised. Mr. and Mrs. Mayle, from South Weald, joined us at this tower, and we were quickly at home on this very long draught and enjoying some good ringing. Clifton suspension bridge was a great attraction, and the photographers amongst our party were able to show their skill.

BACK IN SOMERSET

So over the river and we were back in Somerset, and a short run brought us to Long Ashton, where the octogenarian, Mr. Yeo, was waiting to greet us. Very proudly he demonstrated the electrical device used successfully during the ban on ringing. Here we brought home touches in various methods, including Double Norwich, which gave full effect to the tenors.

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SOMERSET TOUR—Cont.

Weston-super-Mare was the place of call for evening ringing. Here we were joined by several ringers who were on holiday. Too soon the appointed hour of departure arrived, and we said goodbye to the Rev. —, Warren.

Friday morning at the usual hour we were on the road again, with Congresbury scheduled for first stop. With only the 3rd to raise, we wasted no time, but it is with regret I record that only six could make it. Two gentlemen responsible for the 5th and tenor were thought to be performing the Indian rope trick. Sympathetic bystanders rushed to offer assistance and the music improved. This heavy eight with long draught were not sought after by the fairer sex, one short touch sufficing.

Another pleasant ride through the combs and we were at Chew Magna, where one of the local band welcomed us. The beautiful eight were set going to various methods, and were a source of great satisfaction.

With time in hand we set forth for Burrington Combe, where many hoped to spend a leisurely hour wandering in this beauty spot. But, alas, it was not to be, transport on the road impeding us and we found ourselves 30 minutes late for lunch. Hastily we lined up by the coach to allow our photographer to make a suitable record of the party, then individuals hastened to sit upon the Rock of Ages, cameras being again much in evidence.

Wrighton next, where we found Mr. Herbert Knight waiting to greet us. It was a privilege to ring upon this grand ten. Though not many of the band were accustomed to this number, with careful placing the result was quite good. Around the walls are names of great men of the past and present who no doubt enjoyed, as we did, these beautiful bells.

With Mr. Knight as guide, we found ourselves outside the church at Churchill, where waited the Rector and one of the local band. The former kindly showed the party around the church. The usual standard methods were rung on this good six. Due to tower oscillation, a seventh bell was occasionally to be heard.

PRESENTATIONS

Back at headquarters we had an evening meal, after which Mr. H. Mansfield took upon himself to insert an addition to the programme. On behalf of the company he thanked those who organised the tour, which all had thoroughly enjoyed. In appreciation of services rendered he then presented Mr. A. H. Everett with a pair of book ends and Arthur Smee's 'Somerset,' autographed by all those who had taken part in the tour. To Mr. A. H. Edwards for his part in the arrangements a book of road maps was presented. Thanks to our driver for his co-operation were also expressed.

Our last evening was spent at the most pleasantly situated church of Kewstoke, where good use was made of the light six. Then we took our leave of Miss Legg with thanks for her assistance so readily given.

The company assembled in the lounge of Ivy Lodge for the last ceremony. Mr. A. H. Everett told all of the great part Mr. George Prescott had played in the organisation of the tour. His knowledge of the local towers and geography had been an immeasurable asset. The time given to act as guide was greatly appreciated, and his company was enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to travel with him. It seemed appropriate that after so much talk of bells we should finish on the same note, and on behalf of the band Mr. Everett asked Mr. Prescott to accept as an appreciation of his services 'Bells of all Nations,' suitably inscribed and autographed by all.

Mr. Prescott returned thanks for the gift, saying it gave him pleasure to assist ringers. Though time had been too short to get to know everyone well, he hoped through the sig-

natures and the medium of 'The Ringing World' to get to know many much better.

THE LAST DAY

Saturday morning was rather different. There seemed to be a feeling of regret abroad. Quietly the cases were packed aboard the coach, and we took leave of Mr. and Mrs. Stannard, then Mrs. Prescott, but we were pleased to have as company Mr. Prescott, under whose guidance we travelled via Blagdon to Corston, where we found a youthful member of the band waiting to greet us to act as guide to Bath. After a while we grew accustomed to the light octave with short draught and settled down to some reasonably good touches. Here the Rector came to bid us goodbye, wishing us a pleasant journey.

So to Twerton, where we were warned that a broken stay was 12s. 6d.! There was no need for the injunction, as no one was lacking in experience by this time. We were pleased to meet one of the local veterans, who kindly showed us around, relating the story of the raids on Bath and the damage done by bombing to this church. And so after eight days of ringing the final 'Stand' came.

In Bath we said goodbye to George, who was soon due at a meeting of his own division, and our guide took us on through the city centre to find parking room near the Abbey, which was the attraction of all for the few minutes to spare before lunch.

After the repast we moved homeward. Gradually the scenery changed as we moved over the border and, having left Wiltshire behind, the surroundings looked more familiar. At Maidenhead we took tea, then at about 8 p.m. we dropped our first member in Holloway. Then for the rest of the evening it seemed to be all goodbyes, until at 9.50 p.m. the coach drew into its garage and the few left dispersed.

Finally may we take this opportunity to thank all those who have in any way assisted our tour, the incumbents for so kindly allowing us the use of their bells, to all local ringers for their co-operation, especially those who came along to meet us, to those who gave us advice, so greatly valued, Mr. G. Prescott, Mr. Roger O. Fry, Mr. F. Skidmore and Mr. H. Knight, and any others I may have inadvertently overlooked.

A. H. E.

MARRIAGE OF MISS O. J. OSLER

Ringers who know Miss Olive Osler will wish to offer her their congratulations on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Dennis Upton.

The wedding took place on Saturday, Sept. 6th, and was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Greenstreet, Vicar of Bramley, Hants, assisted by Rev. J. R. Brookes-Davies, Rector of Tadley. Fellow-ringers rang the bells to welcome the bride to the church, and after the signing of the register the bride, her father, her mother and her bridesmaid all took part in the ringing. As the happy couple left for their honeymoon, Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells to speed them on their way.

