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STEEPLEKEEPER AND RINGER

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

I SOMETIMES think, when pondering over the various branches that help towards the smooth running of ringing, that we are apt to underrate the work of steeple-keepers, more especially those who are known as steeple-keepers and ringers combined. In the last century many visiting bands of ringers were at the mercy of men who imagined that because they held the key of the tower they had the right to decide who should enter and who should be refused. How different are conditions to-day, due in many ways to the keen ringer who also holds the position of steeplekeeper.

A shining example over a number of years is that well-known ringer, the late Mr. William C. Parker, of Staines, whose 88th birthday took place on August 9th, which event was celebrated by a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in the evening. Unfortunately, Mr. Parker has been ill these last two years; in fact he only came out of hospital on the afternoon of his birthday, but he was pleased to see the writer and two other ringing friends in the early evening. Being a man who never sought the limelight, the writer feels that some of the data he culled may be of interest to his many ringing friends, old and new.

Born in the parish of St. Dunstan, Stepney, London, on Aug. 9th, 1866, he came to Staines in 1888 when he was 21, following his trade as a pork butcher. After three years in the riverside town he returned to London, and after eight years of London life he again went to Staines to live. During his absence St. Peter's Church had been built, and shortly after his arrival in 1899 one of the ringers invited him to the tower where ringing on the two bells, the largest and smallest of the present octave, took place. Mr. Parker, then 33, was keen to learn change ringing, and he went to St. Mary's Parish Church in order to make progress. Here he met Mr. W. E. Butler, and it is remarkable to record that these two well-known ringers were the mainstays in Staines for over half a century, and were both towerkeepers.

In 1902 St. Peter's had a ring of eight installed, and Mr. Parker had charge of them until 1952 when at the age of 86 he was forced by ill-health to retire. During the 50 years the bells were in his care they did not need any attention from a bell founder or bell hanger, and consider-

ing the number of peals, quarter peals, etc., rung at this popular Middlesex tower it is a great tribute to his efficiency, keenness and thoroughness. As a peal ringer he never entered for a prolific list of peals, and from his first in 1904 to his last on his 80th birthday in 1946, which the writer had the pleasure of calling, his total was 66. Ringers are not measured by the number of peals they ring, and in William Parker could be found many good qualities which made him a popular figure wherever he went, but Sunday ringing in his own tower came first.

During my visit to him on his 88th birthday he recalled his 80th birthday peal where, for three hours, only the voice of the writer was heard making the calls, there being no trips. Pointing to a neatly worded appreciation on his bedroom wall, he bade me read it, and I found it recorded with thanks the appreciation of the parish for 50 years' faithful service as steeplekeeper and bell ringer, dated October 31st, 1949.

BELL RINGING IN SPAIN

By A. S. D. GRAHAM

DURING a recent visit to the Aragonese town of Huesca for the festival of St. Lorenzo, I noticed that the church bells, hung as is usual there in openings round the tower where the louvres might be, were 'up.' On the appearance of the procession, they began to revolve, round and over, producing a rather disconcerted clangour. After enquiries inside the church, three small boys guided me up a long and ruinous flight of steps to the belfry, where I met the ringers.

The bells hung in the walls of the tower, round the outside of an open floor, on bearings that looked ready to drop them at any moment into the square far below. The most striking feature was the headstocks, built up to balance the size and partly the shape and weight of the bells, which must have weighed up to half a ton; in spite of which they were raised by a direct pull. A peg in the wall provided a stay, while the clappers were secured with leather straps.

When the procession returned from its tour of the town a toothless old man let his bell swing down, out of the tower, sounding twice as it went. When it completed its swing he ducked in to seize a handle at the top of the stock, heaving it towards him to bring the bell right over. Every time it missed his head by inches, striking a foot or

so above him. Little wonder that each of the three ringers—a fourth bell hung silent—rang apparently oblivious of the others. Once one of them even left his bell to make a couple of swings unattended while he nipped over to peer down at the priests, images, Morris dancers and military band as they vanished into the church.

I gathered that this is not the only method of ringing these bells; often they are chimed, from the centre of the floor, by a man pulling a spider's web of ropes attached to the clappers, in more or less regular sequences. All the bells for quite a large area around seem to be hung for ringing in this way, the massive variously-shaped wooden stocks, bound by a fan of iron bands securing the ancient canons, looking very well in the earthen-coloured towers. When next I find myself pulling a 'sticky' tenor I shall remember these men, deafened and in apparent danger of decapitation, in a 'ringing room' open to the four whistling winds.

CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES TOUR

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 6
DONALD G. CLIFT 2	*NORMAN MALLETT 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	*REGINALD W. REX 8
*GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 4	*DEREK P. JONES 9
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Yorkshire Royal. The first peal of Yorkshire Royal in the county.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 24, 1954, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 6
ARTHUR H. REED 2	REGINALD W. REX 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY 3	*DEREK P. JONES 8
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 9
NORMAN MALLETT 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Cambridge Royal.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	*REGINALD W. REX .. 5
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 6
*WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 3	*DEREK P. JONES 7
*GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 5
DONALD G. CLIFT 2	DEREK P. JONES 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
NORMAN MALLETT 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

PORTMADOC, CAERNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	NORMAN MALLETT 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 7
*DEREK P. JONES 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

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

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADARN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	*WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
NORMAN MALLETT 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

*500th peal. First peal of Cambridge Major in the county.

MACHYNLLETH, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	†GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
*DONALD G. CLIFT 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	†DEREK P. JONES 7
†NORMAN MALLETT 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

*First peal of London away from treble. †First peal in the method. First peal of London in the county.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1954, in 3 Hours and 27 Mins.,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7
MURIEL REAY 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	†GEORGE E. FARN 9
†JEFFREY B. WEBB 4	HENRY H. FARN 10
†CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 11
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
*100th peal on the bells. †First peal on 12 bells. ‡100th peal together.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 4 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Treble	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 7
RICHARD E. PRICE 2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 9
JOHN S. MASON 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 10
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5	FRANK E. DARBY 11
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

ALFRED T. GREENWOOD .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 2	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. 7
ERNEST J. SALMONS .. 3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 8
NELIA M. LEAHY 4	*REGINALD A. REED .. 9
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

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

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	*RALPH ELKINGTON 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	†ERNEST MORRIS 7
JOHN A. ACRES 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 8
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 9
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Caters. † 1,500th peal.

Rung on the 100th anniversary of the consecration of this church (September 6th, 1854).

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRAY, WICKLOW.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

BASIL JONES Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	JOHN WORTH 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

LESLIE EVANS Treble	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5
F. ERIC ROBERTS 2	*REGINALD T. JONES .. 6
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 3	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 7
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method in the county.

Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of the Vicar of Bridstow and his wife (the Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Moir).

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	ERNEST F. JELLEY 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Mon., Sept. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JEFFREY B. WEBB Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
MURIEL REAY 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. ERIC ROBERTS Treble	LESLIE EVANS 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 2	*ROGER SAVORY 6
REGINALD T. JONES 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CASTRO,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5
*MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 6
S. ANTHONY JESSON 3	JOHN A. ACRES 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK 4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 500th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 Variation.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*BARBARA A. ENDALL .. Treble	†GORDON A. OLLIFFE .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	JOHN B. BENNETT 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 7
JOHN A. ACRES 4	ERNEST J. JELLEY Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
*ARTHUR G. MASON 2	*PETER F. BORER 6
*TREVOR A. CROSS 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
*JOHN L. MORRIS 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

* First peal of New Cambridge.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

C. FREDERICK JUKES .. Treble	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 5
DAVID M. LEES 2	RAYMOND SMITH 6
STANLEY PRESTIDGE 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
MAURICE G. TURNER 4	*RICHARD COOPER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal and first attempt. The quarterly peal for the Association.



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EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 3	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4	JOHN PINFOLD .. Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Russell Green, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., on completing 21 years as organist and choirmaster at Edgbaston Old Church.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CLAUDE UNDERWOOD .. Treble	A. RONALD POCKLINGTON .. 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2	LEONARD TREVOR .. 6
†ROSEMARY E. ASHLEY .. 3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 7
*JOHN G. UNDERWOOD .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD .. 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 2	ROBERT COLLINS .. 6
PETER C. WRIGHT .. 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (C.C.C. 28). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
325th peal as conductor.

Arranged as a farewell peal to the Rector, the Rev. F. W. Argyle, who is leaving the parish for Coldharbour, Surrey.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 ST. WOLSTAN'S DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

T. MAUREEN LLOYD .. Treble	RICHARD F. ROE .. 5
ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE .. 2	SAMUEL J. HAINES .. 6
ANDREW R. CARTER .. 3	RICHARD J. CARTER .. 7
KENNETH A. ROE .. 4	THOS. EDWARD HARROLD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOS. EDWARD HARROLD.
First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung by the Sunday service band for the return of T. E. Harrold and R. J. Carter from service in H.M. Forces and as a farewell to R. F. Roe, who is leaving the district.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 REGINA BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

MRS. B. S. NICHOLS .. Treble	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 5
MARIE R. CROSS .. 2	FREDERICK VICKERS .. 6
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
DAVID EDWARDS .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a compliment to the Rector of Witney and his wife, Canon R. F. and Mrs. Bale, on their 35th wedding anniversary.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 12, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5024 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb in D.

JOAN E. M. HILLS .. Treble	ROBERT COLLINS .. 5
*THOMAS E. SONE .. 2	*†ERNEST J. LADD .. 6
†ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. 7
RAYMOND OVERY .. 4	WILLIAM ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 50th peal together. † 200th peal. ‡ 75th peal together.

