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MY FIRST RINGING TOUR

By A. MURIEL REAY

LOOKING back on my first ringing tour, several events stand out in a crowded week. The party was quite a varied one. There were three teachers who occasionally exchanged methods of introducing a little knowledge to the young. Then there were those said to keep their room-mate awake half the night discussing peal compositions and method construction. One ringer had a 'Mum' whose sayings would fill many volumes, while another well-known ringer was said to be unable to read.

Rochester stands out for the traffic jam in which we were involved. It was a hot morning and the ice-cream vendors were wandering in and out of the waiting cars making the most of this opportunity to sell their wares. We arrived at Gillingham in time for lunch instead of a peal.

From Gillingham to Northfleet we had views of the river and its shipping and dockyards. This was one face of Kent, but before the week was over we were to see most of this pleasant county. There were flattish areas near Thanet, with wide fields of wheat and oats rippling in the sunlight. The Weald was hillier and had hopfields with the vines trained up tall supports. In the orchards the apple trees were laden. Worcestershire has been called the Land of the Heavenly Spring, but the Garden of England must be her twin in blossom time. Added to all this natural beauty there were the villages with their old houses, inns and churches. Many of the churches had a sturdy tower with a turret over the stairs. Some had a broach spire, and one, High Halden, a tower and spire of wood. There were also the conical oast houses. No weald village seemed complete without one or two of these peeping out among the trees or behind a farmhouse.

We soon met the local ringers, and what a friendly crowd they were! They seemed pleased to have us there and gave us the freedom of their belfries. When they could, they came to listen to us, some rang with us in our peals and took us on 'tower-grabbing' excursions, the first of these being on the Sunday afternoon. On this occasion I was not in the peal. We locked the eight ringers in the belfry and my companion pocketed the key. We heard the start of the peal and then accepted Harry's invitation to try the bells of some nearby churches. Gathering up some more ringers, we set off, taking the key with us. 'If the peal breaks down,' we said, 'we shall at least know where to find the others when we return.' Perhaps it was fortunate for us that the peal did not break down.

I found Canterbury Cathedral a place of contrasts. When we arrived it was crowded with sightseers and echoed to the sound of their footsteps and whispered conversation. When we finished our peal the Cathedral was empty and very peaceful. Dim and mysterious in the evening light and now silent, it was incredibly lovely with the vaulted roof soaring up from the tall piers. Later, as we left Canterbury, I saw the floodlit Cathedral rising above the dark roofs of the city.

Quex Park was another highlight of the week. This tower is in the middle of a field and surrounded by trees. It has a ground floor belfry and no electric light. The bells are light with a fairly long draught of rope and, in spite of four sound shoots, are not very clear in the belfry. As the peal progressed and the daylight faded, the shadows became more prominent and the ropes less distinct. You often wondered whether you were coursing a shadow or a bell, and were tempted to ask irreverently, 'Art thou (s)he that cometh or look we for another?'

At Northfleet, where the first peal of the tour was rung, the men entered the belfry and had their coats off and shirt sleeves rolled up in no time. At Westerham, where the last attempt was to be made, it was rather different. By this time some of us were feeling rather tired and, as we were being joined by friends, had privately decided to relinquish our ropes in their favour. We tried the bells, ringing a few rounds. Then, while the others were talking six of us slipped out. I was the last to go, and as I did so someone inside called out, 'Come back, you're ringing this afternoon. Bring them back, George, we're one short.' Discretion being the better part of valour, I fled. Before me three ringers, solid, substantial men, simply vanished into thin air. Behind me the luckless victim was caught and drawn back into the belfry protesting volubly. The door closed on his threats and protests. Only one other ringer remained in the trim little churchyard and he was looking very virtuous. He had to catch a train home in half an hour. We waited for several minutes before the bells began to ring. Not until they were safely in changes did the other three truants return.

Yes, a ringing holiday is certainly an entertaining one. You will have little time for lazing, and none for shop-gazing or sunbathing, but you are not dependent on the weather. You will meet old friends and make new ones with interests similar to your own. You may be tired when you return home, but if you like ringing and an energetic holiday you will have had a most enjoyable time.

A SUFFOLK RINGING TOUR

All peals rung for the Suffolk Guild.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

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

AT THE NORMAN TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE 7
*DENNIS KNOX 3	GEORGE W. PIPE 8
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON 9
MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal on ten bells.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE W. PIPE Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	*BERT GOGLE 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

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

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 8
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE 9
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
DIANA M. MATTHEW .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER 7
LEONARD STILWELL .. 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ALBERT R. LAWRENCE .. Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 3	GEORGE W. PIPE 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

RONALD H. BULLEN Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
DENNIS KNOX 3	BERT GOGLE 7
JOHN R. COOPER 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of Canon Hughes as Rector.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
JOHN R. COOPER 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
BERT GOGLE 4	GEORGE W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.

MRS. THOMAS J. LOCK .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	GEORGE W. PIPE 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	BERT GOGLE 8
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 9
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	*DENNIS KNOX 6
JOHN R. COOPER 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
DENNIS KNOX 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
*DIANA M. MATTHEW .. 2	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP 3	DENNIS KNOX 7
*JOHN R. COOPER 4	GEORGE W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALBERT R. LAWRENCE	.. Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	.. 5
RONALD H. BULLEN	.. 3	JOHN R. COOPER	.. 6
DENNIS KNOX 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	.. 7
LEONARD STILWELL 4	GEORGE E. FEARN	.. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 992 London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Cambridge and 1,632 Superlative, with 104 changes of method, and with all the work of each method for every bell.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
*GEORGE W. PIPE .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION,

A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
*ALICK CUTLER .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1954, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

JAMES BENNETT .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. 5
LEONARD STILWELL .. 2	*DENNIS KNOX .. 6
*RONALD J. SHARP .. 3	*RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 4	*GEORGE W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CECIL W. PIPE .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. 5
ALICK CUTLER .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 6
DENNIS KNOX .. 3	*GEORGE W. PIPE .. 7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal in the method and has now 'circled the tower.'

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

JOYCE A. ENDLAND .. Treble	ROYDEN DAVIES .. 6
RALPH BIRD .. 2	FRANK E. DARBY .. 7
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3	ALBERT J. ADAMS .. 8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 9
*ALFRED J. CLAYTON .. 5	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.
* 100th peal for the Association.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	*JOHN R. LEEMING .. 6
*FRANCES E. ELLISON .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 7
*ALAN PENDLEBURY .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 8
JACK N. BROWN .. 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. 9
*GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 5	†ALAN PEARSON .. Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal.

Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival, and as a compliment to the ringer of the tenor on his forthcoming marriage to Miss Anne Hollowood.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's No. 7.	Tenor 11 cwt.
THOMAS ROBINSON .. Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. 5
*FRANCES E. ELLISON .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
LESTER L. GRAY .. 3	*JOHN R. LEEMING .. 7
ALAN P. CAVE .. 4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. Tenor

Conducted by Percival W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. T. Osborne, whose death occurred earlier in the week. He was a member of the Church Council and represented Halewood on the Liverpool Diocesan Conference.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

HARRY WINGROVE .. Treble	JESSE HARRISON .. 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 2	ALBERT BRIDGES .. 6
*IMOGEN DARRELL-WATERS .. 3	WILFRED EDWARDS .. 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 4	WALTER LEE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* First attempt for a peal.

Rung to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the opening of the bells as a ring of eight on September 9th, 1884.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt..

*DAVID ARMSTRONG .. Treble	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 5
†DENISE J. SHAW .. 2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 6
FRED JACKSON .. 3	JOHN S. SEAGAR .. 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*JOHN HODGSON .. Treble	GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 5
BENJAMIN GREATORIX .. 2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 6
*DAVID MELLOR .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
FREDERICK W. ADAMS .. 4	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM.
* First peal of Major.