During the evening the following band of Bramley and Basingstoke ringers rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Bramley: C. Herridge 1, Miss J. Baby 2, C. Osler 3, S. Webb (cond.) 4, R. Story 5, W. Perry 6, W. Clift 7, H. Bartlett 8.

BELLS IN A FILM

Attention has previously been called to the possibility of Superlative Surprise Major being heard in the film 'Something Money Can't Buy,' which contains a couple of shots of cricket on the village green taken while a peal was being rung in the nearby church. Mr. A. H. Kemp, of Hawkhurst, writes that the background music of the bells can be heard very faintly in the film.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Eastern Branch at Awliscombe

The quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Awliscombe on September 6th. The Guild service was held in the Parish Church at 4.15 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Harvey), the address being given by the Rev. G. L. Edwards (Vicar of Combe Raleigh). About 30 ringers sat down to tea, provided by the ladies and local ringers. The election of three life members was confirmed. The sympathy of the branch was extended to the president (Prebendary E. V. Cox) who has recently gone through a major operation; the hon. secretary reported he had visited Prebendary Cox that morning in hospital, and was glad to say he had made such rapid progress he was going home that afternoon.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicars of Awliscombe and Combe Raleigh, the visitors, and the ladies and local ringers for the tea. Mr. Summers kindly gave 10s., the profit from tea, to the Guild Bell Restoration Fund.

The January meeting was arranged for Honiton on January 24th, 1953.

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT

A good meeting was held at Northowram on Saturday, September 6th. Despite a late start, a few short touches were rung before the brief service, which was conducted by the curate of this fine church, our president on this occasion being away on holiday. Following tea and sandwiches, the business meeting was soon well under way, Mr. J. Pearson taking the chair. The usual formalities of reading the minutes and apologies, etc., were followed by a vote of thanks to local ringers, which was heartily endorsed by all.

An invitation to hold our next meeting at Kirkburton was readily assented to by all and the date fixed was November 8th. One new member was elected. While a few members stayed behind for a little handbell ringing the tower bells were soon ringing again. Methods rung included Plain, Little and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Minor. The striking was well above the average for a meeting, while one or two touches were excellent. An encouraging feature was the good proportion of youth among the 30 members present. A good lower in peal at 9 p.m. brought another successful meeting to a close.

A. W. B.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' Sept. 20th, 1912

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the 'official minutes' of the Central Council meeting held on May 28th last, and, on the strength of their appearance, we venture to put forward a few ideas which occur as to the futility of their publication. These minutes reached our office exactly fifteen weeks after the meeting was held, and they are merely a brief summary of all that has previously been reported in EXTENSIO. They contain no information of value which was not far more elaborately dealt with at the time, and there is no need to hide the fact that . . . the publication of these minutes is a waste of labour and a waste of space. . . .

['The Bell News' did not provide its own record of Council proceedings, hence an 'agreed' version—agreed between the secretary and president from a rough summary made at the meeting—used to appear. These 'official minutes' were sent to 'The Ringing World' also, because the Council had that year granted it official recognition. Mr. Goldsmith had, however, previously published his own account, some 22,000 words, in the issues of his paper immediately following the meeting.]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VISITING RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Some time ago we ringers in the Medway towns, particularly St. Mary's, Chatham, were fortunate in having ringers from H.M. Forces (Royal Navy and Royal Engineers) to swell our numbers and assist in service ringing and practices and occasionally a peal or two. They were not stationed in Chatham for long, but it seemed that as one was posted away so another came along to replace him.

For the past two years or so, however, we have not had a continuance of such visitors. We at Chatham are beginning to wonder whether the Royal Navy or Royal Engineers are not now enlisting bellringers or if it is that all the young bellringers are volunteering for the R.A.F.

However, we are always pleased to meet and welcome any ringers of H.M. Forces who may be stationed in Chatham and anyone in the Royal Engineers coming to Chatham for a period can contact me at the Central Documents Office, 10 Trade Training Regiment, R.E., when I should only be too pleased to put them in touch with the ringing in this area.—Yours faithfully, VICTOR A. JARRETT.

Chatham.

ADVERTISING THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. S. G. Ponting, his idea is extremely good, but unfortunately where the ringing chamber is up aloft very few of the general public bother to come in. I suggest the porch would be the better place, with a special notice board for the ringers' activities.

We cannot afford to be indifferent towards would-be recruits; they should be encouraged. In my experience one can usually interest boys from the choir at 'voice-breaking' age, for in many cases this is the time when the youth are left to drift away from the Church and are lost.—Yours sincerely, H. A. PRICE.

Eagle House, Yatton.

ARTHUR WIGGINS

Dear Sir,—It is sad to read of the passing of an old friend and ringer, Arthur Wiggins, one of nature's gentlemen. Some of us knew him 40 odd years ago at Wokingham when, as a young police constable, he was always willing to make up the band for a peal attempt whenever his duties permitted. He came from the tower of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, when that band was in its prime and, as one would expect, his ringing was of the highest order. But it was his wonderful personality that won the hearts of all that met him. His simple goodness and his joy of living make us miss him the more and his place will be hard to fill. May he rest in peace.—Yours, etc.,

Binsted, Hants. W. J. PAICE.

RUGBY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Being a Rugby old boy, I was interested to listen to the old five bells in the old tower. I read in 'The Ringing World' the band rang 120 Grandsire Doubles. I regret to say how disappointed I was with the broadcast as we did not hear enough changes to be able to tell what the method was. I often wonder if it is worth the trouble we go to. I never rang on these old bells until after they were rehung on ball bearings some 20 years ago, but as a schoolboy I used to listen to them before the new eight were installed or before the new tower and spire were built. It is hard to believe they are out of order so soon. The wood frame looks as good to-day as the day it was put in.

C. H. WEBB.

Radford, Coventry.

N.B.—Listen to Allesley light eight broadcast on Sunday, September 28th, 9.30 a.m.—C. H. W.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—May I, as the culprit who at the annual meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild raised the subject of London Surprise Royal, try to clarify the position in all goodwill and friendliness.