A farewell to the Rev. H. E. Collins on his retirement after 25 years Rector of this parish.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 13, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 5
*DOREEN DUTTON .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
RONALD KENRICK .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 14, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 WHITWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*HILDRED S. WICKENS .. Treble	*†WILFRED W. RING .. 5
JOHN R. COOPER .. 2	*THOMAS E. SONE .. 6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 3	*MARK W. MARSHALL .. 7
*BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 4	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal in the method. † 125th peal.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 14, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN J. STANIER .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 6
SUSAN JACKSON .. 3	SEALY S. WOODBURN .. 7
IVOR GOULTER .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.
First peal as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

ELSIE F. FELTWELL .. Treble	*CLEMMENT F. BONNETT .. 4
*PATRICIA M. HOWARD .. 2	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER .. 5
JOHN A. HOWARD .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by IVAN A. C. BUTCHER.
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hicks on the birth of a daughter.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, viz., 720 Oxford Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

EDMUND MORRIS .. Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 4
DONALD G. CLIFT .. 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 5
J. ARTHUR HOARE .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
First peals in five methods on the bells.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 38 six-scores, two 240's, by Morris. Tenor 16 cwt.
RAYMOND S. JONES .. Treble | THOMAS J. GUNDY .. 4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 2 | AUBREY J. PROBERT .. 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3 | RICHARD A. COLCOMBE .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
A birthday compliment to Mr. T. J. Gundy.

**CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY 5
JOHN VERNON 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Henry Webb, of Radford, Coventry. Mr. Webb was formerly captain at this tower. Also the 26th anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

**EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. E. CHANDLER Treble	*BRIAN WERRY 4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in seven methods.

**RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eleven methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Cambridge, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (5) Childwall and St. Clement's, (6) Plain and Double Bob, (7) Single Oxford. (72 changes of method.) Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

*RUTH PATON Treble	R. GORDON CROSS 4
†DAVID A. EDWARDS 2	†WILLIAM C. PORTER 5
MARIE R. CROSS 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor in more than one method. † First peal of Minor in more than seven methods. First in 11 methods on the bells.

Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cross; also for the 21st birthday of the ringer of the treble and for the birthday of the Vicar of Radley, the Rev. J. V. Pixell.

**BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (2) St. Clement's and Childwall, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE Treble	THOMAS COOPER 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The first peal in nine methods on the bells.

**IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BRIAN MARTIN Treble	WILLIAM T. GOADBY 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2	SAMUEL A. MARTIN 5
E. CHARLES TURNER 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

Rung following the wedding of Miss Ivy May Jordan, a member of the local company, to Mr. Alan George Smith.

**SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

HERBERT GOAKES Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
HENRY P. COLLIN 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK 5
RONALD J. HILL 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.



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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Sept. 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

*ERNEST G. ROAST Treble	PETER J. CAME 4
*EDWARD W. ROAST 2	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 5
MARY DOWSETT 3	JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in seven methods.

A wedding compliment to Mr. John Owen and Miss Mary Hopkirk, daughter of the Rector of Danbury, who were married this day at the above church.

**OFFLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Sept. 8, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,*

A PEAL OF 5040 BRITISH SCHOLARS' PLEASURE TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's and an extent. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

REX M. DIXON Treble	MICHAEL ORME 4
MAURICE A. COLLINGS .. 2	DEREK P. JONES 5
ANGELA WILLES 3	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Believed to be the first peal in the method. First peal for 15 years, also of Treble Bob, on the bells.

A mark of thanksgiving for the recovery of the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Courtenay, from serious illness.

**STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. Treble	E. JOHN WELLS 4
EILEEN M. TURNER 2	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 5
ANN M. COX 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 100th peal. The first peal on the bells, dedicated on June 13th, 1954. The conductor's 75th peal of Minor in that capacity.

**GUILDEN MORDEN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Sept. 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

PHILIP MEHEW Treble	JOHN F. COLLINGS .. 4
*ALFRED MYNOTT 2	*THOMAS LEONARD 5
MAURICE A. COLLINGS .. 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal, both members of the local band. The first peal on the bells.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

*GEOFFREY THRUSH .. Treble	†DEREK FOWLES 4
JOHN CHILCOTT 2	WILLIAM H. COLES .. 5
PETER WOODGYER 3	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung to the glory of God, in memory of and as thanksgiving for the life and work of Maurice Child, Rector here 1935 to 1950.

**GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (10 different callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

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

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

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

**DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR

In eight methods, consisting of one extent of Skipton and Chepstow, one of Balmoral and Fotheringay, two of Wilmslow and Bogedone, and three of Knutsford and Rostherne. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER .. Treble	ERIC SIMPSON 4
*RUTH M. JACKSON 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal of Minor.

**MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	GEORGE A. CHARLTON .. 4
ERNEST W. TIPLER 2	PETER J. THOMAS 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JOHN A. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung in memory of John H. Grundy.

**PUBLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

ROBERT E. BECK .. Treble	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 4
RONALD G. BECK 2	DAVID HOARE 5
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

**ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EVAL,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALAN CARVETH .. Treble	A. HUBERT EPLETT .. 4
*DAVID PENROSE 2	*C. KEITH BREWER 5
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the rehung bells.

Rung for the 14th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

**CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Sept. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,*

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores, and 240 Morris's arrangement. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARJORIE LEGG .. Treble	WALTER TILEY 4
GEORGE PRESCOTT 2	KENNETH MEDWAY 5
FREDERICK L. ANDREWS .. 3	REGINALD DARE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

In memoriam E. J. Avery.

HANDBELL PEALS

**LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR*

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER BERESFORD .. 1—2	DENNIS BERESFORD .. 5—6
JOAN BERESFORD 3—4	GEORGE E. OLIVER 7—8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand' by all the band and for the Society. First peal in the method as conductor.

**HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Sept. 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,*

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 1—2	JOHN THOMAS 5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3—4	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7—8

Holt's Original. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diana M. Gough 1, Mary W. Brown 2, Beryl Reynolds (first 'inside' to Minor) 3, H. W. Brown 4, B. K. Turnbull 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Littlewood 1, J. Day 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, Mrs. D. Day 4, R. E. Manton 5, A. E. Hinman 6. A wedding compliment to Arnold Brown and Mary Burton, both church workers at Asfordby Parish Church, who were married on September 4th.

BARKWAY, HERTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, on the back 6: A. Bysouth 1, A. Tuttle (14, first of Oxford Treble Bob Minor) 3, C. Bysouth 4, M. Orme 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 660 Grand-sire): B. Linnell 1, R. Line 2, N. Line 3, G. F. Roome 4, E. Smart (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Miss K. Drage and Mr. D. Alderton.

CARDIFF.—On Sept. 5th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. G. Jones (first of Stedman) 1, A. W. Heath 2, Jennifer M. Stephens (first of Stedman) 3, W. H. Dare 4, F. Rowsell 5, J. Evans 6, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 7, S. R. Barker 8. Rung as a farewell to Miss Jennifer M. Stephens, who is shortly starting a course at Salisbury Training College.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: B. Baldwin 1, T. Palmer 2, J. Taylor 3, G. Garlick 4, F. Wise 5, A. Fletcher (cond.) 6, H. Escutt 7. With 5, 7 covering. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. Money, mother of a member of the tower, whose funeral was that afternoon.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. F. Lee (first of Triples) 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, T. Gray (first Triples 'inside') 3, G. C. Weeks 4, J. R. C. Tiley 5, E. Sutton 6, P. W. Weeks 7, W. F. Knight 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Reginald O. Fry, the conductor's father.

QUARTER PEALS

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: H. Perry 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, Miss J. A. Burge 3, H. Burge 4, J. C. Taylor 5, G. A. Hartland 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, W. G. Budd 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Harry Rung, in Australia, a nephew of the ringer of the 4th.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Sept. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Pearson 1, Mrs. W. Wall 2, Miss E. Pearson 3, T. Turner 4, V. Forshaw 5, R. Stuart 6, N. M. Newby 7, T. Metcalfe (cond.) 8. Rung for the 96th birthday of Miss Heys, a friend of the ringers, and as a farewell to T. Turner, who is leaving for Northern Rhodesia.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Wade 1, H. Webb 2, F. Claydon 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, C. Saywood 6, E. Piper 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8. Rung for morning service.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On Sept. 12th, 720 Bob Minor: Miss Lyle 1, M. Bishop 2, H. Smith 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. D. W. Bishop 5, H. C. Vine 6. First 720 for 1 and 2. Rung for Evensong.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Sept. 12th, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, W. S. Langdon 3, J. Waters 4, H. Ellis 5, B. Lunn 6, James Phillips 7, John Phillips (cond.) 8, A. B. Peck 9, J. Alsopp 10.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, B. Sydenham 3, P. J. Eves 4, B. Bover 5, H. Carter 6, A. L. Simmonds (cond.) 7, F. Payne 8. Rung to celebrate the 69th birthday of Mr. F. Payne.

GROBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Minor: W. E. Geary 1, T. Isom 2, T. E. Gardner 3, E. Geary 4, V. Geary (cond.) 5, D. Dodson 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. G. W. Tavener, who died September 5th. He was a former Vicar of Ratby-cum-Groby.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss B. Unstead 1, Miss K. Yeo 2, A. Goldsmith 3, E. Breed 4, G. Gadd (cond.) 5, E. Hobden 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HENDON, N.W.—On Sept. 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Pratchett (first of Minor) 1, Miss R. Foreman 2, R. Charge 3, R. Saunders 4, A. Fudge (first of Minor) 5, J. Parslow (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to E. E. Pratchett, now in his 80th year, who has been ringing at St. Mary's 65 years.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. Pierce 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, H. King 5, L. Sharpe 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. E. Bishop and Miss Gillard.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Sept. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. T. Mudd, T. H. Taffender 2, C. W. Otley 3, I. H. Oram 4, C. A. Hughes 5, N. G. Hollingsworth 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, J. A. Hales 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 12th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Small 1, H. Allen 2, W. E. Eveleigh 3, A. Tapley 4, P. Allen 5, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for 1 and 4.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Lee 1, W. Burston 2, R. W. Shire (cond.) 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, P. Holway 6. Rung after Evensong as a farewell to the Rev. H. Freeman, Vicar for 26 years.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. D. Beavan 1, Miss J. Green 2, P. Morgan 3, E. C. Davis 4, R. T. Jones 5, C. G. Jones 6, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. J. Webb 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

SOFTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: C. Burnett 1, A. Gooding 2, W. Seldon 3, W. Panter 4, A. Tapley 5, J. Salway 6, W. Reekes (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and a wedding compliment to Preb. and Mrs. E. V. Cox.