A farewell peal for David Mellor, who is shortly going overseas.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

MURIEL R. PIPE .. Treble	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 5
GWEN I. RUSBY .. 2	HARRY D. LISTER .. 6
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
In memoriam Garnham A. Blaxcell.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. 5
CHARLES H. MOORE .. 2	THOMAS SPIGHT .. 6
GEORGE H. MOORE .. 3	*JOHN MOORE .. 7
EILEEN G. BRACEY .. 4	HENRY TOOKE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung as a farewell to John Moore, of Heston, Middlesex, who for the past 18 months has been a regular Sunday service ringer at this church.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., Sept. 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN Treble	ELIZABETH BATE .. 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 6
JOHN E. TURLEY .. 3	*FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

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

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkinson, who were married at Boulton, Derby, on August 1st, 1904.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
HAROLD J. HAZELL .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Day's Six-part.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*PETER S. BARRETT Treble	*JESSIE K. BARRETT .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	JOHN NEVIN .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	†BERNARD H. HALL .. 7
*OLIVE W. BARRETT .. 4	JOHN H. FOSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

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

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. T. J. Stretch, B.A., C.F. (T.A.).

ALPHINGTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST J. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
CYRIL C. DEEM .. 2	ERNEST W. ROWE .. 6
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 7
FREDERICK WRELFORD .. 4	FRANK WILLS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Prebendary E. V. Cox (who has been doing duty at Alphington for several months) and Miss A. H. Pope.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1954, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN R. COOPER Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH .. 5
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 4	T. MARK WHITE .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Robinson, 73 on September 16th, and A. H. Pulling, 74 on September 18th.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

BEN BARKER Treble	ALFRED MOULD .. 5
W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
HAROLD TAYLOR .. 3	MARK J. BARKER .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Composed by G. FREEBREV.

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

Rung, as part of the celebrations, marking the 800th anniversary of the granting of the Charter of the Borough of Derby.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HENRY L. BISHOP Treble	FRANK REED .. 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK .. 2	*JAMES BLOND .. 6
ALBERT E. LOCK .. 3	MALCOLM CLOKE .. 7
BRIAN BLAYDON .. 4	ROBERT BLOND .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

* First peal in the method.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

GEOFFREY PAUL Treble	DONOVAN R. WHITE .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 6
W. NEVILLE BROWN .. 3	ROBERT BROWN .. 7
GEORGE E. FOSTER .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 21½ cwt. (approx.).

ERNEST J. LADD Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 6
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 3	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 4	†HARRY T. BROOKS .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

* 25th peal on the bells. † First peal.

An 83rd birthday compliment to Arthur R. Miles, captain of the local band.



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NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES FEARNLEY Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	ALAN A. POTTS 6
ERNEST BENNETT 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 7
BASIL JONES 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	G. HARRY BRAY 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 2	†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 6
†PETER JOHNSON 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
†RALPH ELKINGTON .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by JAMES NICHOLL. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 300th peal. † First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.

Rung for the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. David Oliver Forshaw, M.A., curate of St. Thomas', which took place in Leicester Cathedral on Sunday, September 19th.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

*ARTHUR D. SAYER .. Treble	ROYSTON WILMORE 5
†MRS. A. D. SAYER .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
JEAN A. KIRKMAN 3	†S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 4	MARY C. PAYNE Tenor

Composed by CANON G. H. RIDOUT (Johannesburg).

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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

A welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Sayer on their joining the local band.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5152 WARNHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

*AUDREY M. TROTT .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
LEONARD STILWELL .. 2	RAYMOND OVERY 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES (adapted). Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the Association.

SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. Treble	JOHN W. BLYTHE 4
GEORGE WATERMAN .. 2	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 5
MAX P. PAGE 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford, three extents of Kent and two extents of Plain. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

EILEEN BRACEY .. Treble	G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND .. 4
EDWARD G. CURSON .. 2	JOHN MOORE 5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. 3	CHARLES H. MOORE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MOORE.

First peal as conductor.



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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*RAYMOND SWAN Treble	COLIN HARWOOD 4
THOMAS LEONARD 2	JOHN CHURCH 5
GRAHAM PRATT 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal.

ST. MARY BOURNE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 12, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM KEWELL Treble	MICHAEL H. MAISEY .. 4
*VERA SMART 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
† REGINALD RIVERS 3	*HENRY E. COOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael H. Goss, captain of the Burghclere tower, on his marriage a fortnight previously.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ALBERT I. WALPOLE Treble	GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 4
*WILLIAM E. WARNER 2	ERNEST A. LONG 5
JAMES W. FORDER 3	DONALD A. LONG .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD A. LONG.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

Rung on the occasion of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kilbourne (local residents).

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 12, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. Treble	LEWIS E. WOOTTON .. 4
BARRY E. SAUNDERS .. 2	WILLIAM A. YATES .. 5
MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. 3	GEORGE SHELLARD .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon W. S. Pakenham-Walsh upon his retirement after completing over 60 years in Holy Orders; 30 years as a missionary in China and 30 years as Vicar of Sulgrave.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JAMES R. TAYLOR Treble	J. BANWELL LONG 4
† DAVID HOUGHTON 2	STEPHEN IVIN 5
*PETER J. SHIPTON 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

This is the first peal to be rung by a band consisting entirely of boys from Bedford Modern School and Bedford School. Average age 17½ years.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 changes each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and 1,440 changes each of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN R. G. SPICER Treble	WILLIAM SEEKINGS 4
MISS M. R. THOMPSON .. 2	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 5
E. JACK PARISH 3	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. C. BLYTHE.

* 100th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John Gilbert, of Huntingdon.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 720 each of April Day, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, one 720, consisting of 120 of each method.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROGER COLES Treble	TONY OTTER 4
ROBIN TREBILCOCK 2	TOM SMITH 5
JOHN HADFIELD 3	REGINALD BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM OTTER.

Rung by St. Andrew's, Headington, ringers as a welcome to the Rev. H. Cutler, formerly curate at Headington, to his new parish, Stanton Harcourt. Also a farewell to Malcolm Stone, R.A.F., and Tony Otter, who has been accepted by Kelham Theological College.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK .. Treble	ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 4
HARRY BOYCE 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. 3	EDMUND J. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND J. MORRIS.

First peal as conductor.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (six callings).

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*ANTHONY LOCKE Treble	FREDERICK J. ROBERTS .. 4
A. HUBERT EPLETT 2	CLEMENT W. JOSE .. 5
DAVID N. PENROSE 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal.

In memoriam Sidney Jose, father of the 5th ringer, who passed to his rest on September 2nd.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

DENISE J. SHAW Treble	*DAVID BRUNT 4
FRED JACKSON 2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 5
MARGARET RODGERS .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 6, 1954, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

JOHN S. HARRISON 1—2	W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 3—4
MAURICE BAILEY 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN S. HARRISON.

First peal as conductor.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 53, LEYS ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
The conductor's 100th peal, 75th upon handbells.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. King on their wedding anniversary.

WOODCHESTER BRIDAL COUPLE HEAR BELLS ON TELEPHONE

A Woodchester (Glos) couple, who were married on September 18th at their Parish Church, sat in their honeymoon hotel at Paignton, South Devon, at about 6.15 p.m. the following day and listened to the bells of their village church ringing out a quarter peal in honour of their wedding.

Both had expressed a wish to hear the bells and it was arranged that at that time a telephone call should be put through to a house near the church. The 'broadcast' was a great success, the ringing being heard quite clearly.

The bridegroom was Mr. Robert L. (Bob) Brunt, and his bride Miss Valerie Blakesley. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. D. Woolcott), and during the ceremony four young ringers—Ron Bowley, Nigel Birch, Anthony Burford and Brian Vanstone—played the hymn 'Love Divine' on handbells.