The president of the Leicester Guild had no part in this, in fact he was informed only half an hour before the meeting that the matter would be raised. The Lord Bishop of Leicester was in the chair and accepted the proposal and the reason for it (maybe somewhat bewildered) and put it to the meeting. The proposal called for the acceptance of the peal in the Guild records as a peal of Surprise Royal omitting the word 'London' from the title, pending a decision by the Central Council as to a correct name.

After the meeting a discussion regarding London and other methods took place and Mr. H. J. Poole gave the assurance that any extensions he had rung which also did not comply with the 1950 report he would, where the responsibility was his, withdraw the name and substitute another. He has since confirmed his intention of doing so.

Since the Leicester Guild meeting the Methods Committee have published a report giving a list of extensions which they consider do not comply with the 1950 report—although some of these may be debatable, as was evident at the Central Council meeting at Lincoln. The list Mr. Worth gives, however, is somewhat different from the Methods Committee's.

Mr. Worth raises a most interesting point affecting the 1950 report. Is the effective operation of the 1950 report (having been approved and adopted) dependent upon the adoption of a fifth rule? It is well known that the opposition to a fifth rule has largely been from the Leicester Guild, i.e., to the introduction of tables of pivot bells. It will be as well, therefore, to state again (see my letter in 'The Ringing World,' September 21st, 1951, and as yet unanswered by the Methods Committee) 'that an extension of a method is true or not before the pivot place is made.'

It is to be hoped that after two unsuccessful efforts to persuade the Central Council to accept the very dubious means of determining what is or is not a true extension by use of pivot bell tables the Methods Committee will now forget them.

In conclusion may I assure Mr. Worth and our Cheshire friends that my proposition at the Leicester Guild meeting did not in any way reflect upon their performance or upon them as individuals, the only question being the use of the name 'London.'

I have yet to meet a ringer who will claim there is a true extension of London Major.—Yours sincerely,

K. A. ROE.

OWNER WANTED FOR CAMERA

Dear Sir,—Last year a band of ringers toured this part of Wales, coming, I believe, from Chichester, the majority being cyclists. One of the party left a camera in the tower of St. Thomas' Church, Neath. If the owner would get in touch with me at the address given below, the article in question will be restored.—Yours sincerely,

E. J. MORRIS.

13, Foundry Row, Skewen, Glam., South Wales.

APPRECIATION OF SERVICE

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bob Minor at the Church of St. Cyr, Stonehouse, Glos, on Saturday, September 6th, was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Price, secretary of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association since 1937 and captain of the tower for over 30 years.

Few people, except other branch secretaries, realise the work entailed in arranging meetings. The Stroud Branch hold their meetings monthly besides the expected annual outing. The letters and visits to the clergy to make these occasions a success are no light matter. Then there are the minutes to be written up and the subscriptions collected. These are a few of the secretary's duties. The members of the branch are most appreciative of the way Mr. Price has carried on as their secretary year after year. But probably even more, many of the members have appreciated his help and tuition and encouragement in the actual art of ringing; he has probably taught more pupils the rudiments of our art than he would care to count, and some, of course, have wasted his efforts by giving up before they had learnt to ring a method. But he is still as enthusiastic as ever and is always ready to help in a tower where members are struggling to improve.

We hope the birthday peal will express some of our appreciation and gratitude.

Thank you, Mr. Price.

D. S. and L. B.

ONE-HAND CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—There is one such clock with a very attractive dial at Edenbridge, Kent.

Regarding the 48-minute clock, this is, no doubt, the relic of the days when this clock had only one hand, and marks the quarter hours. Obviously the minute scale was unnecessary in these clocks. In the first half of the 18th century, even after two hands had been introduced, the quarter-hour circle continued to be engraved or drawn inside the hour circle, while the minute circle, often with very prominent numerals, was drawn outside. This is often seen in the earlier domestic clocks, and is some indication of their age.—Yours faithfully,

F. S. POOLE (Dr.).

Abbots Langley, Herts.

Dear Sir,—Another one-handed clock is at Caddington, near Luton. Made in 1695 by a local blacksmith, the dial is diamond shaped, with a very rusty hour hand, and the clock is still in quite good order. In the churchwarden's accounts, 1720–1763, between 15s. and £1 per annum was paid for winding, but since then it has been included in the general church duties and no separate payments are made.

I am certain the clock would be going now but for the very badly worn stairs and the necessity of daily winding, as a loose screw on the escapement is all that is wrong.—Yours truly,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

Luton.

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THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

Fifteen Day Tour from Stratford and Through the West Country

IN oddments and by various routes the Society met under the shadow of the tower of Stratford-upon-Avon Church on Saturday, August 2nd. The Mushes were the first to arrive and gloatingly addressed the party with the comment that they had already had a ring. After the usual handshakes all round, the bells (10, tenor 19 cwt.) were set going and good striking resulted on these fine-toned bells.

The second and last tower of the day was Bidford (6, 13 cwt.), where moderate striking was had on these lumpy yet mellow bells. Then, after 'tanking up' by a number of the party, way was made to the Youth Hostel for the night.

The next day (Sunday, 3rd) was of the same indeterminate weather as the previous day when the party assembled for service ringing at the Evesham Bell Tower (12, 36 cwt.). The ringing here was not up to standard as the ringers were only just feeling their feet. The majority of the party attended matins.

After a substantial meal Broadway (6, 18 cwt.) was visited and justice was done to this fine, long-draughted ring of six. What a pity it is that the 19th century monstrosity in the village is used more often than this fine old church. Thence on over beautiful hills (although certain members of the party called them otherwise) to St. Mark's, Cheltenham (5, 17 cwt.). These rough-going bells were rung for Sunday service with much hitting of the floor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

On Monday at 10.15 a.m. the party were ringing on the fine light eight (tenor 14 cwt.) at St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester. Here they were joined for this tower only by a lady ringer from London, who afterwards showed the only two mechanised members of the Society round the Cathedral.

Berkeley (10, 24 cwt.) was reached at 1 p.m. and ringing on these rough-going bells had to be curtailed owing to a fete being in progress. We were joined at this tower by Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and Margaret who stood in a course of Cambridge Royal.