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Apropos bells heard over the 'phone, mentioned last week, Danbury ringers had a similar experience. Passing through London on her honeymoon, Mrs. Owen 'phoned her parents, the Rev. F. S. and Mrs. Hopkirk, at Danbury Rectory and clearly heard the peal (recorded on page 614) being rung to celebrate her marriage at the church earlier in the day.

The Exercise will extend its warmest congratulations to Mrs. H. J. Poole on ringing her 500th peal on September 8th. She is the third lady to accomplish this feat, the first being Mrs. John Thomas, who rang her 500th on January 31st, 1953, at Salford Priors, Warwickshire, and the second Mrs. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth, later in the year.

Mr. R. Warner thanks his friends of the Chertsey District for their good wishes. He is making a recovery, but progress will be slow.

Mr. W. J. Paice, of Wokingham, is in Reading Hospital. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. C. Crossthwaite, of 45, Herschell Street, Preston, has been appointed 'Ringing World' representative to the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association.

His friends in the College Youths and the Guildford Guild will congratulate Mr. F. A. Munday, captain of Holy Trinity, Guildford, tower, on ringing his 100th peal. This was particularly elusive, some five attempts being necessary to reach the century mark.

Mr. Derek P. Jones, of Hitchin, has been giving instruction at Guilden Morden for some months. On September 10th two of his pupils—Alfred Mynott and Thomas Leonard—rang their first peals. There are other promising recruits coming along.

A farewell quarter to Mr. P. Bates before joining H.M. Forces was planned at St. Matthew's, Widcombe, Bath, his own tower. Proceedings, however, were terminated by a rope breaking. Nothing daunted, he and another ringer went to another Bath tower whose practice night coincided. Permission to ring was granted and a quarter peal with four locals was achieved.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Members of the Central Council and their friends in the Exercise will join with us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, on their golden wedding anniversary, which takes place next Sunday. For his 74th birthday and also for the 73rd of his friend, Mr. W. J. Robinson, Mr. Pulling rang in a peal of London Surprise Major at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on September 16th.

Errata.—The conductor of the peal at Durleigh, Somerset, on August 28th was Mr. Ronald D. Short and not as published on page 581. The age of the treble ringer, Geoffrey R. Marchant, is 14.

At the joint meeting of the Middlesex and Oxford Guilds at Hillingdon on October 23rd it is hoped to dedicate a memorial to Mr. William Honor, ringer at Hillingdon for 68 years.

Is the peal at Old Warden, Bedfordshire, on September 13th, the first to be rung by combined Public Schools? The band was composed of members of Bedford Modern School and Bedford School.

A great friend of Northamptonshire ringers was Canon W. S. Pakenham-Walsh, who has just retired after 60 years in Holy Orders, of which 30 have been spent as Rector of Sulgrave. In 1928 he was instrumental in having the old five at Sulgrave recast and rehung in a new frame, and in 1931 a new treble was added.

The silver wedding of Mr. Oliver Wood, captain of the Seaford band, and Mrs. Wood was celebrated by a gathering of Seaford and Southover ringers. On September 1st a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, and ringers and friends were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Wood. The gathering was overshadowed by the death the day before of Mr. W. Hurst, an old and respected member of the Seaford band.

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MR. ERNEST MORRIS RINGS HIS 1,500th PEAL

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Another milestone was accomplished in the life of Mr. Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, on September 6th, when he rang his 1,500th peal. This feat has only been accomplished in the history of change ringing by four other men—W. Pye 1,969, G. R. Pye 1,878, F. Bennett 1,600 and G. Williams 1,508.

Probably no man has done more by his writings—for journals, magazines and by books—to bridge the gap between the general public and ringing. Most of our readers are familiar with his books, which include 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' 'Legends of the Bells,' 'Bells in English Life,' 'Chimes and Chime Tunes' and 'Bells of All Nations.' His latest book, 'Towers and Bells of Britain,' will be published in the course of a month or two.

Bells are not the only subjects that he writes on. From his pen have come articles dealing with door knockers, fire backs, horse brasses, wool weights, locks and keys, church fonts and village crosses. He has also written books on the histories of St. Margaret's and Knighton Churches and St. Margaret's Select Vestry and its work. He has MS. ready for publication of 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' 'Crosses and Monoliths of Leicestershire,' and is now engaged in collecting photographs and material for 'The Church Fonts of the Leicester Diocese.'

Mr. Morris served as general hon. secretary of the old Midland Counties Association from 1925 till it divided into Diocesan Guilds in 1945. He serves as a consultant for bells on the Leicester Diocesan Advisory Committee.

His 1,500 peals contain many that are of special interest. Of the 632 he has conducted are the longest lengths for the Midland Counties Association of 6,600 Doubles, 7,200 and 10,080 Minor; twice 7,008 and 13,440 Bob Major and another of 9,760 with 400 Singles. He also conducted 10,912 Kent Treble Bob, 7,840 Oxford Treble Bob, the record for Little Bob (6,720), Little Canterbury (6,720), Spliced Treble Bob (Ilkeston), 9,120 and (Worcester) 9,600.

Among the peals he has taken part in are 7,008 and 12,896 record of Cambridge Surprise Major; 12,663 Stedman Cinques at Oxford Cathedral; 9,344 and 10,976 Bristol Surprise Major; the peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral by twelve secretaries; Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the old Bow bells; Stedman Caters on the old ten at Manchester Town Hall called by the late James W. Washbrook and a peal of Cambridge Maximus on the new twelve.

He conducted the quickest tower-bell peal yet rung (5,040 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 1 hour 50 minutes), also the only 'Ernest' peal of Major, and took part in peals with four sets of brothers, four fathers and sons, also five fathers and sons.

HIS 1,500 PEALS

ON TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 38 (cond. 36), Stedman 5 (2), two methods 23 (22), three methods 16 (15), four methods 21 (20), five methods 8 (6), six methods 5 (5), seven methods 2 (2), eight methods 1 (1), nine methods 1 (1), twelve methods 1 (1), fourteen methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 100 (84), Double Bob 1, Canterbury 2 (1), St. Clement's 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 8 (5), Oxford Treble Bob 2 (1), Spliced Kent and Oxford 1, Oxford Single 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 18 (8), York Surprise 1, Carlisle Surprise 1, London Surprise 2, Chester Surprise 1, Netherseale Surprise 1, two methods 24 (19), three methods 30 (20), four methods 21 (15), five methods 3 (3), six methods 2 (1), seven methods 9 (5), twelve methods 1, 105 methods 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 91 (66), Little Bob 10 (7), Plain and Little 1 (1), Canterbury 3 (3), Little



MR. ERNEST MORRIS

Canterbury 3 (3), Canterbury and Plain 1 (1), Plain and Grandsire Triples 2 (2), Gainsborough 1, Spliced 3 methods 1 (1), Spliced 4 methods 1, Spliced 6 methods 1 (1), Double Norwich 52 (17), Double Norwich and Plain 1 (1), Forward 1 (1), Duffield 1, Shilton 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 29 (14), Oxford Treble Bob 4 (2), Ilkeston 7 (3), Worcester 2 (1), Liversedge 1 (1), Granta 1 (1).

Major.—Surprise: Superlative 47 (12), Real Superlative 1 (1), Cambridge 73 (14), New Cambridge 9 (1), Superlative and Cambridge 1 (1), London 35 (1), Bristol 45 (3), Yorkshire 22 (2), York 1, Staffordshire 1, Pudsey 1, Bognor 1, Painswick 1, Braunstone 1, Belgrave 1, Rutland 2, Kirklington 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 133 (96), Stedman 101 (22), Plain Bob 2 (1), Canterbury 1 (1), Oxford Bob 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 27 (18), Stedman 50 (14), Spliced Grandsire and Stedman 1 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 6 (4), Kent Treble Bob 10 (5), Oxford Treble Bob 1 (1), Spliced Kent and Oxford 1, Cambridge Surprise 40 (6), New Cambridge Surprise 3, Goldsborough Surprise 1, Leicester Surprise 2, Pudsey Surprise 3, York Surprise 2, Yorkshire Surprise 1, Melton Surprise 1, Lindsey Surprise 1, Wye Surprise 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 4 (3), Stedman 25 (2), Maximus.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Kent Treble Bob 2 (1), Cambridge Surprise 18, New Cambridge Surprise 1, Yorkshire 6, York 1, Pudsey 1, Superlative 1, Goscote 1.

Total on tower bells 1,262 (613).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (1), Stedman 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 7, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 16 (7), Stedman 39 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 26 (4), Plain and Gainsborough 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 8 (1), Kent Treble Bob 7, Ilkeston 1, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Caters.—Grandsire 6 (2), Stedman 69 (2), Spliced Grandsire and Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 5 (1), Double Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 3.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 38.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Total 'in hand' 238 (19).

THE WEEK FOR NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS

How the Counties Have Responded

With next week being the first issue of the new quarter, this is the appropriate time for the enrolment of new postal subscribers. (Rates 6s. per quarter, £1 2s. 6d. for a year, to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.)