There was ringing on the tower bells both before and after the service, and the happy couple were later photographed with the bridegroom's ringing friends in the belfry.

Before they could attend the reception they had to negotiate a gate well tied up with a bell rope—this being achieved, much to the amusement of a large crowd of villagers.

On the Sunday a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung before Evensong:—W. J. S. Brunt 1, G. Latham 2, F. Garland 3, S. C. Thain 4, R. J. Thain (cond.) 5, L. Cordwell 6.

The couple were presented with a hall set by the Woodchester ringers, who themselves—as is the custom—received a bottle of whisky from the bridegroom.

Weddings**MR. R. PEARCE—MISS B. BROWN**

On September 4th at the Church of St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln. Mr. Richard Pearce, of Regina, Canada, was married to Miss Betty Brown, of Lincoln. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by five bridesmaids.

The reception, which was held at Eastgate Court, was attended by many relatives and friends.

The bride was, without a doubt one of the outstanding lady ringers in Lincolnshire and had a number of peals in advanced methods to her credit. Those meriting particular mention are Spliced Surprise Major in 32 methods, Wembley Surprise Royal (the first ever rung) and London Surprise Major (as conductor, at the age of 14). In all these peals she rang a working bell.

The bells at St. Peter-at-Gowts Church were rung before and after the wedding service, and at Lincoln Cathedral later in the day a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung to celebrate the event.

The couple will make their home in Regina and sailed for Canada on September 17th.

MR. ALAN SHEPPARD—MISS MARY THORNTON

The wedding took place at Sherburn-in-Elmet Parish Church on September 4th of Mr. Alan Sheppard, a Sunday service ringer, to Miss Mary Thornton. After the ceremony the bells were rung in rounds and 'fired' by Miss D. M. Hawley 1, Alan Thornton 2, Miss Pat Render 3, J. F. Potts 4, L. Thornton 5, H. Paul 6, Derek Render 7, E. M. Bradley 8. The honeymoon was spent at Scarborough.

WORSLEY'S BELLS RING MERRILY

On September 20th, Mr. Alan Pearson, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pearson, of Worsley, was married at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, to Miss Mary Ann Hollowood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hollowood, of Winton. The Vicar (the Rev. T. Billington) officiated, and in a reference to the bridegroom's ringing activities, expressed the wish that his husbandly duties would not unduly interfere with his hobby.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gold and parchment brocade ballerina length dress and carried a posy of pale yellow tea roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Marjorie Fletcher, carried pink carnations and was dressed in pale blue embossed nylon. The best man was Mr. Brian W. Hindley.

On the preceding Saturday the bridegroom rang his first peal, one of Stedman Caters conducted by Mr. P. W. Cave, and he also participated in a touch of Stedman Triples before the wedding service. Members of the local band assisted by ringing friends from Walkden, Bowdon, London, and also the bridegroom's brother, Geoffrey Pearson, now of Ashford, Kent, rang a course of Grandsire Caters before the service, and afterwards this famous and musical ring of bells pealed out a message of congratulations and good wishes in the time-honoured manner of rounds, Queens and 'firing.' This was followed by a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters.

Many congratulatory telegrams were received, including one from the local ringers, as follows:—'Here's one gone—no more single—Heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a long plain course in Doubles.'

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson will be living in St. Helens at 13, Canterbury Street.

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Will quarterly subscribers send their subscrip-
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scribers can also be enrolled.

The sale of the Marble Arch
Pavilion, London, and its
demolition will possibly re-
move another of our carillons. The theatre
organ here was unique for this country in that
it contained a carillon of 32 bells (Bourdon,
10 cwt.) cast at the Croydon Foundry in 1929.
It was mechanically played from the organ con-
sole.

We thank a ringer who forwards us his wage
packet, for ringing at a wedding, for our
'Gratefully Acknowledged' list.

Best wishes of many friends will accompany
R.Q.M.S. P. Tockock, who is leaving this coun-
try for a spell of duty in Germany.

A custom at Woodchester, Glos, is for the
ringers at a wedding to receive a bottle of
whisky from the bridegroom. Is this generally
prevalent in Gloucestershire?

Errata.—In the report of the peal of York-
shire Major rung at Brentwood, Essex, on
August 28th last, and reported on page 579, the
ringer of the third was Ernest W. Furbank, and
not James, as printed.

By ringing the tenor (which she did excel-
lently) at Syston, Leics, Mary C. Payne has now
rung a peal on each bell in this tower. Her
father, 'Ernest' and brother, 'B. Stedman,'
have already done this circle. Quite a family
record! Owing to illness, Mr. E. Payne was
unable to take part in this peal, but acted as
timekeeper from his sick-bed!

We hear that some visiting ringers at a
famous Suffolk tower recently did not exactly
cover themselves with glory. It cannot be
stressed too strongly that bands visiting strange
towers on their outings should confine them-
selves to ringing, and methods well within
their capacity. It often happens that prac-
tised ears are listening to their efforts.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Accompanying a quarter peal
by the Combe Martin ringers
on the occasion of Preben-
dary E. V. Cox completing 21 years as president
of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was a
note which reads: 'We are very glad to have
the opportunity of showing in a small way our
very real appreciation of all our president is
doing for the Guild and the help and encour-
agement he has given to us personally.'

Mr. T. Hammond, of Liverpool, now well
over 70, has made a remarkable recovery from
his recent serious operation, and last Friday,
to the delight of the band, took part in a touch
of Stedman Caters at St. Nicholas', Liverpool.

Mr. K. Dunstan, of 8, Bridge Road, Hunton
Bridge, King's Langley, has succeeded Mr. R.
Bell as 'Ringing World' representative of the
Watford District of the Herts County As-
sociation.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. W. J.
Paice, of Wokingham, is now back at home
after his operation. In thanking friends for
kind inquiries, he writes: 'My progress back
to normal health is slow but, I trust, sure.'

To mark the silver jubilee of the ordination
of the Rev. P. Sands, Rector of Upton, Tor-
quay, the bells were rung to Queens and Tit-
tums on September 22nd. Both the Rector
and Mrs. Sands were present in the ringing
chamber during the ringing.

A correspondent writes:—'It should be noted
that "Pipe's Pilgrims" tour of Cornwall was
not the first time of meeting of the two young
ringers referred to in the "Scribe's" com-
ments. The affections shown on the tour have
in no way been dampened, as has already been
proved. This included an unsuccessful attempt
for a peal of Cambridge Maximus at Bir-
mingham Cathedral, in which both took part.'

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THE week in Suffolk was a week well spent —this was the verdict of a party of annual tourists who this year had decided to visit the eastern side of the country. And there we found sunshine, smiling faces, better countryside than we had expected, interesting and historical buildings and a warm welcome.

Although primarily a peal-ringing tour, with 17 attempts successful out of 25, the party of 27 rang in 36 towers in nine days, for some wished to take no part in lengths of 5,000 changes. Only two towers visited—Diss and Colchester—are not in Suffolk.

Commencing the tour on Saturday, August 28th, our headquarters, the Great White Horse Hotel, Ipswich, were reached after we had started the programme. Bury St. Edmunds was the first stop and there, in the detached Norman tower of the Cathedral, we found that father and son, 'Jim' and George Pipe, had already spent some time in preparing the bells and ropes, and it was due to their efforts that we were able to record success—a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. At the same time another band were taken to Horringer, where after 45 minutes the ringing was stopped due to a miscall.

On Sunday morning we assisted in service ringing at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, and in the evening rang at Diss, where Albert Harrison welcomed us and had arranged a nice tea on arrival. Eight of the party, however, had stayed at Framdsen to attempt a peal of London, but this failed after one and a half hours so, joined by Leslie Wightman, the band rang a touch of Spliced for the evening service, after having had an impromptu tea at the very kind invitation of an elderly lady.