Thence on to Bristol where we rang at Christ Church (10, 23 cwt.) and were met by Roger O. Fry; SS. Philip and Jacob's (8, 20 cwt.) where the woodwork inside the ringing room, carved entirely by the local steeplekeeper, was most impressive; finally St. James' (10, 28 cwt.) where we met a grand old man of the Exercise who told us of the past glories of his tower and the ringing enthusiasm of those days. A night's drink of our first 'rough' cider concluded a happy day.

CIDER AND RINGING

It was 'once more into the breach, dear friends' when we sallied forth on Tuesday into a weighty day. We arrived on time at Long Aston, but unfortunately no one arrived with the key so we went away disappointed.

The eight at the next tower, Congresbury, was much admired although it was agreed that the tenor went its full 35 cwt. After light refreshment in the local at Wrington, the 37-cwt. ten was much enjoyed despite the cider-bemused state of several, including the Ringing Master. Thence to Chew Magna, a fine-toned eight of 28 cwt., where the double-handed expert found that cider and double-handed ringing did not mix (please note, my dear friend). Banwell (8, 23 cwt.), a glorious ring, completed our heavy yet enjoyable day.

GOOD BELLS AND A WATERLOO

On Wednesday, 6th, the first tower to be visited was Axbridge (6, 19 cwt.)—another good-toned ring. Then on to the two good eights at Cheddar (23 cwt.) and Wedmore (30 cwt.); the ringing on these was of a good standard. At St. Cuthbert's, Wells, we met our Waterloo;

whether it was the vastness of the ringing chamber, the long draught or the apparent remoteness of the bells we shall never know.

Four cyclists and the two on the motor-cycle were the only people with sufficient energy left to ring at Pilton (6, 18 cwt.). Here, on these fine bells, the ringing was, to use the name of a method, superlative.

The Cathedral was visited in the evening by those whose accommodation was sufficiently near Wells. Thanks to the locals for letting us 'barge in' on their practice night.

The ringing at Street (8, 23 cwt.) on Thursday was without its Ringing Master, who arrived too late to take part in the proceedings. Thence on to Butleigh (6, 19 cwt.). The low tenor sally here caused much rubbing of the hands after ringing. Some of the cider experts tried some of the verger's local brew, with warming effects!

After a dinner of sandwiches and cider a rattling good course of Rutland was had on the fine-toned eight (tenor 24 cwt.) at Ditchat. Of this course the Ringing Master remembers nothing, although he rang the tenor.

We regret there was a poor raise in peal on the fine-toned ten (tenor 21 cwt.) at Evercrech. This tower was classed by some as being the finest ten of their weight in the world.

LADIES IN THE NEWS

What a glorious ring of bells we found at the next tower, Bruton (6, 25 cwt.), and our touch of Cambridge did full justice to them. Miss Jean Brooks then showed the party that it is possible for a young lady to lower a 25-cwt. tenor in peal. Miss Eileen Burton, not to be outdone, rang it for a touch. (Watch out, men, we're being got at!)

At night, owing to youth hostel accommodation, the party had to split into two sections. Ringing was had with the locals at their practice night on the fine-going six (tenor 17 cwt.) at Stoke-under-Ham. The other tower was Walton (five bells).

Ring began on Friday 8th at Bridewater (8, 25 cwt.): excellent-sounding bells. The town was the next objective, that is, Taunton, the home of cider. Here on this 19-cwt. eight the ringing was good, perhaps the bracing air had some effect!

A WET JOURNEY

Milverton (8, 18 cwt.) with its fine sallies, was next visited. After this came Ash Priors (6, 12 cwt.), a little oasis in the midst of so much weight. Here a very kind gentleman provided the soaked (with rain) ringers with cups of tea. A very fine gesture which was much appreciated. Midst pouring rain the hardest among the party journeyed to ring at Bishop's Lydeard (8, 23 cwt.) in the evening. Here a grim battle of the ringers versus the tower was fought. The ringers came out triumphant, until Original was tried.

Next morning, Saturday, 9th, found us at the anti-clockwise (cack-handed) six (tenor 16 cwt.) at Crowcombe. Here the ringing was good despite this handicap. Geoffrey R. Parker said goodbye to us here, and turned to make his lone, solitary ride back to Lincoln.

The Ringing Master missed the first part of the ringing at Minchhead (10, 20 cwt.) due to the facts that he had to go to the dentist's to have two teeth taken out. This ten was much enjoyed and the best ringing of the tour was a course of Grand sire Tringles with practically the considered weakest band in.

At Dunster (8, 22 cwt.) our ringing must have been up to scratch as one of the locals said it would do the anti-turn in ringers good to have heard us. After a long, hilly ride and adverse weather, the last tower of the day, Bampton (6, 15 cwt.) was rung after tea. These were rough-going yet the ringing went well.

(To be continued.)

OUTINGS

ST. MARY'S, CHATHAM

On Saturday, August 30th, the ringers of St. Mary's, Chatham, augmented by ringers from Bobbing, Frindsbury, Rainham, Sittingbourne and Upchurch and accompanied by their wives, families and friends—a party of 37—set off for a tour of Sussex. Towers visited were Heathfield (8), Southover (10), Brighton (St. Peter's) (10), Ardingly (6) and Tunbridge Wells (8). The day's tour was pronounced as near perfection as could be.

Every place was reached on time with someone there to greet us; all the bells were in splendid going order, meals prompt and excellent fare, some grand scenery en route and weather beyond reproach. What more could one wish for a ringers' outing?

The ringing ranged from Stedman Doubles to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Minor to Cambridge Major and Treble Ten. The ringing during the day was generally quite good, only two touches (one of Bob Minor and one of Double Norwich) failing to materialise, through the respective conductors missing a bob.

The thanks of the party are accorded to the incumbents and ringers of the churches visited for their assistance and co-operation in making the day so enjoyable. V. A. J.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.