Since the present drive started Hertfordshire has made the best response. The support of the different counties to last week-end was as follows:—

- 30.—Hertfordshire.
- 27.—Essex.
- 18.—Wales.
- 17.—Surrey.
- 15.—London.
- 13.—Staffordshire.
- 12.—Lancashire.
- 11.—Leicestershire.
- 10.—Birmingham, Devon, Norfolk.
- 9.—Sussex.
- 7.—Hampshire
- 6.—Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire, Kent, Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Yorkshire.
- 5.—Durham, Gloucestershire, Australia.
- 4.—Berkshire, Huntingdonshire, Middlesex, Northants, Suffolk.
- 3.—Bristol, Cheshire, Dorset, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Warwickshire, Worcestershire.
- 2.—Cornwall, Herefordshire, Oxfordshire.

WEDDING OF PREB. E. V. COX

On Thursday, September 9th, the wedding took place at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Withycombe Raleigh, Devon, of the Rev. E. V. Cox, Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral, and Miss Alison Hylda Pope, of The Maldens, Exmouth. The ceremony was performed by Canon C. Carew Cox, cousin of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. G. Bateman, Vicar of Withycombe Raleigh.

Prebendary Cox, who has spent nearly 40 years of his ministry in Devon, is one of the best known and well-loved ringers in the county and has been for the last 21 years president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

After the wedding a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the following band of Guild officers: E. J. Taylor 1, E. W. Biffin 2, B. Pidgeon 3, E. M. Atkins 4, J. E. Lilley 5, C. J. Turner 6, J. L. Glanville (cond.) 7, S. Elliott 8.

RINGING AT A COUNTY SHOW

This year, for the first time, a group of priests of the Diocese of Peterborough under the chairmanship of Canon G. Turner, of Rothwell, organised a 'Church Tent' at the County Show at Overstone Park, Northampton, on September 11th.

Many aspects of the Church's work were shown by an exhibition of the produce of the earth, and the work of men's hands, the title of each group being a verse of the Benedictine.

The altar of the chapel was made of bales of straw, and two fencing hurdles did duty as the communion rails.

Eight members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild rang handbells for half an hour before evensong at 6 p.m. in the fenced off area in front of the tent.

The ringing, which consisted of Grandsire Triples and Caters and a 448 of Bob Major, was seen and heard by literally hundreds of people, and we are pleased to think that this excellent opportunity of showing the public the ringers' work was not lost.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK

In South and Mid-Wales

THIS was held during the usual period, from August 30th to September 4th, and was ably organised by Brian Price. For those able to take part, the 'week' was preceded by a romantic pilgrimage to St. David's. The atmosphere which belongs to so many places of pilgrimage in the far west—Iona, Santiago da Compostella, and the Cornish shrines, far from men's quarrelsome haunts—belongs in full measure to St. David's. The place can only be reached by long journeys by road, strangely desolate for the last seventeen hills, and what a thrill it is, having travelled for hours over mountain and moor, to find the village at the end of the road possesses a great Cathedral, as venerable and full of history as any in these islands, and furthermore alive to-day. Despite the machinations of those who in recent years have diverted the money dedicated to the worship of God to baser purposes, the purple Cathedral in the village is the centre to-day of a vigorous life of worship and music. It was a joy to share in this for an all too brief week-end.

The St. David's contingent met at the Swan, Abergavenny, at 4 p.m. on August 28th, to allot transport. After the most adventurous part of the day's journeyings, all arrived at St. David's about 8 p.m. Despite the smallness of the village-city, it took some time for all to sort themselves out, and to find the friendly accommodation allotted to them. The organiser's circular had modestly stated that Sunday would be 'relatively quiet.' This proved a decided understatement. The undersigned's programme, which was typical of most of the party, included ringing at the Cathedral, 7.20 a.m.; Holy Communion at the Cathedral, 8; ringing there again, 10.15; Mattins, 11; a visit to the ancient harbour in a tiny fjord of Norwegian type (the importance of which probably led St. David to found the Cathedral there 1,350 years ago) after lunch; the Cathedral library, 3-4; ringing at the Cathedral, 5.15; Evensong, 6; more ringing, 7.15-8; climbing the local 'mountain' 600 feet high which gives a fine view of hills, moors and sea, 9 p.m. What with the friendliness of the Cathedral ringers, the organist, and the choir, we felt impressively at home, with all the ages of British history and the best of British culture, in this lovely far-distant place.

A WHIRL

Monday was simply a whirl, what with jumping into cars and out again, desolate mountain roads, crowded streets, parking in impossible places, lightning introductions to charming ringers and welcoming bells. . . First the Seventeen Hills to Haverfordwest. Negotiating the 'houseroof' roads of the town, to the grand church, one of the finest examples of an 'Early English' parish church in Britain, Cambridge on the fine eight (tenor 19 cwt.). A dash over unfamiliar roads to Tenby. Brief glimpse of lovely sands, rocks and bathers—in the drizzle. Legal parking virtually impossible. A dash round the church to find (a) the tower, (b) its entrance (why are the entrances in so many Welsh towers difficult to find? Was this to bamboozle the English in earlier days?). Stedman on the eight (tenor 14 cwt.) here. Then to Carmarthen for lunch (ad lib, i.e. not organised), followed by Double Norwich, etc., on the grand eight (tenor 22 cwt.) at St. Peter's. A dash to Llandeilo (St. Teilo—what charming local saints so many of the Welsh parish churches, like the Cornish ones, are dedicated to), for Cambridge, etc., on a nice six, followed by a further dash to Llandoverly (St. Dinget) for Cambridge on another very nice six.

Tea was most kindly provided on a generous scale in the Parish Hall by charming ladies, who were in some doubt as to whether they were the Mothers' Union, the Women's Institute, or the Girls' Friendly Society, but who surely combined the virtues of all three. So to Abergavenny, where the less adventurous members were already ringing at the grand Abbey Church on its magnificent ten. We were honoured at dinner at the Swan (where we stayed, virtually monopolising the building and overflowing into other hotels) by the Mayor and Mayoress of Abergavenny, who accompanied us afterwards to the Abbey again for the local practice night, in which we had the pleasure of joining. The Vicar had welcomed us in a charming speech at 6, but had to tell us at 8.45 that a 'gentleman' nearby was complaining that we were interrupting his business, and that curtailment of ringing was advisable. Any business carried on at such a time seemed likely to be fictitious or nefarious—we suspected the former. Had we discovered who he was (like other mischief makers, he appeared to be anonymous) we might have added to his business by further phone calls till a late—or early—hour. But the warmth of the welcome by the Abergavenny ringers, as well as the Mayor and Mayoress, outshines all else in memory.

GUILD'S 400th PEAL

On Tuesday members rang the Guild's 400th peal—Cambridge (appropriately) Major at Caerphilly. The rest had a memorable if from ringing's point of view unusual morning, touring the great Ebbw Vale steelworks, and seeing all processes from the Bessemer converter to finished steel plates, both tinned and plain. Amongst unforgettable impressions was the amount of heat still radiated over a considerable distance of a twenty-ton ingot after it had been under dozens of rollers and had gallons of water on it. If politicians realised more the amount of discomfort involved in such industry they might devote less of its products to war. Dangers there are in plenty. A worker fell into a crucible one day, leaving no visible trace. The contents, several tons, were cast into an ingot which was buried. Who undertook we did not hear.

In the afternoon, we rang at Llanbradach (8 cwt.), then at St. Sannan's, Bedwellty. The ringers gave us a magnificent tea at Ebbw Vale, for which we were truly grateful. There followed a peal of Superlative on the magnificent eight at Ebbw Vale, which are a real pleasure to ring. Others rang at St. Elli, Llanelly, on the six (tenor 10 cwt.), which are not in Dove's Guide.

A PEAL ATTEMPT AT BRECON

First tower on Wednesday was St. Tydfil. Merthyr Tydfil, the entrance to whose tower (fine eight), with welcoming locals, was eventually found. Then to St. Elvan, Aberdare, whose nice eight were rehuing in 1935 by Taylor's. A nice six at St. John Baptist, Cefn Coed. A magnificent drive over the mountains, past Storey Arms, with the Brecon Beacons on our right, and a glorious day for seeing them, to Brecon. At St. Mary's a peal of Bristol was attempted, but we had not been permitted to lock the door, and a local appeared rather disconcertingly and stood around until the band broke down. He seemed a bit surprised and apologetic about the connection between the two facts. Then he let the band lock themselves in, but a colleague of his appeared later through another door, the existence of which we were ignorant, wound the clock, and quietly closed the trap door which had been carefully opened to make the trebles audible. A gramophone record might have ploughed unconcernedly through all these dis-

tractions, but not so the peal band. Those wanting peals might have a clearer understanding of the matters involved another time.

Non-pealers rang on three nice sixes, at Llanfaes, a suburb of Brecon, Bronllys, with a nice detached campanile, and Talgarth. Then to the lovely light eight at St. Meugan, Llanfagan, where we'd have loved a peal. That evening the annual meeting was held. Matters discussed at this included the printing or duplicating of the Guild history from the time of the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake's history, 1929, to the present. The next Guild Week was agreed to be at Cambridge (in accordance with the custom of going there every five years), August 29th to September 3rd, 1955. The Annual Dinner to be in Cambridge at a date (probably the Lent term) to be fixed later. Brian Price was warmly thanked for his organising.

THE POLICEMAN'S DIRECTORY

On Thursday a band found a number of circumstances, each small but cumulative, made a peal at St. Cybi, Llangibby, a bit too hard. A kindly local here had told us that the 2nd was the treble. 'Others, more mild, retreated in a silent valley' ('Paradise Lost', Book 2), climbed 1,400 ft. up to ring at Blaenavon, then on the light eight with long draught of rope at Trevechin. All gathered at Tredunock (an old six), where the tenor wheel was loose and the 4th slider slid too far with the usual consequences. In the afternoon to the glorious eight at Usk, for spliced, etc. The organ here (from Llandaff Cathedral) has reeds sticking out horizontally as in Spanish organs, with dramatic effect when you play them. At St. Cadoc, Caerleon, ringing was sandwiched between visits to the remains of the Roman city—the amphitheatre, museum, etc. A local policeman here told some of us to 'take that road, it's the right direction and it goes to the mental hospital.' The connection wasn't obvious. At Blaenavon was noted 'Rule 13. No objection is made to female ringers.' This in these enlightened days happily expresses the University Guild's attitude, an improvement on former days. Then to Llanfrecfa, where what you hear is 1 and 2 against background noises. After another visit to Abergavenny tower, the evening finished with a dash up a valley to ring the first 720 on the fine six at St. Clydog, Clodock.