Monday arrived and the party had to leave headquarters early to journey to the north of the county and there to meet some 'neighbours,' Nolan Golden and Bert Gogle, who shared in our peal attempts for three days. A peal of Bristol was registered on the pleasing octave at Halesworth, where ringing takes place on the ground floor. After luncheon we were Yorkshire 'happy,' recording a peal of Royal on Beccles' grand ten, and a peal of Major at Pakefield, where the churchyard is being encroached upon by the sea. The church building was subjected to war damage, and reconstruction work included covering the whole of the nave with thatching, or Norfolk reeds. Incidentally, Beccles afforded opportunity to ring a peal in a second detached tower within two days. In the evening we were welcomed to Lowestoft Parish Church, with its 120 feet high steeple, to join in the practice ringing.

AT LAVENHAM

The next day, with the weather still warm and morale high, the party set out eagerly with the score 4—2. One band rang an extent of Yorkshire at that delightful spot, Lavenham, with tenors renowned and with the bells hung in an anti-clockwise circle. Stedman H. Symonds welcomed us to the tower and the ringing was under the conductorship of Mark Lancefield, who may be regarded as one of the brilliant young men in the Exercise to-day. The other band visited St. Gregory's, Sudbury, and set out with the intention of producing the music at Watford Surprise, but it was either the ringers or the bells did not know the tune, and eventually a 5,088 Superlative was accomplished, which marked the 25th anniversary of Canon Hughes as Rector of the parish.

In the afternoon a much more formidable task confronted those chosen to attempt a peal of Cambridge on the heavier eight at the neighbouring parish of All Saints, but this was

successfully concluded and earned the congratulations of the remainder of the party who had prematurely returned from Long Melford after ringing one and a half hours of London.

One of the principles adopted by Tom Lock in organising these tours is to include in the programme a peal attempt in the method named after the county being visited, and Long Melford was the tower chosen in which to ring Suffolk Surprise. This is one of the more difficult methods and although a few leads of the method were rung, there was clear evidence of 'stage fright,' and even London was decided upon with relief. No excuses are offered but the bright sunshine coming on to the faces of two of the ringers did not improve matters and it proved that for the first time in the series not one peal of London was to be rung. Upon our return to Ipswich in the evening we all had sufficient reserve to join in practice at St. Mary-le-Tower's to ring Cinques and Maximus.

To ring in the new month on the Wednesday we first called at Henley, where everyone was able to have a pull on the easy-going and pleasant light octave, and where within a stride of a tower wall we halted to read on a gravestone 'Rev. W. C. Pearson, M.A., died 1942, for 48 years vicar of this parish.' An attempt for Yorkshire was made but failed after one and three-quarter hours. Another morning attempt was at Stonham Aspal, and here an extent of Cambridge Royal was soon recorded on the lovely ring of ten bells which has recently been rebung on ball bearings. The non-peal ringers and those not engaged were conveyed to two rings of six at Otley and Ash Bocking, where various methods were rung.

TWELVE-BELL PEALS ELUSIVE

A fair amount of travelling was incurred for the afternoon attempts, but the visit to Cotton will not easily be forgotten by the band who rang the peal at Aldenham. Ringing takes place on the ground floor and the chamber really has only three walls, the fourth side being formed of wrought iron gates of open design which allows all kinds of weather, fine and foul, to enter. Having left the band at this remote village, the coach returned to Ipswich, where an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques was scheduled at St. Mary-le-Tower. Messrs. G. E. Symonds and C. J. Sedgley, two very young stalwarts with years of experience, completed the band and the latter was conductor. Although we did have a second start, everything went nicely until after the turning course, when the demon came and spoilt the effort which had lasted for two and three-quarter hours. Disappointed, though undismayed, the band had done their best and whilst some good twelve-bell ringing has taken place on these series of tours we have never as yet enjoyed the good fortune to record success.

With half the week gone by we still had plenty of famous place names to visit and on Thursday morning we first stopped at Debenham, where the Vicar was waiting to welcome us to his church. Here we recorded a peal of Cambridge whilst another band went to Framlingham to attempt a peal of Lincolnshire, but unfortunately experienced the first and only breakdown of the week when after one hour and five minutes, ringing was stopped through a broken clapper.

The afternoon session provided for ringing at Wilby and Fressingfield. At the former tower were the steepest winding steps and with the narrowest treads that the band had ever negotiated, and instinct dictated holding on to the rope which wound around the centre post when ascending or descending from the ringing chamber. An extent of Rutland was rung here on the pleasant octave which gave the Vicar and churchwardens much pleasure as they

had heard nothing quite so pleasing before. At the latter tower, the second visited with the bells hung in an anti-clockwise circle, a very good peal of Lincolnshire was achieved.

GEORGE PIPE EARNS A MEDAL

Friday was heralded with a degree of silence, the party being less communicative at breakfast table than had been usual, but there was a sufficient reason. A few extra copies of 'The Ringing World' had arrived and so reading took the place of talking. Travelling north-eastward we arrived at Kelsale, where, again ringing from the ground floor, a 5,000 of real Spliced Surprise, in which the composition made every bell do all the work of each method, was brought round in good style, George Pipe earning a medal by his excellent performance, this being his first peal of Spliced. Mark Lancefield again did a good job as conductor, and apropos the report of the ringing tour in Kent, we have no doubt that he would conduct the peal of Cambridge Maximus and know every lead end from start to finish. Whilst one band was enjoying itself at Kelsale another band was recording a peal of Cambridge at Leiston, the home of the Bailey family.

After lunch we had two pleasant rings to look forward to, at Ufford, where an extent of Ipswich Surprise was recorded, and at Woodbridge, where this very fine ring of eight was rung for three hours and 21 minutes to Southwell Surprise, no less than five of the band earning stars. In Ufford Church is a fine cover to the font, which rises like a decorated steeple right up to the roof with no visible means of being lifted.

The last full day of the tour still held fruits in store, but by evening time our average of successes had fallen. We saw a wet Suffolk for the first time although the weather improved to an extent indicated by a later related incident. Our first disappointment came after ringing for a little over one hour for a peal of Oakham Surprise Royal on Grundisburgh's light ten. For some reason we had not settled down to a desired rhythm and eventually we paid the penalty. We held ourselves responsible, for there can be no adverse comment regarding the bells, which are ideal for their weight.

A second band had visited Hollesley and had arrived before schedule, but by the time the necessary inspection of the bells had been made and attention given to the ropes an informant told the conductor that a wedding was to take place later, which meant no time in which to ring a peal. So the party eventually gathered at 'Easta,' where Mrs. Pipe had very kindly and generously invited all to partake of some substantial refreshments.

THE SIXPENNY PEAL FEE

The last opportunity of paying the newly imposed sixpenny peal fee on this organised trip arrived when one band visited Helmingham, and another band visited Stowmarket, whilst there was still another six-bell tower at Buxhall for the remainder. The former band were saved financially, for Yorkshire was lost after three-quarters of an hour. The second band willingly committed themselves to the fee by completing a good peal of Rutland on bells which went better than had been expected.

Many names have not been mentioned but who shared in ensuring that the tourists should have an enjoyable and successful tour. We thank them, the incumbents of the churches visited, Jim and George Pipe, and everyone who did anything towards what, we can sincerely assure them, was a thoroughly happy tour.

A MANY COUNTIES TOUR

Mid-Essex Ringers' Interesting Week

A TOUR which embraced ringing in six counties started from Danbury on August 14th by a party of mid-Essex ringers accompanied by Mr. H. J. Hazell, of Enfield. After lunch at Oxford, ringing took place at Burford and Northleach and the journey was via Evesham and Pershore to the Hop Market Hotel, Worcester, the headquarters for a busy week.