Following last year's experiment, we have again had two half-day outings—on June 14th, when we visited Bushley, Upton-on-Severn, Earl's Croome, Ripple and Twynning; it was a very good day, greatly enjoyed by all and a better selection of bells it would be hard to find. Then, on September 6th, we went to Westbury-on-Severn, Newnham-on-Severn, Blaisdon, Huntley and Churcham. The bells at Westbury proved to be almost too heavy for us, and at the next tower the 'go' left much to be desired, but the others made up for that, so again we were all happy at the end of the day.

We hope to be able to ring in our own tower again before Christmas as we have now raised nearly enough to cover the cost of rehanging, the order for which has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank by the Church Council. C. R.

DEDICATION

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET

At evensong on Sunday, September 7th (harvest festival day), the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells preached the sermon and also rededicated the six bells which have been tuned and rehung on ball bearings by Mears and Stainbank of the Whitechapel Foundry. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. W. R. Rowlands).

After the service the local ringers rang some well-struck rounds which gave the visitors a chance to hear the beauty of this grand ring. Touches were rung which included Grand sire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. All ringers present agreed that the founders had made a first-class job of tuning, and Mr. Douglas Smith is to be congratulated for his part in hanging them.

Details of the bells, which are now a fine ring of six, are as follows: Tenor, 17 cwt. 7 lb., E; 5th, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb., F sharp; 4th, 8 cwt. 4 lb., G sharp; 3rd, 6 cwt. 2 qr., A; 2nd, 6 cwt. 3 lb., B; treble, 5 cwt. 20 lb., C sharp.

The cost of restoration was about £300.

H. A. P.

THE ST. MARTIN'S YOUTHS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

2—THE MEN OF 1820 (continued)

The first of the two notable peals of 1820 was 7,200 of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, rung at St. Martin's on April 17th by the following band: William Bennett 1, James Jarvis 2, William Hassall 3, Thomas Worrall 4, Alexander Saunders 5, Henry Cooper (conductor) 6, Samuel Lawrence 7, Joseph Grayson 8, Joseph Riley 9, Thomas Chapman 10, William Marsh 11, Thomas Thurstans 12. It was the longest length on twelve bells up to that time, was rung at the first attempt, and altogether constituted a very fine performance. St. Martin's Guild has in its possession a printed sheet which refers to the peal as follows:—

'A SUPERLATIVE ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ART OF RINGING.'

'Birmingham, April 17th, 1820.

'The Society of St. Martin's Youths having for some time contemplated a Peal of Changes on 12 Bells, which should exceed in number any Peal ever rung in the United Kingdom, appointed Monday the 17th inst. for the attempt; and although there were high odds (say 100 to 1) against any Band ringing a Plain Peal at the first onset, yet by an anxious attention to, and a superior possession of, this great science, they succeeded in completing the Herculean task in 5 hours and 8 minutes. The Peal comprised 7,200 Changes of New Treble Bob Maximus; and what eminently combines to enrich this performance is, that it was rung at the first attempt, was the first Peal of New Treble Bob Maximus ever performed, and the greatest number of changes ever rung on 12 bells.

'Another generation may rise up to eclipse this, but the present will in all probability suffer it to remain a STANDING DISH UNTOUCHED.'

It will be noted that the method is referred to as New Treble Bob Maximus. In the Peal Book of the Guild the record calls it 'Oxford Treble Bob with the Kent Variation,' and it is indeed the first recorded peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

6,600 STEDMAN CINQUES

In the December of the same year the Society recorded another fine performance, 6,600 Stedman Cinques, conducted by Thomas Thurstans from the 11th. Saunders and Grayson were not in this peal, their places being taken by Joseph Powell and Charles Thurstans.

They were a distinguished company, these men who made Birmingham famous in 1820—William Bennett, a brass caster with a business in Bordesley Street; tall square-shouldered Thomas Worrall, the upholsterer; Alexander Saunders, the sexton at St. Martin's, who made an illicit income by letting pews in the church; Thomas Chapman, the rather austere-looking jeweller who held an important position with a firm in St. Paul's Square; and that fine ringer Joseph Powell, whose son, Thomas Powell, became an excellent handbell ringer and rang, among other notable performances, in the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung on handbells.

Jarvis was a stout-built man, a brass caster with a good position in the firm of Pemberton and Sons, Livery Street. He was a good all-round ringer, and probably took part in more peals than any other member of the old St. Martin's Youths. William Hassall, cashier for many years to the old Birmingham Gas Company, rang in the long peal of 1793. He was superannuated by the Gas Company when he was 78 years of age and greatly resented being put on the retired list. Charles Thurstans, brother to the more famous Thomas, was employed by a firm of silversmiths. He was a skilled musician and a member of the orchestra in the town. He is said to have been the first man in Birmingham to play the obpicleide. William Marsh was a short, thick-set man, a very good ringer at the heavy end. He was

great-grandfather to Alderman A. Paddon Smith, who was secretary to St. Martin's Guild a hundred years later and who followed Marsh's example as a fine heavy-bell ringer.

Of Thomas Thurstans more must be said when the story of Stedman Triples is told.

Among the ringers of this early part of the 19th century there are two notable figures, Benjamin Pugh and Elijah Roberts, the former conductor to the Society before Cooper, and the latter hovering on the fringe of the great events of 1820.

Ben Pugh, known as 'Old Ben,' was a maker of steel pipes for watch keys, and a very great number of ringers received instruction from him, chiefly at St. John's. There can be little doubt that the well-known peal of Grandsire Triples attributed to Taylor was the composition of Ben Pugh. The peal was published in Shipway's book as Taylor's in 1816, but when it was rung at King's Norton in 1811 it was entered in the Society's records as Pugh's peal. The composition has always been known in Birmingham as 'Old Ben's peal.'

ELIJAH ROBERTS

That extraordinary genius, Elijah Roberts, was born in Birmingham in 1807. He rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Aston in 1821 with Thomas Day, and in 1830 he stood in Day's 5,040 Stedman Triples. He was a brass founder by trade, but he was also a clever craftsman, and fond of constructing chiming clocks. For some years round about the '30's he kept The Union Tavern in Jamaica Row, and most of the ringers in the town resorted to this house. He was an excellent ringer and composer, and Thomas Day describes him as a nice lad with bright and keen blue eyes 'and of a very determined nature.'