On Friday we rang at St. Michael, Lower Machen (8), then on the fine 12 at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport. After this the undersigned left for home, and therefore takes no responsibility for the accuracy of the rest of this record. A peal was attempted (and perhaps got) at All Saints', Newport, and a glorious week concluded with the six at Nash, the six steel bells at Bessaleg, and the eight at Marshfield. We departed feeling most grateful to all in this locality for the kind welcome they gave us and the plans they made for our comfort.

GILBERT THURLOW.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

E. W. TIPLER.—Ernest William Tipler was born at Kettering in 1889. Arrived at Lutterworth (via Leicester) 1902 (still here). Learned to handle a bell in 1903 and joined the Sunday service band 1904. The ringing then was call changes. The year 1910 saw the birth of a change ringing band under the direction of the late William Willson, of Leicester. Rang first peal, Grandsire Triples, 1922. Up to date has rung 88 peals in the four standard methods. Took up, as a hobby, juggling with figures about 1928. With the kind assistance of such good men as the late Arthur Craven, A. G. Driver and the grand old man of them all, George Baker, attained the position he now holds. He is afraid that the only works available are a few scraps of paper and a notebook.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL RINGING IN DERBYSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I should like to supplement the article on 'Peal ringing in Derbyshire' by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, which appeared in 'The Ringing World,' page 553. The number of peals rung at Holy Cross Church, Morton, was not mentioned in the article. However, 30 peals (one less than at Blackwell) have been rung there and I think this should have been included with the six-bell towers.

It may be interesting to note that 19 of the peals rung at Morton (all the peals are Minor) were rung in the period 1924-1931, 10 during 1947-1950, and one this year. A new treble was added to the old five bells at Morton in 1923 and apparently no peals were rung on the original five bells prior to 1923.

At Blackwell the sixth bell was added in 1946, and out of the total of 31 peals rung there probably 20 or more were rung on the five bells. This is worth mentioning since the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead seems to infer that five-bell peals are practically non-existent in Derbyshire.

If it has not already been done, I should like to correct the statement that no peal has been rung at Wingerworth. At least one peal has been rung there, that being since the last war.—Yours faithfully,

B. A. RICHARDS.

Morton, Derbyshire.

ST. HELEN'S, DARLEY DALE

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on peal ringing in Derbyshire by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, I would like to mention the Church of St. Helen, Darley, which has a long record of change ringing. The bells were made into a ring of eight in 1902.

We have no records of any peals on the old six, but there were numerous 720's of Minor, including Treble Bob, from about 1880 to 1902. On the eight bells 90 peals have been rung, including several first peals in the method for the Midland Counties Association.

Twenty-two peals have been rung since the last war, the majority of them by the Sunday service ringers. It is interesting to note that in all but two peals local ringers have taken part.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. PAULSON.

Darley Dale.

PEAL RINGING IN DEVONSHIRE

Dear Sir,—With reference to peal ringing in Devonshire, may I send the following correction that has been caused by augmentation? This increases the proportion of six-bell towers. There are now 86 eight-bell towers, 248 six-bell towers and 31 five-bell towers. If you subtract the unringable rings of bells the proportion becomes still greater, as there are 2 eights, 2 sixes and 8 fives, leaving 84 eights, 246 sixes, 23 fives plus 2 twelves, and 2 tens, making 246 sixes to 111 others.—Yours faithfully,

W. C. PANTER.

Pinhoe, Exeter.

5,008 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The peal of 5,008 Double Norwich rung at Bures, Suffolk, on August 28th, and published on page 580 in the issue of September 10th, should have contained the footnote: Composition rung for the first time.

This peal was published in 'The Ringing World' in February, 1953, and I can find no trace of it being rung before. Several of the band are interested to know if our claim is correct.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD L. MILLS.

Bures.

NAMING THE PUPPIES

Dear Sir,—I am a campanologist who has fairly recently taken up the fascinating hobby of breeding and exhibiting dogs, my choice being Pembroke Welsh Corgis. The idea of combining both hobbies occurred to me when I had to register the first litter of puppies at the Kennel Club early last year.

I do not aspire to such academic heights as Miss Churchill does in choosing names—my registered prefix, 'Saffid' is derived from my maiden name and the Latin form of my married name. By adding such ringing terms as run smoothly and pleasantly off the tongue, I can 'brand' my dogs with both my husband's and my own family name, and a hobby practised by both families. For example, one of my bitches is registered as 'Saffid Primrose Delight,' whilst 'Maximus' was chosen as more suitable for a dog.

Our ringing friends are most helpful when names are required, and we are now busily engaged in choosing appropriate titles for our next litter.—Yours faithfully,

(MRS.) BETTY M. FAITHFULL.

Southampton.

ST. ALFEGE CHURCH, GREENWICH

Dear Sir,—This historic church was burnt out by enemy action in 1941 and has been beautifully restored by the War Damage Commission, though the parish had to raise £6,000. Since this work was completed we have put in hand the restoration of the bells, and when they were removed of the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank it was found that all except the tenor bell would have to be recast. This has been done and they are now being rehung, and we have arranged for the dedication of the ring to take place at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, October 31st, 1954.

The original ring of eight was made by R. Phelps in 1731 and cast by Mears and Stainbank at their Whitechapel Foundry, one of them being inscribed as the gift of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Caroline. Two more were added in 1734, and the tenor (25 cwt.) was cast in 1824. It may also be of interest to note that this ring of ten bells is exactly the same weight, bell for bell, as the ring recently rehung by Mears and Stainbank at Chesterfield Parish Church.

The total cost of this work is £1,330, all of which the parish will have to raise, as it is not deemed to be war damage, and we would, of course, be grateful for any help which those interested in the preservation of such ancient bells can give us.—Yours sincerely,

C. S. NASON (Rev.).

The Vicarage, Park Vista,
Greenwich, S.E.10.

FIRES

Dear Sir,—I was greatly interested in this front page article. In my father's time it was a nightmare to keep the dust of years down in Morpeth Watch Tower. I remember how he and my brother scraped among the bells and my sister washed the floor of the ringing room.

The bells were recast in 1951, and after three years when the dust of years was quickly showing the Council decided to have the belfry painted throughout. I am afraid the bell loft has not been done. One painter said to me, 'I am not going up there; a bell might fall on me.' I never thought of a bell falling on me in those days of unringable bells when I climbed over or crawled under them to fix cords for clock chiming. I wish I had asked Mr. Fidler, of Loughborough, how to keep that bell loft clean.—Yours sincerely,

JENNIE ARMSTRONG.

Morpeth.

THE FULL EXTENT OF MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Can anyone at Loughborough enlighten us re the following? Two or three years ago at Peterborough a strong rumour was going round of an attempt at the Foundry for the full extent of Major. I heard nothing further until about six weeks ago when a paragraph appeared in a national paper stating that eight ringers were going to ring for twenty hours at the Foundry last month, as there was no annoyance at that tower to the public.

Now if my memory serves me correctly the middle four bells of the back eight do not allow much room for a relief to take over, and to ring for twenty hours is rather a tall order. Someone must have sent the information to the Press. I certainly think our own Press should have been the first to receive the news. Is it wishful thinking or a leg pull?—Yours,

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

HOSPITALITY IN CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—I should like to support Mr. Paul Field's statement with regard to Cornwall and its hospitality, which I have enjoyed over a number of years.

Five ringers, including myself, made up the Somerset party which joined him on the August Bank Holiday 'border outing.' Spending the week-end at Launceston, we shared of this hospitality to the full, thanks to Mr. Wilf Boucher, of St. Mary's, who, until we met him on the Saturday, was a stranger to us. At short notice he arranged 'digs' for us and ringing at six towers, where we found warm welcome, although we were 'scientific chaps.'—Yours faithfully,

R. D. SHORT.

Bridgwater.

'THIS TIDYING UP'

Dear Sir,—It appears that Mr. Butler has the same interpretation of Mr. Birmingham's letter as I had, viz: four consecutive blows are allowed in Doubles, but not in higher numbers, therefore, as sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, start kicking at the Doubles ringers. But is the meat of a goose to that of a gander the same as Doubles is to higher numbers? Far from it, and I say that to try to apply the same rules to all numbers of bells is just sheer bunk. As for the remark about the peal of Plain Bob Caters, Mr. Butler was there when Mr. Birmingham gave me his reasons for suggesting it.

Is it the Methods Committee and the Central Council that are dictating and 'tidying up'? I personally think that there are one or two puritanical individuals who are satisfying their personal whims by using the 'gift of the gab' in the very short time that the Council sits for discussion after two or three days' 'tower-grabbing.'

Finally, at the risk of getting a 'M.Y.O.B.' may I ask when the 'Collection of Doubles Methods' will be published? Will it be complete or will it be the same as the Collections of Minor, Triples and Major (incomplete)?—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell, Middlesex.

PARSONS AND MUTED BELLS

Dear Sir.—It is certainly to be deplored that there exist incumbents who dislike the ringing of church bells, but even more to be deplored are the ill-advised and unworthy sentiments expressed by your correspondent, Mr. E. J. Rowe, in the sentence which concludes his letter appearing in a recent issue. No doubt there will be many, with myself, who hope that, after seeing it in 'cold' print, its author will regret it as casting an adverse reflection upon himself and bell ringers in general.—Yours truly,

B. E. BARTLETT.

Torquay.