Sunday's programme included service ringing at Worcester Cathedral and All Saints'. The Worcester Beacon was climbed in the afternoon and some good Cambridge was rung at Great Malvern Priory for the evening service.

Monday's route was through the Vale of Evesham to Salford Priors (8, 15 cwt.), a village of black and white timber cottages. Then came the 15th century tower of Chipping Campden, towering above a village built of Cotswold limestone. The bells (tenor 24 cwt.) required some handling due, we think, to the sway of the tower. Lunch was partaken of at the model village of Bourton-on-the-Water, but the bells were not very good, Mr. J. D. Johnson and Mr. John Thomas met the party at Hinton-on-the-Green and the first course of Superlative on these superlative bells was, in our opinion, excellent. At Evesham bell tower, although we enjoyed these grand 12, our ringing was not up to standard.

The course of the Severn southwards was taken on Tuesday, proceedings being marred by trouble to our coach. Towers visited were Upton-on-Severn, Tewkesbury Abbey (which excited the admiration of architectural enthusiasts), St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester (and a visit to the Cathedral), Cheltenham, where Stedman Caters was rung on these tip-top bells, and finally Pershore Abbey.

Wednesday's programme started with a very pleasant hour at Malvern Link, followed by timber-gabled Ledbury and a reluctance to leave this fine octave. At Ross-on-Wye our best touch was Stedman Triples. Lunch was at the Wye Valley beauty spot, Symonds Yat, and afterwards a river trip was enjoyed. Belvedere Surprise was rung at Sandhurst, on the outskirts of Gloucester, and after dinner at Worcester we enjoyed the local ringers at St. John-in-Bedwardine.

Thursday saw us heading in a westerly direction. Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal were successfully brought round at Leominster Priory. The five bells in the pretty village of Eardisland were enjoyed. Lunch was at Ludlow, and it was our regret that these supposedly fine bells were not available. The first six of the week were in the massive tower of Stanton Lacey, then came the warped and twisted wooden spire of Cleobury Mortimer, containing an excellent six on which were rung York and London Surprise. The ten at Claines were found to be tricky to ring.

By 9 a.m. on Friday were again on the road heading for Warwickshire. We regarded Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, as one of the finest tens in the country for its weight (19 cwt.). Grandsire Caters was splendidly rung and also an excellent course of Cambridge Major. In pouring rain we arrived at Sherbourne, on the outskirts of Warwick. In Warwick a pleasant hour was spent on the fine ten at St. Mary's. Henley-in-Arden and Great Hampton were rung in the afternoon, and in the evening Powick.

There were glum faces as we packed for home on Saturday. On the homeward journey we rang at Hook Norton, where we met Mr. Ernest Pearson, Chipping Norton and All Saints', Oxford. Danbury was reached soon after 9 p.m., thus finishing a very pleasant tour of magnificent countryside and excellent bells. A gift was presented to Mr. A. H. Everett for his excellent arrangements, and also to Mr. J. E. G. Roast for his assistance. Thanks are due to incumbents, local ringers and our driver, Mr. Clarry. J. E. G. R.

BEACONSFIELD BELLS

With the ringing of a peal to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the opening of Beaconsfield bells as a ring of eight, it is interesting to read the programme on September 9th, 1884, when the bells were dedicated.

A new treble and tenor were added to the original six, the treble in memory of Edmund Burke, and the tenor in memory of the Earl of Beaconsfield. The programme was as follows:—

3.30 p.m.—Christening Beaconsfield Church bells.

4 p.m.—First peal in honour of the 28th anniversary of Mr. G. A. Charsley's marriage.

4.30 p.m.—Second peal in honour of the marriage of Mr. F. W. Charsley with Emily, youngest daughter of General Gascoigne. C.B.

5 p.m.—The fatted calf pulls at the telegraph post, but not succeeding in pulling it down, is killed, quartered, sub-divided, and distributed amongst the deserving inhabitants, and especially the poor of Beaconsfield.

6 p.m.—Races between girls and boys. 12 prizes given by Mr. F. Charsley.

In the future—Clock erected in lieu of telegraph post on its site.

[As a clock was placed in the church tower shortly afterwards, the last item was not carried out.]

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual Hoylandswaine Cup contest was held at Hensworth on September 11th. Three bands entered. The test piece was 720 changes and each band rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Mr. H. Chant was the judge and Mr. E. Atkinson the marker. The result of the ringing was as follows:—

	Faults	Penalties	Total
Cawthorne ..	65	5	70
Shelley ..	101	0	101
Royston ..	132	10	142

The Rector presented the trophy to the Cawthorne team, and a ball pen to each member of the winning team.

A SHEFFIELD GOLDEN WEDDING

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkinson, of Handsworth, was celebrated by a peal on these bells on September 15th, of which he was the instigator of their installation in 1920 and was Ringing Master until the war.

During his Mastership not only did he bring the local band up to Surprise Major standard, but many other ringers in the Sheffield District owe much to him.

When the ban was lifted in 1944 he retired owing to ill-health. An improvement in health has enabled him to return to the fold and his successor values his assistance in training a band of youngsters and in trying to maintain the good standard which Mr. Watkinson started at Handsworth.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Branch at Whitchurch on September 11th was attended by 40 ringers, who included three from Worcester. The Branch Master, Mr. F. Bailey, saw to it that the youngsters had their full share of the bells, and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

The service was conducted by the Rev W. D. Llewellyn, who also presided at the business meeting.

One new member and two life members were elected. The next meeting will be held at Cowbridge on December 4th, which will be a joint affair with the Southern and Brecon Guild.

The company were generously entertained to tea. Mr. Fred Hannington thanked those responsible for this kind gesture.

A NEW LANCASHIRE RING DEDICATED

Saturday, September 11th, was a great day in the history of St. John the Evangelist's Church, Farnworth and Kearsley, when the new ring of eight bells and new clock were dedicated.

The scene in the church was one of great beauty, the soft sunlight shining through the lovely stained glass windows on to the High Altar with its glistening central Cross and lighted candles.

The Bishop of Middleton, the parish priest and their attendants with full choir processed into the chancel and the service opened with the singing of the hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell.' After prayers and responses the 150th Psalm was sung. The lesson was taken from Numbers x. During the singing of the Cantate Domine the Bishop and clergy, headed by the great Processional Cross, were conducted to the west door immediately under the tower.

One of the churchwardens then asked the Bishop to dedicate the recast bells and the new clock. The blessing of the bells was followed by the singing of the Doxology and immediately the eight bells were rung in rounds by the Parish Church ringers.

The Bishop, in a most inspiring sermon, mentioned that he once lived in Croydon and had a knowledge of the art and expressed a wish to visit the tower after the service and see the bells and ringers. He congratulated the church authorities on the fine effort which had been made to put the tower in order.

The opening touch on the new bells, one of Stedman Triples, was rung by Joseph Thornley 1, John Fidler 2, Sidney Leatherbarrow 3, Joseph Leatherbarrow 4, Albert Greenhalgh 5, Percy H. Derbyshire 6, Peter Crook sen. (conductor) 7, Henry Prescott 8.

The old bells were in F sharp (tenor 12½ cwt.) by Thomas Blackburn, of Salisbury; they were in a very good state as regards 'go' and tone. Messrs. Taylor have transformed them into a ring of eight in G (tenor 12½ cwt.). The new clock, by William Potts, of Leeds, replaces one which had been in use for 130 years. Messrs. Taylor were represented by Mr. John Fidler, and William Potts by Mr. R. H. Dove.

Tea was served in the School after the service, about 300 people participating.

The donors of the new bells are:—

Treble.—The Parish Church Ringers.

Second.—Family of the late Frank and Gertrude Warburton.

Third.—Mrs. E. G. Botham in memory of her husband and son.

Fourth.—Family of late William and Sarah Ellen Watson.

Fifth.—Edith Whittaker in memory of her father and mother.