This last phrase would seem to accord with Roberts' extraordinary feats of endurance and concentration, for in the tapping of peals on handbells he recorded performances the achievement of which we might well doubt but for the testimony of those who witnessed them. The first of these amazing peals was tapped in 1824, when Roberts was sixteen years old. It was made up of a plain course of each of the following: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, and Treble Bob Triples; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major; Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, and Treble Bob Caters; Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Royal; Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, and Treble Bob Cinques; Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Maximus; the peal concluding with a course of Treble Bob Sixteen In. In 1827 he tapped 5,040 Treble Bob Maximus, and three years later 7,536 in the same method. On June 30th, 1833, he tapped 5,016 Stedman Cinques, composed by himself and conducted by Henry Cooper. Henry Johnson heard every blow of this peal, which was rung at The Union Tavern.

About the year 1834 Roberts left Birmingham, first to become guard on a stage coach, and later to drive a coach of his own. Subsequently he took The Derby Arms, a public house in Liverpool, and here he rang his last and longest peal. It was 19,440 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Reeves' Five-Part, and Roberts tapped it on his handbells in thirteen hours and forty-three minutes. There were no witnesses, but there can be little doubt that the stupendous performance took place. It has been written about on many occasions, and in 1911 the discovery of a letter written by Roberts led William Snowdon to produce a critical survey of the peal. Mr. Snowdon dealt skilfully with the pros and cons of Roberts' claim, and left very little doubt that the peal was rung. And there it stands as perhaps the most remarkable feat of concentration in the history of ringing.

Elijah Roberts met his death by his own hand on January 26th, 1865.

(To be continued)

OBITUARY

REV. WALTER O'REILLY

A former president of the Bicester Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers for many years, the Rev. Walter O'Reilly recently passed away. The deceased gentleman was Vicar of Bicester with Caversfield from 1907 to 1941, when he relinquished his ringing position on moving to Stoke Talmage, Oxon, remaining there until his retirement in 1948.

Deceased was 76, and was ordained priest in 1900. Before coming to Bicester he was a curate at St. Clement's, Cambridge.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in memoriam at Bicester, with the bells half-muffled, on September 8th, by the following: Miss A. Jones 1, H. Hatfield 2, Miss M. Skelton (first quarter 'inside') 3, C. H. Kinch 4, W. Baggett 5, H. W. Haynes (first quarter of Triples) 6, E. J. Smith (conductor) 7, A. Baggett (first quarter of Triples) 8.

MR. H. HOWELL'S 400 PEALS

Mr. Howard Howell, of Wolverhampton, who rang his first peal on April 17th, 1933, completed his 400 peals in August. These were rung in 106 different towers for 16 Associations in 11 counties. His list is given below:—

Doubles.—Stedman 11 (conducted 4), Grandsire 8, two methods 6, three methods 3 (1), four methods 1 (1), five methods 3 (1), six methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 15, Kent Treble Bob 7, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 2, two methods 1, three methods 10, four methods 6, five methods 4, seven methods 3.

Triples.—Stedman 10 (1), Grandsire 27, Darlaston Bob 2, Oxford Bob 2.

Major.—Plain Bob 30 (2), Kent Treble Bob 29 (17), Oxford Treble Bob 5 (2), Little Bob 1, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 2, Duffield 1, Double Norwich 11 (1), Cambridge Surprise 4, Superlative Surprise 4, Norfolk Surprise 2, Ashstead Surprise 1, New Cambridge Surprise 2, Belgrave Surprise 1, Yorkshire Surprise 1.

Caters.—Stedman 76 (57), Grandsire 9, Erin 1 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 6 (2), Little Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 11 (4), Oxford Treble Bob 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 5.

Cinques.—Stedman 63 (37), Grandsire 2.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 2 (1).

Handbells.—Three method Doubles 1, Grandsire Doubles 1 (1), Plain Bob Major 1.

Total rung on tower bells 397 (conducted 134); on handbells 3 (conducted 1).

MR. E. STITCH'S 400 PEALS

Mr. E. Stitch, of Wolverhampton, who rang his 400th peal when Mr. Howard Howell rang his, rang in 87 towers for 12 Associations and in 15 counties. He conducted 65. Details are appended:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 14 (conducted 13), Stedman 1, two methods 1, four methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 19, Kent Treble Bob 8, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1, two, three, four, five and six methods 18, Cambridge Surprise 3, London Surprise 1, York Surprise 1, seven Surprise methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 116 (44), Stedman 43, Erin 2, Plain Bob 1, Oxford Bob 4, London Bob 1, St. Clement's 1, Double Grandsire 1.

Spliced.—Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples 1, Plain Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples 1, New Grandsire and Grandsire Triples 1, St. Illtyd and Oxford Bob Triples 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 38 (5), Kent Treble Bob 27, Oxford Treble Bob 5, Little Bob 1, Forward 1, Double Norwich 2, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 3, Superlative Surprise (Treble) 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 25 (3), Stedman 31, Erin 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 5, Kent Treble Bob 6, Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 8.

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S WEEK

A Tour in Kent and Sussex

THE Cambridge University Guild held a very successful week this year based at Tunbridge Wells. It will be remembered as the first ringing week to be arranged by a lady member of the Guild (ladies were only in recent years admitted to membership of the University), and Gillian Anderson Smith proved herself more than competent to take charge of the arrangements—so much so that members who sidetracked the programme to the smallest degree had a strong feeling of guilt! Members met on Monday, August 25th, at the ring of eight in Buxted Park, where a creditable peal of Double Norwich was scored. The tourists assembled at the Alexandra Hotel in Tunbridge Wells, and an unofficial expedition left to snatch Frant tower, while others appropriated a bedroom and rang a handbell peal of Bob Major.

Tuesday started with Corporate Communion celebrated by the president (the Rev. A. C. Blyth) at St. Peter's Church. The Guild then toured to the north-west, visiting Penshurst, Edenbridge and Westerham. After lunch the ring of six at Brasted was sampled. Here we found a Guild peal board, celebrating the wedding of Wilfred Hooton. Ringing and tea in Sevenoaks were followed by ringing on the fine eight at Wrotham. After dinner, the usual bedroom was borrowed under duress, and a peal of Bob Royal 'in hand' scored.