LETTERS—Continued

A KENT TOUR AND RINGERS

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate Mr. Jenkins and his party on their successful tour in Kent. Having rung peals in all the towers they visited except Quex Park, and in many other Kent towers as well, I was most interested in the account of their activities.

Reference to my friend Mark Lancefield's entry into the sphere of twelve-bell ringing prompts me to recall his first entry into serious peal ringing in 1945. On a peal ringing week in Kent he and his brother Albert stood in a peal of Bob Major at Cheriton—the first of the week. This was their first peal on eight bells, but before the week was over they had rung peals of Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Major. In all these peals they rang creditably and without prompting, and I doubt whether this amount of progress in peal ringing within a week has ever been equalled. Since those days Mark has established himself as a conductor and it has been a thrill to follow the activities of his friends and himself in the Ashford district.

I would share Mr. Jenkins' hope that some day a peal of Surprise Maximus will be rung by a resident Kent band. Ironically enough this has been possible many many times through the years and Kent is one of the very few counties that could have raised a resident band for Surprise Maximus before the war. (I doubt whether even Middlesex could have done this.) I amused myself recently trying to recall the names of past and present resident Kent ringers who either have rung peals of Surprise Maximus or had sufficient experience on twelve bells to enable them to ring it. My list, written from memory, is certain to have some glaring omissions, but even so I dare say some of your readers will be interested to recall these ringers—some, alas, gone before, but many still actively with us—Edwin Barnett, sen., Edwin Barnett, jun., Edwin A. Barnett, Thomas Groombridge, sen., Thomas Groombridge, jun., Herbert E. Audsley, Harry Hovard, George H. Cross, Jas. Bennett, Fredk. J. Cullum, Jas. E. Bailey, Norman Summerhayes, Geo. J. Butcher, Edwin F. Lewis, John H. Cheesman, Edward J. Beer, John E. Spice, Betty Spice (now Mrs. Robbins), Thomas E. Sone, Stafford H. Green, Frederick White, Geoffrey V. Murphy, Arthur S. Richards, Arthur G. Mason, Harold Clark, Edwin F. Pike, Harry Parkes, Mark S. Lancefield, Thomas Cullingworth.

And dare I add?

PHILIP A. CORBY.

Melton Mowbray.

P.S.—My list includes two 'thousand pealers,' John H. Cheesman and James Bennett; a ringer who took part in the long peal of Cambridge Maximus at Bow, Herbert E. Audsley (who in other circumstances would by now have rung 1,000 peals), and the present president and secretary of the Central Council.—P. A. C.

'CIRCLING' OF TOWERS BY LADIES

Dear Sir,—On Wednesday, October 31st, 1951, the tenor at St. Mary's Church, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, was rung to a peal by Miss Bernice Strange, thus completing a peal on each of the six bells. She was then 18 years of age.

W. B. KYNASTON.

Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

1823

Dear Sir,—Undoubtedly 1823 is a peculiar number to record, but not all ringers view with such obvious scorn these odd items of information. An indication of the size taken in hats, scattered occasionally here and there among the footnotes, would be interesting, too.—Yours faithfully,

K. S. B. CROFT.

Southampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE TOUR
RUTLAND

Beautiful countryside, excellent bells, interesting churches, helpfulness and friendliness of local ringers and clergy (with many of whom we were pleased to meet and ring), all combined to make a most enjoyable outing for a few members of the Bedfordshire Association touring Rutland on August Monday.

An unforeseen halt, when one of the cars developed a puncture, did not prevent a punctual arrival at the first tower, Caldecote (5), to enjoy Grandsire, Stedman, St. Nicholas' and St. Simon's Doubles; we were surprised to hear from the Vicar that although these old bells have been rehung, the bells themselves have never had anything done in the way of re-tuning, etc. A second delay, and not on the programme, was to pay a well-worth visit to the interesting old church at Brook—this has not been altered in detail at all since the days of Queen Elizabeth!

What a joy to ring at the next tower, Oakham (8)! Stedman couldn't sound better than here; we also rang Grandsire, Little Bob and Cambridge. Then on to nearby Langham (6), where methods rung included Plain Bob, Cambridge, London, Double Oxford and Kent. Next a break for picnic lunch before ringing some more Doubles, this time on the five at Market Overton; here one enters the belfry under an old Saxon arch and to ring stands on wooden steps which apparently originate from the days when the choir sat there.

A variety of Minor methods came next on the easy-going six at Cottesmore; then over hill and dale to Edith Weston, where after a stop for tea we enjoyed yet another hour of Minor method ringing. Our last six-bell tower was Glaston, a very light ring: a central tower here so ringing is from the chancel. An unexpected and interesting tour of Uppingham School preceded ringing at the Parish Church (8). Having heard various reports, we were pleasantly surprised at the 'go' and tone of these bells and just had time to go for a touch of Grandsire and one of Cambridge before having 'supper' and making tracks for home.

A. R.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE

Ringers from Swindon (Christ Church, St. Mark's and St. Mary's) and Highworth accompanied Blunsdon ringers and friends on their first outing on August 28th around Gloucester. A late start, owing to the non-arrival of the coach, caused the programme to be curtailed. Visits to Witcombe (6) and Brockworth (6) had to be omitted to enable Gloucester to be reached in time for tea at the Saracen's Head Hotel. We were sorry to miss these two towers and disappoint the local ringers, to whom sincere apologies are tendered.

Ringling at St. Mary-de-Lode (where we were met by one of the local company) also had to be curtailed, but was enjoyed by all. After an excellent tea ringling at Quedgley on the handy eight went with a swing. On to Standish (6), with some good ringling on this nice six. Two visitors from South Africa on tour in England came into the tower during the ringling, and were very impressed with their first experience of change ringling. Our last call was at Minchinhampton (6), and we were pleased to see Messrs. Ponting and Barratt and other members of the local band. These bells proved a little too tricky for some of our party, but a course of London Minor brought forth praise.

Ringling during the trip comprised Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Cambridge and London Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major. The Rev. L. A. Knight, Vicar of Blunsdon, accompanied the party. Thanks are extended to incumbents and local tower secretaries for their assistance. W. H. T.

BY AIR TO RING A PEAL
A Day's Visit to Ireland

History was made on September 4th, when seven ringers left Ringway Airport, Manchester, for Collinstown Airport, Dublin, in a chartered Rapide aircraft piloted by Mr. Swift. Much thought and planning by Fred Dunkerley and John Worth lay behind this day trip to ring a peal at Bray, where the bells so impressed six of the party last year that they wished to pay a return visit. At 10 o'clock the party hurried across the tarmac to the aircraft, where the pilot supervised the loading of the heavy weights; he was not very concerned about the feather-weights, and a few minutes later the plane was airborne. Mr. Dunkerley was already in Ireland, having flown there earlier in the week.

Those of the party who had not flown before were agreeably surprised at the absence of motion and settled down to enjoy the aerial view of Cheshire and North Wales. As the pilot turned to cross the Irish Sea one sensed a heightening tension, but in a very few minutes all were busily engaged in spotting the Isle of Man and the Irish Coast, and in no time at all we were taxi-ing along the runway to the airport buildings, where the remaining member of the band was waiting. Customs formalities completed, we piled into two cars and were whisked away through Dublin to Bray. Lunch at the Royal Hotel preceded the peal, and on arrival at the church we were met by the Rector, who welcomed us. The bells had been raised by the local band and soon ropes were adjusted and the band set off to ring A. J. Pitman's fine composition, which was completed after 3 hours 31 minutes of excellent ringling, during which there was nothing which needed the conductor's intervention, although occasionally someone would prove that his ability in arithmetic was not equal to counting five.

At the conclusion of the peal the band returned to the hotel for a hurried dinner, some by rather devious routes to sample the local 'water.' Shortly after 7.30 Bray was left behind and this time all eight piled into a large car and urged the driver to 'get a move on,' as Fred had to catch the London plane leaving just after eight o'clock. Needless to say, we made it and the Rapide was in flight soon after 8.30. The return journey proved more interesting than the outward one, for Lancashire and Cheshire, viewed from the air, proved to look almost fairylike.

It is believed that this is the first time in the history of the art that a complete band has flown in order to ring a peal.

The band are indebted to Fred Dunkerley for the transport facilities, to John Worth for other arrangements and general co-ordination, and to the Rector and local ringers for their ready co-operation.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 25th, 1914
TERRITORIALS' SUNDAY AFTERNOON
EXCURSION

Sgt. C. H. Russell, 4th Hants Regt., sends an account of a trip arranged by some of the Territorials while in camp. . . . A party of us arranged to walk [to Amesbury] on Sunday last. . . . With the help of Mr. F. Precey (Salisbury) the following rang two courses of Bob Minor: L/Cpl. C. Bunch 1, Pte. G. Pullinger 2, Pte. G. Butler 3, F. Precey 4, Cpl. Worsfold 5, Sgt. C. Russell 6. . . . To finish up, the following all-Territorial band rang a six-score of Stedman Doubles: Pte. C. Butler 1, L/Cpl. C. Bunch 2, Pte. G. Butler 3, Sgt. C. Russell 4, Cpl. Worsfold 5, Sgt. Mells 6.

[Since, at that time, there was no conscription, and the size of the Army was not very great, it was rather remarkable that seven ringers should have been in one camp.]

CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES TOUR

Ringling in Eight Counties

IN an endeavour to complete that long cherished ambition of a peal in each Welsh county and to provide once again the opportunity for C. 'Hilary' K. to reach the summit of Snowdon, this year's venue of the Welsh enthusiasts was again Cheshire and North Wales.

The failure of the former ambition is another story, but we must pause here to express regret that at the last moment C. H. K. was unable to join us owing to an attack of shingles. Ere this appears in print we trust that he will be able to commence training for those higher 'peals' next year.

As last year, two parties set out from London and the other from the West Country with Coalbrookdale as the rendezvous. A late train at Newport delayed the return to the fold of our 'bell-hanging friend,' complete with tools, and a multiplicity of bedtime stories.