Sixth.—E. M. Coope in memory of her father, mother and sister.

Seventh.—John Proffitt and Clara Rostron in memory of their parents and William Rostron.

Tenor.—Parishioners in honour of the Coronation of Elizabeth II.

The bells are in two tiers as the tower is small, and are hung in what was formerly the clock room. The clock in turn has been placed in the former ringers' room. The ringers are now at gallery level in a comfortable room complete with modern lighting and carpeted floor. The sound of the bells is perfect and all can be heard distinctly.

The ringers are a young band under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Thornley, who is secretary of Bolton Branch.

A great number of visitors tried the bells and all expressed their complete satisfaction with them. Ringing was continued until 8 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'ON CONDUCTING'

Dear Sir,—Those who, like Mr. N. G. Holingworth, found much both interesting and instructive in Mr. W. G. Wilson's recent articles on conducting, will be glad to know that, by arrangement with Mr. Wilson, these are being published by the Central Council in book form, and may be obtained from the hon. librarian at the modest price of one shilling, post free. (See the advertisement for C.C. publications on the back page of this issue.)

Mr. Wilson has very kindly offered that any profits arising from the sale of the book shall be given to 'The Ringing World.' I hope, therefore, that it will find a ready sale.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary,

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

DOUBLE NORWICH AT ST. NICHOLAS', LIVERPOOL

Dear Sir,—I am writing to confirm the statement in the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's letter ('The Ringing World,' September 17th) regarding peals of Double Norwich at St. Nicholas', Liverpool. The error and the omission in the note in 'Belfry Gossip' are regretted by those of us who were responsible for sending in the note to 'The Ringing World.'

If we had turned back a few pages in the St. Nicholas' peal book we should have discovered the 1922 peal, which incidentally was not a false peal. There were those of us who, relying on our memories, were certain that there could only have been one peal and, having found it, did not bother to search any further.

What amazes us, however, and compels our admiration, is the painstaking research on Mr. Felstead's part to find the true facts presumably from 'The Ringing World' reports. A system to enable one to allocate peals to towers, peals to Associations, peals to individuals, etc., etc., would tax the resources of a card index expert—so how did he do it?—Yours faithfully,
P. W. CAVE.

PEAL RINGING IN DEVON AND CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—I am most grateful to Mr. Roberts and Mr. Myers for their assistance in correcting errors in my records. Mr. Roberts is quite correct in his surmise—I had credited Truro Cathedral with the peal of Grandsire Triples in 1948 instead of Kenwyn. I know all will wish the Cornish ringers well in their attempt to pass the visitors' total of peals before their Guild's diamond jubilee.

In the case of Appledore, Devon, I find the peal Mr. Myers mentions had been credited to Appledore, Kent! I have tried to be careful about places with the same names, but I fear I slipped up on this one. I have checked on all the other peals I have recorded for Appledore, Kent (with one exception, which is in a volume of 'The Ringing World' I don't yet possess), and find no more errors, so it would appear that this 1913 peal is the only one ever rung at Appledore, Devon. If Mr. Myers knows of any more there I should be very pleased to learn about them. His surmise about the peal I have missed at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, is also correct. However, I wonder if this appeared in 'The Ringing World'? I have had a quick look at the issues in which it normally would have been recorded, but cannot find it. My figures are, of course, based entirely on the peals that have appeared in the ringing press.

Finally, I must ask the forgiveness of the Devonshire ringers about visitors ringing most peals there. I am happy to learn that I was wrong in this.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir.—I suppose it is inevitable that the emphasis in the discussion on Bob Triples should have shifted to a consideration of the merits or demerits of this particular method. More important, I think, is to consider the position of the Council members who will next Whitsun be called upon to give a definite ruling (deferred from the last meeting) on whether or not the peals of Bob Triples rung in 1953 should be included in the Council's analysis.

I would here contend that it is impossible for the Council to make an intelligent decision in this matter until members have had an opportunity to consider all rules and decisions made in the past on this and all other technical matters, so that any contradictions and anomalies may be properly sorted out. Otherwise if we make yet one more blind decision on a matter of this kind we shall again hold ourselves up to ridicule if it should afterwards emerge that there are any inconsistencies between the decision of 1903 or 1904 to which we have been referred and any that may have been taken later. Can we, therefore, be told by those responsible for the publication of the proposed handbook whether this will be available before the next Council meeting?

I would, incidentally, express sympathy with those who have now undertaken the production of this book. This onerous task is not made easier by the fact that others have tried to produce the book and have apparently failed. It will be realised, however, that it is virtually impossible for rank and file members of the Council to contribute intelligently to the Council's affairs without being able to acquire knowledge of the Council's rules and past decisions.

I feel that if it is impossible for the handbook to be available before the next Council meeting the Bob Triples decision should be deferred to 1956. Otherwise we shall only lend further point to charges levelled against us that we are a laughing stock of the Exercise.

I would in conclusion add that if ultimately it is decided to discount the 1953 peals from the Council's analysis we should be consistent and amend the analyses of all previous years from the time the decision was originally made in 1903 or 1904. In my personal opinion there is very little reason why people who wish to ring peals of Bob Triples should not do so, but the important point as far as the Council is concerned is that it is senseless to make decisions and recommendations if these are afterwards to be ignored without further consideration. For my part I would gladly support those who would like the 1903 or 1904 decision repealed if it has not already been at some time in the intervening years. If, however, it still does stand as a decision, do please let those of us who in the name of our Associations pledge loyalty to the Council honour our desire.—Yours faithfully,

Melton Mowbray.

P. A. CORBY.

A NOISY LITTER

Dear Sir,—You may be interested to know that the Campanologia Cairn terriers are in the news again—this time a brace of puppies are sailing to Trinidad, British West Indies, in October. These two are called 'Campanologia Called Wrong' (with apologies to Stedman) and 'Campanologia Cacophony' (with apologies to bad strikers). The other puppies from these litters are called 'Campanologia Into-the-hunt,' 'Campanologia Artful Dodger' and 'Campanologia Calliope.' Not, I think, unsuitable nomenclature for a very noisy crowd.—Yours faithfully,

M. SYBIL CHURCHILL

Warmley, S. Glos.

ST. SAVIOUR'S, SHANKLIN

Dear Sir.—Whilst on holiday recently in the Isle of Wight I visited the Church of St. Saviour-on-the-Cliff, Shanklin, which has a ring of eight with the bells in two tiers. I ascended the tower and found the belfry to be in a sorry condition. The bells themselves appeared to be in order but the fittings, especially the pulley wheels, were corroded and the usual havoc caused by pigeons was apparent. I also noticed that there were no ropes and the bells were chimed by an Ellacombe apparatus.

I was later informed by a churchman at Carisbrooke that Shanklin bells were not rung at the tower was unsafe. Remembering an article in a recent edition of 'The Ringing World' I am wondering if this is really the case or if it is just an old local story that has come to be regarded as true over the years. The tower and spire seem to me to be very solid and safe.

I should be interested to learn the truth about this as it seems a pity that Shanklin bells should remain silent on an island of keen bell-ringers.—Yours sincerely,

C. F. NEAL.

Clapton.

FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL AT BASINGSTOKE

The Four Guilds Festival held at Basingstoke on August 28th was attended by over 120 ringers from a very wide area. Great enthusiasm was shown in visiting all the towers open for ringing, and the weather being on its best behaviour, the visitors were able to enjoy the beauties of the countryside as well as the fine churches and bells.

The service was held in St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, and was taken by the Rev. R. H. Arnold; the sermon being preached by the Rev. V. R. Ireland, Rector of Dummer. The Archdeacon of Basingstoke, the Ven. A. W. Chuter, was unfortunately unable to be present owing to unforeseen circumstances.