The next morning eight set off for Salehurst in a hurry, to the tune of a kipper on an exhaust manifold, and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise was brought round. For the rest, the malingering at breakfast (usual at this period of the ringing weeks) was sternly dealt with by the organiser, and ringing followed at Wadhurst, Ticehurst and Sedlescombe. The peal band was joined in Battle, followed by ringing on the fine eight. Then on to Christ Church, Hastings, and tea. A splinter group developed in strict secrecy (led, be it known, by the president), and visited Bodiam Castle, to turn up at Hawkhurst rather late. Here the church was hit by a flying bomb during the war, and the nave roof is being rebuilt, but the tower and bells were practically undamaged.

GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

On Wednesday evening, the Guild annual meeting was held, and it was decided to ask

Mr. E. M. Atkins, of Teignmouth, to arrange next year's tour in South Devon.

Horsmonden tenor tried the skill of the Guild on Thursday. Here in the belfry is a fine open fireplace, so that the trebles can keep warm during a peal, but we did not see a refrigerator for the tenor ringer. One can stand in the fireplace and look up the chimney to the sky. Ringing followed at Goudhurst and Benenden. At the latter place the ringers' cars filled up the private car park of an inn. This gave a cast-iron excuse for waiving the programme, as the car park was for customers only. Then, after weaving in and out of the ungated level crossings of the Kent and East Sussex Railway, the fine eight at Tenterden were sampled. Here the view from the noble tower is magnificent.

Headcorn was next visited, where one rings to the accompaniment of the Continental boat expresses. Cricket enthusiasts got really fine fielding practice at Leeds on the ninth bell. Here the extent of Bob Major was rung in the 18th century, and the walls of the ringing chamber do justice for a visitors' book. After supper the practice night personnel at All Saints', Maidstone, welcomed the Guild, and a course of Cambridge Royal came round unusually—at the end of the course!

Friday morning gave us some really fine rings—Withyham, the peal ringer's rendezvous—and later Rotherfield. On the way to Mayfield several cars got lost, due to conflicting ideas between map-readers and the driver of one car refusing to go down a very rough track. At Rotherfield after lunch a good peal of Bob Major was rung, the remainder ringing at Uckfield and Warbleton. Excessive zeal on the part of the organiser prevented the peal band having tea, and a very hungry team rang at Heathfield before returning to Tunbridge Wells. After dinner the long-suffering bedroom was treated to a peal of Bob Major, while others snatched Speldhurst tower.

On Saturday, the first failure occurred, when a peal of Superlative Surprise went west at Burwash. We were left with memories of a very successful programme, having rung at the pick of the towers around in delightful weather. In thanking the organiser and all the Kent and Sussex ringers who helped us enjoy the week, we look forward to next year's week by the red cliffs of Devon. B. D. P.

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GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—Practices will in future be held every Wednesday at 7.15 p.m.—C. W. Pipe. 1266

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—All ringers and interested persons coming up this session are most cordially welcome. Please contact either the Master, B. Harris, 8, Beech Grove, Hoole, Chester, or the Secretary for information about the Guild. 1289

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury (6), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1311

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Mistley, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—R. Duesbury. 1215

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Nazeing (6) on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 1246

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, Greenstead Green (6), Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Saunders, Near the Church, Greenstead Green, Halstead. 1271

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Throwley, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Special coach will leave Station Road, Faversham, 3.15 p.m. For a seat, please contact, as soon as possible, Mr. W. S. Palin, 9, Napleton Road, Faversham.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1267

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting in conjunction with Coventry Diocesan Guild to be held at Leamington Spa on Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Evensong at 5.30 p.m. Tea at local cafes.—A. A. Timms, Sec. 1317

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Sept. 20th. Sunbury (8) 2-5; Hampton (8) 6.30-8.45. Tea 5.30, social evening 8 p.m., both at Red Lion, Hampton. Names to G. Ingham, 145, Staines Road East, Sunbury-on-Thames.—F. W. Good-fellow, Hon. Sec. 1253

NORTH PETHERWIN, LAUNCESTON.—Church bells and tower restoration, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 2.30, conducted by the Lord Bishop of Truro, followed by garden party, high tea, auction sale and concert. 1292

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells, Annunciation, Chislehurst (8) 3-4. Service, St. John's, Eltham, 4.45. Tea 5.30. Meeting to follow. Eltham bells (8) after meeting.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 1275

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Bletchingley, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. 1307

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in the Vine Inn. 1265

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Netherton, Saturday, Sept. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained at this meeting.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 1269

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting, Beverley, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. General committee meet 3.15 p.m. in the Minster Vestry. Service in the Minster 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Rutherford's Hotel, Market Place. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Minster bells (10) available 2.30 till 4 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m. St. Mary's (10) available after meeting till 9 p.m. Please note arrangements, as no circulars issued.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lillcroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1247

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, White-chapel, Sept. 27th. St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, afterwards. No ringing at St. Michael's in September.—A. B. Peck. 1310

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Brent Knoll, September 27th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. P. 1259

BROXBORNE.—A memorial tablet to the late Mr. G. Radley will be dedicated on Saturday, September 27th, at 4 p.m. Ringing before and after the service. All ringers welcome. Tea provided. 1240

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting, Pulford, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 24th. 1258
Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with the Derbyshire Association at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. H. Hibbert, Telephone Exchange, Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, before Sept. 23rd.—C. K. Lewis. 1255

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Bebington (8), Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided ONLY for those notifying by Sept. 23rd.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1264

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Witton (8), Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea, cafe nearby.—D. Smith. 1270

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston Districts.—Meeting at Breadsall on Sept. 27th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Tivey, 232, Chellaston Road, Derby. 1253

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kelly, Sept. 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by 22nd to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1261

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Withycombe Raleigh, Sept. 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Sept. 24th, to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 1324