Pausing at Usk to take on bellpots we progressed rapidly to Hereford, where we took on board the namesake of that famous Stedman swinging cleric, who was our replacement for the sick C. H. K., then on through Leominster, Ludlow, past the ancient ruins of Bildwas Abbey, to Coalbrookdale, where, at the church, we received a warm welcome from Mr. A. S. Bailey. Preliminaries completed, this fine ten-some was soon going to Yorkshire Royal, an excellent peal resulting, though not without incident, as a thunderstorm with terrific flashes of lightning which seemed to run down below the level of the windows, followed by heavy peals of thunder and torrential rain, almost ended the proceedings.

However, after our first taste of Wrekin ale, it was into the rain for Shrewsbury, where we picked up W. F. M. after an almost sleepless night on the U.A. tour. Then once more into the rain for Chester and the Talbot Hotel, which was to be our headquarters until the Thursday.

Sunday morning saw us ringing at the Cathedral for the annual Mons Day service for the Cheshire Regiment. Then, off through the Mersey tunnel to Southport, where ringing had been arranged on two nice eights by Joe Ridyard who, together with Margaret, met and rang with us on a pleasant Mears eight at Christ Church. Then on to Emmanuel with its nice Taylor eight, where we were pleased to meet the local ringers.

SECOND FAILURE AT GRESFORD

Our first attempt for Monday was in one of the required Welsh counties, Gresford being the venue. We were welcomed by the Vicar and Mr. Griffiths, who had everything in readiness, and we were soon ringing Cambridge with almost faultless precision on this fine eight, reputedly one of the seven wonders of Wales. At the end of three hours and fifteen minutes we had six leads to ring, but it was not to be—the tenor rope broke without any previous warning. It was a great disappointment after such fine ringing. Four of us have now spent over six hours in this tower without success. An excellent lunch was arranged by Mr. Griffiths and we were once again on the road to Liverpool, where we were privileged to have an attempt for Stedman on this magnificent twelve by John Taylor and Co. Here we had the pleasure of the company of Doctor John Spice, Percy Cave and Gordon Benfield, but we were still suffering from the disappointment of the morning's failure and were not Stedman-minded. However, it was a treat to ring on such a fine twelve. Here, after an interval in a 'local' with the 'locals,' we took leave of Selwyn, who unfortunately had to return to his duties of safeguarding the nation's gold.

PEAL AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL

The Dean and Chapter gave permission for a peal attempt at Chester Cathedral. After being

interviewed by the local Press a start was made for Cambridge Royal, this time with success, a good peal being rung. Peal ringing here is no easy job as on damp days the tenor rope is liable to perform all sorts of contortions and this day was no exception.

After the peal we posed for photographs for the local Press, which duly appeared under the heading of 'Relaxation after the long day's ringing.' Then we were off to Port Sunlight, a nice eight but rather noisy. Here we were pleased to make acquaintance with Anne Muirhead and to have her pilot us by devious routes to Bidston, where unfortunately there proved to be no ringing.

Wednesday saw us at Frodsham, where Jack Bibby had everything in readiness, and a start was made for Pudsey. The sight of ships passing down the Mersey as seen from the ringing chamber window proved too much for one of the band, and after two hours and twenty minutes of somewhat indifferent ringing a shift resulted, which heralded our third failure. After a fine lunch, all laid on by Jack Bibby, we proceeded to Eccleston, where we were met by Sam Jones, Henry O. Baker and Ralph Edwards, who had come to hear his beloved bells and who was quickly invited to take part. Bristol was the order of the day and some excellent ringing resulted, the last half-hour being characterised by the tension one might expect from four 'firsts in the method.' Eccleston's are a magnificent eight and surely rank with any of the fine eights in the West Country. Thursday saw us take leave of Chester, but not before we had visited Pulford, and with Wilf II. as conductor, scored a good peal of Lincolnshire; a nice eight but somewhat spoiled by excessive pulley noise.

THE TREBLES AT RUTHIN

After lunch we traversed through delightful scenery to Ruthin, where we had arranged to ring for an hour. Here the two trebles have the shakes and, as one member put it, are reminiscent of a man with D.T.'s. It certainly gave one member much pleasure to see the 'Governor' performing on the treble, and to hear the remark, 'Jeeze, what a bell!'

Leaving Ruthin we proceeded via Bettws-y-Coed and Capel Curig to Bangor and during this delightful journey received from our geography master a running commentary of all peaks, together with heights, and the best way of climbing them. Arriving in Bangor, our headquarters for the night, we made a quick visit to Mr. A. J. Hughes, then spent a pleasant half-hour on a nice but rather heavy-going six at Llandegai.

On Friday morning, with a new conductor, we started for Cambridge at Glanadda, but a remark which by now had become notorious produced an attack of 'Jeezitus' and we were called to stand.

A quick run across Telford Suspension Bridge over the Menai Straits enabled some of the party to visit Llanfar P.G., and we were on the long run to Portmadoc through more delightful scenery. Here Wilf II. successfully called Pudsey on this pleasant eight and so redeemed our failure at Frodsham. By this time it was raining as only it can rain in the Welsh mountains and in front of us was a 60 miles' journey to our last headquarters, the Wynstay Arms Hotel at Machynlleth, where we had a pleasant time last year.

A TUNELESS EIGHT

Saturday morning saw us early on the road to Llanbadarn Fawr, in Cardiganshire, the scene of a failure two years previously. After fitting new ropes Cambridge was well rung in a determined manner in this vast tower, which gave Wilf II. his 500th peal, at 30—surely one of the youngest ringers ever to reach this total. Lunch in Aberystwyth and a stroll on the sea front, and we were wending our way back to

Machynlleth for the last attempt of the tour. Here we were welcomed by the Vicar and local ringers. London was the order here and with four 'firsts in the method' a good peal was rung, though one member will never forget the expressive contortions on the face of another member as London unfolded itself on this tuneless eight. The rest of the evening was spent in celebrating, among other things, Wilf II.'s 500th, and many were the stories unfolded by our 'bell-hanging friend.' On Sunday we rang for morning service at Knighton, in Radnorshire, a distance of almost 60 miles. We arrived promptly at 10.30 to enjoy some good ringing on this lovely light Mears eight. So ended a most successful and happy week.

Finally we should like to express our regrets that this year Roger Fry was unable at the last moment to be with us, also to record our thanks to all who met and helped us in the arrangements of a most successful week.

D. G. C.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual silver cup contest was held at Killamarsh on September 4th, and, in addition to competing teams, the following towers were represented: Doncaster, Thorne, Eckington, Staveley, Bawtry and Shireoaks.

Mr. Harold Chant, assisted by Mr. Fred Adams, judged Warsop to be the winners with 40 faults, and Bolsover second with only one more fault. Other teams competing were Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham, Whittington and Handsworth. The cup was presented by Mr. Jim Thorley, of Thorne, and was later 'suitably christened.' All teams except one included lady ringers.

After an excellent tea, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Thorley, H. Chant, J. J. L. Gilbert, W. Robinson and N. Chaddock at the special request of the Rector (the Rev. John Milner), who later presided at the business meeting.

An appeal for more 'Ringing World' postal subscribers produced three new promises to subscribe.

In response to an invitation to the Ringers' Day at Marsden on November 20th, it was decided to organise a coach trip there if there was sufficient demand.

It was announced that the next meeting, joint with the Derbyshire Guild (Chesterfield District) at Chesterfield, would be held on Oct. 9th (not October 2nd as originally planned).

The meeting concluded with suitable votes of thanks, especially to Mr. F. Parr, who so ably handled the local arrangements, thus ensuring such a happy and successful function, which by good fortune coincided with local Feast celebrations.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Southern District was held on September 4th at St. Mary's Church, Barnard Castle. Methods that were rung were Plain Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor. Mr. Willows, of Relford, was a very welcome visitor. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wright, curate of the church. At the business meeting the members stood in silence in remembrance of Mr. G. W. Park, who recently passed away.

EDGBASTON RINGERS HONOUR ORGANIST

When ringers at St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston, decided to honour the 21 years' service to the church of the organist, Mr. Russell Green, by a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Mr. Green came from his home 10 miles away to listen to the peal from start to finish. He afterwards expressed his deep appreciation to the band for the honour paid him. The peal was also of special interest to Mr. Christopher Wallater, a member of the band, as his parents were married at this church about 72 years ago.

OBITUARY

MR. R. S. PHILPOTT

A brief reference was made in a previous issue to the death of Mr. Raymond Stuart Philpott, of Fairbourne, Runfold, Surrey, in the Farnham County Hospital on September 7th, aged 52 years.

As a young man he joined the band of Holy Trinity, Guildford, and for a number of years was an enthusiastic and successful peal ringer. He rang in the peal of 9,600 Double Dublin Surprise Major at Guildford in 1931, and in 6,144 Guildford Surprise Major, both of which are the longest lengths yet rung in the methods. Of a studious nature, he was a genial companion, and his early death is mourned by many friends.

An ophthalmic optician by profession, he was a Fellow of the British Optical Association and a Fellow of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers. A Freemason, Mr. Philpott was installed as Master of a Woking lodge last year.

The funeral service was held at Scale Parish Church on September 13th, the Rector (the Rev. E. D. Ginever) officiating. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. A. H. Pulling 1-2, C. W. Denyer 3-4, R. Overy 5-6, W. H. Viggers 7-8.

Among the ringing friends present were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, Mr. and Mrs. R. Overy, Messrs. C. E. Smith, G. Wootton, C. W. Denyer, W. Denyer, L. C. W. Hunter, J. W. Carter, Miss M. Cass and Miss B. Stewart.

MR. BERT CHALLEN

On September 13th the half-muffled bells of St. Mary-ad-Haura, Shoreham-by-Sea, marked the funeral of Mr. Bert Challen, a respected and long-standing leader of the local ringers, who died on September 8th, aged 82.