An excellent tea was provided by the Ladies' Committee under Mrs. E. P. Austin's direction, and those present very much appreciated the reasonable price. Ringing was continued until nine o'clock in a variety of methods, and most agreed that for meeting old friends and having a good day the Festival had been once more a success.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

First Visit to Cheswardine

The Shropshire Association, making their first visit to Cheswardine on September 11th, were given a cordial welcome from the local ringers and the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Forester Gardner). The beautiful old Church of St. Swithun with its magnificent views were much admired, as were the bells which most of the ringers were hearing for the first time.

Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, followed by Cambridge Surprise on the arrival of the Ringing Master, Mr. A. Pritchard. These were followed by a short service in the church conducted by the Vicar.

A substantial tea, served in the Parish Hall, was enjoyed by 40 ringers. It was arranged by Mr. C. Edwards and fellow ringers with the help of ladies. At a short business meeting the Cheswardine ringers were proposed and accepted as members of the Association.

Mr. Pritchard mentioned that an invitation to visit Welshpool next year had been received, and suggested consideration of this before the annual meeting.

Mr. Farmer proposed that final discussion about 'The Ringing World' should take place at the last meeting in 1954, that at Clive on October 9th.

Returning to the church, the party found more ringers waiting, and Yorkshire, Superlative and London were rung.

THE COUNTRYSIDE IN AUTUMN

BURES AND DISTRICT

Promptly at 6.30 a.m. two coaches left Bures Church en route for Oundle (Northants), where the party were welcomed by Mrs. Clarke and some of her pupils. This being the first tower and the bells being very odd struck with an awkward circle, only the Stedman was up to our usual standard.

The long awaited Oakham (Rutland) tower was reached dead on time, where a very cordial welcome was received from Det.-Sergt. Hoy. The programme started with a good course of Rutland on these, a bell founder's masterpiece from the Croydon Foundry (1911). At the request of the 'locals,' we finished with Stedman.

Arriving at Market Harborough (Leics), Mr. Hector and Mr. Tyler stood in for Superlative. What promised to be perfectly-struck London was marred by one member trying to ring Rutland after making the thirds. Crossing the border into Northants, we discovered another good ring at Rothwell, where Mr. Baxter and Mr. Loke assisted in the raising and lowering in peal. Wellingborough was our next call, where neither Harry Millatt nor Edwin Hynard could be persuaded to turn the tenor in to Superlative, but Yorkshire sounded very nice. These are really Triples bells, and Mr. Lilley and Mr. Plowman enjoyed some Stedman with us.

The structure of the tower at Higham Ferrers was much admired, and the bells, in spite of the long draught, are a joy to ring. Mr. Deighton was full of apologies for keeping us waiting for three minutes, such is the grand feeling of fellowship to be found in this area.

Tea was taken at the Central Hall, Kettering, which proved a memorable occasion. Mr. James H. Edwards, on behalf of the company, expressed thanks to the organiser (Mr. Leslie D. Mills) for this, the seventh annual tour, which had been so enjoyable, and it gave him very great pleasure to ask him to accept a travelling clock as a token of esteem. Mr. Mills suitably replied.

In all 260 miles were travelled through eight counties. L. M.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Three towers in Somerset were visited on August 14th by 33 ringers and friends of St. Michael the Archangel's, Winterbourne, for their annual half-day outing. After a pleasant coach ride through Burrington Combe and Cheddar Gorge the six-bell tower of St. John-the-Baptist's, Axbridge, was reached on time. The pleasant-toned bells were soon set going to Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, with rounds and Queens for the younger ringers.

The journey was then continued to Burnham-on-Sea for tea. The next village to hear the skill of the Winterbourne ringers was East Brent, where the six bells of the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin rang out to Stedman Doubles and Little Bob Minor without error.

The last call of the day was to the Old Church, at Uphill. It was here that the younger ringers found difficulty in handling the very light six, and the older ringers found they had no energy left after the steep climb up to the little church. In spite of this, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were brought round with only slight mishap. Home was reached by midnight. W. F. S.

ST. GEORGE'S, CAMBERWELL

The ringers of this tower had their first annual outing on September 11th, when Mr. John Sansom at short notice enabled the party to ring at St. Mary's, Hammondsworth (with a glorious view from the roof), St. Leonard's, Heston, and St. Dunstan's, Cranford. Thanks are due to Mr. Sansom and Mr. Brooke Lunn for a really grand outing.

FINCHLEY

On September 11th the Finchley ringers with their families and friends climbed aboard the coach and set off for Berks and Bucks. Our speed was rather slower than estimated for, and St. Paul's, Woburn, was reached 25 minutes late. The ringing period here had to be cut to half an hour but everyone enjoyed the bells.

Leaving at 10.30 a.m. we then went over the hills to Blewbury, where at St. Michael's Church some good ringing was again enjoyed.

The next run took us to lunch at Kingsclere, but once again running late, and to many members' utter dismay, we reached the Crown Hotel at exactly one minute past two o'clock. The proprietor was unable to quench thirsty throats and made his apologies. He said that the village had only that week been endowed with two new police constables. New brooms swept clean, and a good many of the local people, to their sorrow, had been made aware of this fact by the new recruits' alertness. An excellent hot lunch was enjoyed.

Before leaving the table Mr. F. Barker spoke of the Finchley ringers' pleasure at having the visitors with them. He spoke to the tower's eight youngsters, five girls and three boys, and said that it was only due to their keenness and their fast-improving progress that the outing this year was made possible. It gave him great satisfaction to know that the future of the band was so promising, and, most of all, that Sunday service ringing would, when the 'old 'uns' had disappeared, continue in capable hands. This year he would have completed 50 years at a Sunday service ringer at Finchley, during which time he had made many friends and had a good many experiences. He recalled the days when the Finchley outing consisted of a day, in the then country, with a horse-brake, and if they got as far as Mimms (approximately ten miles) they had had a wonderful trip.

Having 'dined,' but not 'wined,' we then made for St. Mary's, at Reading. The bells were a joy to everyone, a very fine ring to handle and listen to. Here the menfolk were treated to an all-ladies' course of Grandsire Triples, our young girls being backed up by Mrs. A. Diserens, Miss A. Diserens, Mrs. P. Levington and our lady visitor, Mrs. Saunders. Reluctantly leaving the tower, a fine meat tea was taken at Parslow's, in West Street.

Our last tower was Burnham, where we were met by our old and genial friend, George Gilbert. Plenty of ringing here was enjoyed by all, after which the amenities of George's adjoining club were enjoyed to the full. L. E. T.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS

North Muskham ringers, with friends from Sutton-on-Trent, Southwell, Newark and one enthusiast from Duffield journeyed into Northamptonshire for their annual outing.

A late arrival and a wedding curtailed ringing on the exceptionally fine bells of Holy Trinity, Rothwell, which have recently been rehung. A fair show was made of Grandsire Caters at SS. Peter and Paul's, Kettering, and with the aid of some local ringers Stedman Caters was rung.

Four towers were visited at Northampton—St. Edmund, King and Martyr (a good eight), St. Giles' (an exceptionally good ten), St. Peter's (a complete Rudhall eight), and All Saints' (where the fine tea just previous resulted in striking not being so good as could be expected).

On the homeward journey a call was made at Moulton to ring on the five bells of SS. Peter and Paul's. The party were very pleased that the local Vicar joined them in the ringing. Method and tune ringing on handbells enlivened the rest of the journey via Stamford and Grantham. Thanks are accorded incumbents and local ringers and also Mr. F. W. Midwinter, the organiser.

HARROW WEALD

The summer of 1954 lived up to its reputation when the Harrow Weald ringers left in heavy rain for their annual outing on September 4th. This in no way dampened their spirits, although it was much appreciated when the sun broke through at lunch time, and continued to shine for the rest of the day.