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Newcastle, Sept. 27th. St. Stephen's (8) 10.30–12.30, Fenham (8) 2–4, St. John's (8) 2.30–4.15. Evening ringing will be announced at meeting. Committee: St. John's Vestry, 3. Service: St. John's, 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 at Lockhart's, Neville Street (opposite Central Station). Reservation for tea by Sept. 25th is essential.—D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 1262

FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin. 1242

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Childswickham, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 1296

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thornbury, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Sept. 23rd to W. F. Scudamore, No. 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 1251

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, Sept. 27th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 1243

KEMPSTON RINGERS invite you to their ringing afternoon and social evening on September 27th. The eight bells are available at 2.30. Tea 4.45. Social 6.30–9.30. (Bus leaves Kempston Church End 9.40, arrives Bedford St. Peter's 10.) R.S.V.P. by Sept. 25th.—Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 1244

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—District annual meeting, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5 n.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 1280

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham (6) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed tea and short business meeting. Tea is by kind invitation and names should be sent to me on or before Wednesday, Sept. 24th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Kewcol Hill, near Sittingbourne. Phone Newington 350. 1310

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Christ-the-Saviour's, Ealing (8), Saturday, September 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting, with bells to follow at St. Stephen's (8), 6.30. Own tea arrangements.—A. M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 1309

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Next meeting, Tyldesley, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting follows tea. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to George Houghton, 13, Wynne Street, Tyldesley, Lancs.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1254

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be at Calverley on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged only for those who notify Mr. S. Keighley, 6, Salford Street, Calverley, by Thursday, Sept. 25th. Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 1241

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Barkby, Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names to George James, 10, School Lane, Barkby.—B. Stedman Payne. 1246

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. James', Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Meat tea at the Bridge Hotel, 5 p.m. Please help me by sending your card to me not later than Monday, 22nd, as all teas have to be booked and paid for.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingham, Sleaford, Lincs. 1312

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Moulton, Sept. 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea after service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Oldershaw, Beech House, Moulton, by Sept. 20th. 1260

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Monmouth, Sept. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 1291

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m., tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1273

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Meeting at Chilton, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Service 3.30. Notify for tea by the 22nd.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 1290

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Tackley on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 3.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Thursday, Sept. 25th, please.—Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. 1308

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th, Penn (6 bells), 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1248

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Bugbrooke, Sept. 27th. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants, by Sept. 24th. Advance notice: Brafield, Oct. 25th: Duston, Nov. 29th. 1268

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, Sept. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 1316

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 24th.—P. F. Romney, 21, Woodland Road, Hassocks. 1247

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Bishopstoke, Sept. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Sept. 23rd to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 1247

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Christchurch Priory (12 bells), Sept. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Notify for tea, please, by 24th.—A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 1275

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Thorne, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by Thursday, 25th, Mr. J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne. 1320

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Preston, Thursday, Oct. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names by Sept. 29th to G. H. Perry, Love Lane Cottage, Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth. 1237

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—An extraordinary meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Business, proposed change of rules. It is essential that those requiring tea will let me know. Bells 3–4.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Ditchat bells from 7–8.30 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 1274

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Crusader meeting, Downham (6), Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Pitsea bus from Billericay to Blue House Corner 35 mins. past the hour. City bus Romford–Southend to Castledon Road, Brentwood–Shotgate to Beavoor's Chase 5 mins. past the hour. Names for tea to H. Oliver, Fremnall's Garage, Downham, Billericay. 1265

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Batley, Saturday, October 4th. For teas please notify, by Sept. 27th, D. Atkins, 37, Victoria Avenue, Batley.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 1287

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Hinxworth, Saturday, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Oswald Delight.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1272

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual district meeting at Tonbridge (8), Oct. 4th, at 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent. Notes of tower activities during this year will be welcomed by secretary for his report. 1271

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Surflet, near Spalding, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 30th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surflet, Spalding, Lincs. 1261

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival dinner and social on Saturday, October 4th. Bells 2.30 to 5 at St. Margaret's (12), St. Mary-de-Castro (8) and St. John-the-Divine (10). Dinner 6 p.m. at the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Uppingham Road, Leicester. Tickets 8s. 6d. each from local secretaries up to September 20th and from P. J. Stanforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, until September 30th. latest. 1305

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Blankney (6), Oct. 4th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 1256

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Ringing Festival, October 4th. Bells 3, Nassington (5) followed by service, tea and meeting 6 p.m. Towers opened: Nassington (5), Kingscliffe (6), Elton (5), Castor (6). Names for tea by Sept. 30th.—P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, South Road, Oundle. 1325

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Paulerspury, Oct. 4th. Names for tea by Sept. 29th to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 1238

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Oct. 4th, all tickets sold. Ringing arrangements later.—F. J. Matthews, Dinner Secretary. 1263

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Section.—Quarterly meeting, Llangattock, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Sept. 30th to W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 1249

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.
—Winchester District.—Business meeting, Twyford, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Dolphin Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1245

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The fourth annual dinner will be held at King George Hotel, Barnsley, on Oct. 11th at 6 p.m. Tickets 7s. 6d. each obtainable from me.—D. Smith, 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1257

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH (Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pierhead) **RINGERS' DAY.** —Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 10.30 a.m.—3.30 p.m. and 6–9 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. followed by high tea at Reece's Restaurant. Remittances for tea tickets (6s. 6d.) should reach me by Oct. 18th, and stamped addressed envelopes will be appreciated. Complete twelve-bell bands will be allotted definite periods of ringing if organisers will notify me previously and state their approximate arrival times. A room has also been reserved for luncheon at Reece's Restaurant at 12.30 and 1.15 p.m. When applying for tickets (7s. 6d.), please say which sitting is preferred. **RINGING FOR SPECIAL SERVICES DURING CONSECRATION FESTIVAL** will be as follows: October 20th, 23rd, 28th, 29th, 6.15–7.30 p.m.; Oct. 27th, 5.45–6.45 p.m. All ringers will be welcome at these times as long as they come **ALSO** on Oct. 25th! Will such ringers kindly advise me of their intentions, so that we may know what help to expect each evening? — J. E. Spice, 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool, 18 (Phone Allerton 3514). 1252

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