When Shoreham possessed only five bells, Bert, then ten years of age, first learned to handle a bell, and in 1880, when the bells were increased to six, he started change ringing. In 1896, when two more bells were added, he was elected leader, a position he held, except for two short periods, until his death.

A good ringer and striker, and above all a regular Sunday service ringer, he will be sadly missed. The family ringing tradition will be carried on by three sons and a grandson. He rang in about 50 peals, from Grandsire to Cambridge, mostly in his own tower.

Ringers from various towers attended his funeral, and a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by A. W. Bond 1-2, F. Bennett 3-4, F. Page 5-6, H. Stalham 7-8. During the evening the half-muffled bells were again manned by his old friends as a final token of respect.

A. W. B.

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RADLEY, BERKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Janet Steptoe 1, Hilary J. Eason (cond.) 2, Anne Humfrey 3, Ruth Paton 4, Janet Eason 5, Marie R. Cross 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Eason, also for the 13th birthday of the treble ringer and the 12th birthday of Susan Alexander.

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MARRIAGE

COX—POPE.—On Sept. 9th, 1954, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Withycombe Raleigh, the Rev. Ernest Vyvyan Cox, Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral, to Alison Hylda Pope, of The Maldens, Marley, Exmouth. 5023

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Small Country Cottage available for good churchman and ringer at 6s. a week. — Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 5019

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Two octaves diatonic scale, tenor size 18 G, by John Taylor and Co., in new condition. £40.—J. O. Weller, Moor Cottage, Trotts Lane, Westerham, Kent. 5056

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BOY SCOUT TROOP require set eight handbells. Contact P. Bilham, Bohune, St. Ives, Cornwall. 4998

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WANTED URGENTLY. — 'The College Youths' by J. A. Trollope and 'History and Art of Change Ringing' by Ernest Morris. State price.—Box 5062, 'Ringing World' Office, Guildford. 5062

MISCELLANEOUS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Will ringers coming to the University this October please contact Anne Muirhead, secretary, Westoe, Allport Road, Bromborough, Cheshire. Practice, Oct. 5th, 7.30 p.m., at Sacred Trinity, Salford. 5048

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 25th, The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4993

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Poynton, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 5046

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Wirksworth (8) on Sept. 25th, at 3.15 p.m. 5050

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Holywell (6), Sept. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please look up Kelso Surprise.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 5037

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea.—J. Fox, Walpole St. Andrew. 5031

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Buckland (6), Sept. 25th, 3 p.m.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 5041

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, Sept. 25th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 5057

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Sept. 25th, Rushden, 2.30-4, Sandon, 3-7. Tea 5. Wallington after tea. Special method, Dunedin Delight. — E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5014

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Annual meeting at Ashford, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, in Parish Room. It is hoped all towers in District will send representatives. 4987

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, West Wycombe, Sept. 25th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading and Newbury Branches.—Combined practice at Thatcham, Sept. 25th, 6 p.m.—Mrs. E. Colley and Mrs. A. D. Cooper, Branch Secs. 5016

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. — Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Sept. 25th. Usual arrangements.—J. H. Hayne, Hon. Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5015

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Swanage on Sept. 25th. Service at 4.30. Tea for those who notify, by Sept. 22nd, I. Davis, Restormel, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Dorset. Kingston bells in the evening.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting, Stradbroke (10, 22 cwt.), Sept. 25th. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 5024

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Sparsholt, Sept. 25th. Five bells. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Woodman Inn, Crawley, after tea. 4989

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practices: Tuesday, Sept. 28th, 7.15, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway; Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 6.15, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park; Monday, Oct. 4th, 7.15, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 9th, 2.30 to 4, St. Olave's, Hart Street, City. Service 4. Business 4.30. Tea 5.30. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 6.30 to 8. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 5092

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Turvey (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —Bryan Pattison. 5079

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Sept. 29th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5076

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Aston Cantlow (6) on Oct. 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 29th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby. 5075

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ripley, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No tea arrangements; cafes near.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5070

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western District. — Quarterly meeting, Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Cotgrove, 32, Dawlish Drive, Leigh. 5030

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Staunton, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 29th, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, near Coleford, Glos. 5072

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Wickwar (6), Oct. 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Sept. 29th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 5088

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify J. Martin, Crombie, Thornash Road, Horsell, for tea.—J. F. Dodson. 5065

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting at Clodock (near Abergavenny), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 28th to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey (8), Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names, please, by Thursday, Sept. 30th.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 5095

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Oct. 2nd. Service, St. Stephen's, 4.15. St. Dunstan's and Cathedral bells available after tea only. St. Stephen's from 2.30. Tea, 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with cash, please, together with any nominations for district officers, must reach me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5026

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m. Names, with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 5060

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Spalding, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 27th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 5038

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at St. Matthew's, Walsall (12 bells), 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Bells available again during the evening. All welcome, but names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 28th, please, to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 5089

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Hoddlesden on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Bring your own food.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5073

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Lancaster Priory. Ringing 2 to 8. Meeting at 3. Tea at 4, price 2s. Names for tea to R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec., 22, Walton Avenue, Morecambe. 5087

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Anstey on Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, near Leicester, by Wednesday, Sept. 29th. General committee meet Sept. 30th, Cathedral, 7.30. Please note festival date—Oct. 23rd. New report, containing 86 new compositions and a few copies of previous report (182 compositions) available from General Secretary, W. A. Wood, Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester. Price 3s. and 1s. 6d. 5000

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Meeting at Dunholme (6), Oct. 2nd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 5064

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S SOCIETY.—Meeting at Mereworth, Oct. 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4. All members welcome, non-members cordially invited. Names for tea, 4.45, by Sept. 28th, to Pamela Butcher, Butcher's Lane, Mereworth. 5061

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 4 p.m. No tea arrangements; cafes available. Business meeting in tower.—J. Cotton, Tel. O'seal 264. 5084

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Holme Hale, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea, please notify S. H. Waterfield, Holme Hale, Thetford.—C. Tovell, Hon. Branch Sec. 5083

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Names for tea to Mr. A. Gaunt, 125, Orme Road, Newcastle, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5059

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Steeple Aston (6), Oct. 2nd. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 5035

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Stoke Goldington, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson 5082

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on Oct. 2nd at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5067

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lois-Weedon on Oct. 2nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 5034

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Guilsborough, Oct. 2nd. Names for tea before Sept. 28th, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 5091

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Edgbaston on Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by Sept. 28th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone Spr. 1025. 5029

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting Oct. 2nd. Durnford (5) from 2.30. Woodford (6) from 6.15. Tea, Durnford, at 5 for those who notify me by Sept. 28th.—Miss Eloie, 7, Victoria Road, Salisbury. 5044

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual Dinner, Old Bell, Holborn, Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 6.30 p.m. Towers available: St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30-5 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 2.30-4 p.m.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 5077

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Trowell (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5. Names by previous Wednesday to Rev. K. W. Jones, Trowell Rectory, Nottingham. 5052

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Old Coulsdon, Oct. 2nd. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea by Sept. 29th to D. J. Parr, 3, Briar Grove, Sanderstead. 5093

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Ardingly (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Names for tea, by Sept. 29th, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 5085

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cefn Coed, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names, please.—W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 5029

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Beverley, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (10) available from 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. A. T. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley, E. Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 5020

WALBERTON, NEAR ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—Festival Ringers' Sunday to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the bells, Sunday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing 2.30 p.m. and after service. Service 3.30. All are welcome. 5086

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Oct. 9th, at King George Hotel, Barnesley, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, obtainable from me. Please apply not later than Oct. 2nd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnesley. 5047

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting at Binegar, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, please.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 5071

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Huntsham, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. Davey, Hayes Cottage, Huntsham, Tiverton.—W. Ware, Hon. Sec. 5021

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, Oct. 9th, 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, to be obtained from General Secretary before Oct. 5th. Stamped addressed envelopes, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 5096

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Chiddingfold, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Hon. Sec. by previous Wednesday.—R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 5096

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30 (Granada Cinema). Business meeting in Old College. Evensong 6. Names to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. On Saturday, Oct. 23rd, dinner and dance at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant, Maidstone, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (14s. inclusive) obtainable from Mr. Mark Couchman, 42, King Street, Maidstone.—R. L. Sills. 5078

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual joint meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Lion Hotel (2s.). Shoreham bells expected available after tea. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 5th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.—A. Hill, W. Parrott, Hon. Dis. Secs. 5069

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly ringing meeting will be held at Southport on Oct. 9th. Christ Church and Emmanuel bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service, Christ Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea in Christ Church Schools 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, before Wednesday, Oct. 6th, to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Rod, Birkdale, Southport. 5058

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Marsham on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 6th, to Rev. Lillingston, The Rectory, Marsham, Norwich. Also ringing meeting in Norwich on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. St. Giles' bells from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.; St. Peter Mancroft from 5.30 till 8.30. No business meeting. No tea arrangements.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 5078

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury, Oct. 9th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 6th, to Mr. H. T. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury. 5080

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Names for tea, by Saturday, Oct. 2nd, to Mrs. C. Hall, School Street, Staverton, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 5080

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barton Seagrave (5), Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, by Oct. 2nd, to D. Haynes, 5, London Road, Kettering. 5074

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Chediston (6) on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Oct. 6th, to R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 5081

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ringing festival, Saturday, Oct. 16th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Kenilworth (6) and Chilvers Coton (10), 2-4; Bedworth (8), Bulkington (8), Stoke (8) and Keresley (5), 3.30-5.30. Business meeting at 20, Broadgate, Coventry (entrance Pepper Lane), at 6. Dinner at The Wine Lodge Hotel, 17, The Burges, Coventry, at 6.45, followed by social and entertainment until 11 p.m. Tickets (10s. each) obtainable from district secretaries, tower secretaries and the general secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5090

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