The towers visited were Bicester, Adderbury, Banbury, Wicken and Woburn. As a wedding was in progress when the coach reached Adderbury, the ringers were able to wish Godspeed to the newly-married couple as they left the church with a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Lunch was taken at Banbury and tea at Stony Stratford, both meals being much appreciated after the early start and strenuous exercise.

The ringing at Woburn was half-muffled, happily not being any reflection of the party's spirits, but in memory of Mr. Ernest Herbert, who was interred there on the previous Wednesday. The ringing for the day concluded with two courses of Superlative, specially rung as a memorial touch to him. Mr. Douglas Harris, the well-known local stalwart and for many years a colleague of Mr. Herbert, took part in this act of homage.

The ringing throughout the day was good and ranged from Stedman Triples to Spliced Surprise Major, with Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal at Banbury.

MARKFIELD AND DISTRICT

Thirty-four ringers and friends from Markfield, Copt Oak, Whitwick, Ibstock and Oaks-in-Charnwood visited Derbyshire on September 12th for their annual outing.

At the first tower, Eckington (8) the party were met by good friends from Bolsover, who escorted them to Clowne (6) for 30 minutes' ringing and then to Bolsover. Here wives and friends of the ringers had prepared a grand reception for the visitors and around the tea table the Vicar of Bolsover accorded a warm welcome. Ringing ranging from rounds to Double Norwich followed at the Parish Church.

Accompanied by Bolsover ringers, Mansfield (8) and Mansfield Woodhouse (6), two excellent rings were visited before farewells had to be said. The cordiality of the reception and the kindness of the many, coupled with the excellent weather, made the outing one not quickly forgotten.

ST. CHAD'S, SHREWSBURY

Fine weather, good bells and a warm welcome everywhere made the outing of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on September 4th, a memorable occasion. Instead of a coach four cars were used, these including the runabout of the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman), who contributed greatly to the proceedings.

Caters at Kidderminster was very much to our liking, but we could hear little of the trebles when ringing. The delightful church, village and bells of Claines were difficult to leave.

A visit to the Cathedral at Worcester was frustrated by a rehearsal of the Three Choirs Festival. A pleasant run brought us to Hanley Castle, where the Vicar (the Rev. M. Dean) entertained us and his ringers to tea. There is also a light, tuneful six by Mears at the Daughter Church of St. Gabriel. At Powick, the last call, the heavy bells were raised in peal and rung to standard methods. W. A. F.

BALDOCK AND NORTON

These two bands held the last of their outings for the year on September 18th and the journey took them into Bedfordshire and Hunts.

Ringing took place at Sandy, where the bells were rehung last Christmas, St. Neots, Godmanchester and St. Ives, where the long draught made control difficult for the inexperienced. Incumbents and those who met the visitors are thanked for their help and co-operation.

QUARTER PEALS

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Castledine (cond.), first in the method, aged 15) 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, S. Bennett 3, C. Harwood 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, E. Buck 6, J. Dear 7, L. Hughes 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Evans 1, M. Helps 2, R. W. Perry 3, P. Bate (first quarter of Minor) 4, W. G. Brown (cond.) 5, L. Coles 6. A farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who is joining H.M. Forces.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sept. 19th, at St. Iltyd's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): D. Bryant 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, E. W. Coles 5, H. Underhill 6, C. A. Gerrish 7, H. Preece 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. D. Rees James, a ringer at this church for 45 years.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Poston 1, R. Poston 2, C. G. Jones 3, Miss M. Tilbury 4, Miss J. Green 5, F. E. Roberts 6, J. Harris 7. For children's service.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Jeanes 1, L. Duffield 2, P. J. Shipton 3, J. B. Long 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, J. R. Taylor 6. Also on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Ward 1, J. B. Long 2, Miss Evelyn Steel 3, R. W. Stephens 4, B. F. Sims 5, S. Ivin 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, D. Bridges 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ernest Herbert, a vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association, who died on August 28th.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Yeo 1, B. Boyle 2, K. Walters 3, F. Yeo 4, L. Walters (cond.) 5, A. Smallridge 6. For Evensong, and in gratitude to Preb. E. V. Cox on completing 21 years as president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Eldridge 1, Mrs. E. Smyth 2, J. Fowler 3, Miss J. Tilline 4, E. Eldridge 5, B. Lister 6, P. Toccock (cond.) 7, J. Lovejoy 8. First quarter for 4 and 8. Rung as a farewell to R.Q.M.S. Toccock, who is shortly leaving for duty in Germany.

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Matthews 1, B. K. Lunn 2, G. Thrush 3, P. J. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Thrush.

CUDHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Cox 1, Miss D. M. Ward 2, Miss M. R. Andrews 3, I. H. Oram 4, J. L. Morris (cond.) 5, D. Beresford 6.

CULHAM, OXON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wright 1, B. Davis 2, W. Davis 3, J. Greenwood 4, R. Broad (cond.) 5, C. Davis (first quarter) 6. First quarter for an all Culham band.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: R. Schofield 1, A. C. Chaplin 2, Mrs. R. Armstrong 3, L. S. Woods 4, I. Campbell 5, N. J. Fleetwood 6, J. R. Fleetwood 7, J. Armstrong (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Rung for 'Battle of Britain' Sunday and the opening of Radio Mission to London in Essex.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Alvaston, on Sept. 15th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. M. Horton 1, M. J. Dyer 2, C. W. Walklate 3, S. Walklate 4, D. Walklate (cond.) 5, F. R. Lowe 6.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Absalom 1, A. Greenough 2, F. Smith 3, J. Godman 4, J. Blond 5, R. Blond 6, J. Berry 7, W. Tame 8. For morning service.

EASTINGTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Minor (one extent each Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, H. S. Morley 2, J. J. Taylor 3, E. Philpot 4, A. H. Hawcroft 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. J. P. Powls, who passed away on September 3rd.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Martin 1, E. Bourne (first quarter 'inside') 2, G. Taylor 3, H. Baker 4, G. Grant (cond.) 5, J. Paille (first quarter) 6.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Heaton 1, B. Sullivan 2, J. Armitage 3, G. Dixon 4, P. Whitaker 5, E. H. Simpson 6, A. Wear 7, W. Dixon (cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Shirley J. Wilson and Mr. Bernard L. Elise.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Ivin 1, Phyllis Gray 2, D. Houghton 3, P. Shipton 4, J. B. Long 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Grandsire, 120 Plain Bob, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Old, 300 April Day): M. Eason 1, R. Trebilcock 2, J. Hadfield 3, T. Otter 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 12th, 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Perkins 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, W. Seekings 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Eileen M. Ricketts (first of Stedman) 1, J. Chilcott 2, W. W. Webb 3, P. Betteridge 4, B. A. Rose 5, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 6, J. A. Moore 7, J. E. Ricketts 8.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On Sept. 19th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Begrie (cond.) 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, Miss M. Roberts 4, E. F. Pryor 5, R. Newman 6, W. F. Jarvis 7, H. W. Barnard 8. Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain, and to honour the birth of a daughter to Leah, wife of the Rev. F. A. H. Tomkins (curate).

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Sept. 1st, 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, E. J. Parish 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, F. W. Lack 5, N. Mallett (cond.) 6. Rung with best wishes to N. Mallett upon his 'demob' from H.M. Forces.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Twidale (first quarter except on covering bell) 1, R. Hodgson 2, Ruth Carey 3, Pat Forster 4, D. Jackson (first as cond.) 5, E. Wood (first quarter) 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells since 1911. Rung before Evensong, and as a compliment to the conductor. All the ringers belong to the Rye band except the ringer of the tenor, who comes from Iden.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. L. Weller 1, Miss S. A. Richardson (cond.) 2, M. A. Richardson (first 'inside') 3, W. L. Weller 4, G. Francis 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.—On Sept. 1st, at the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Prockson 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, A. W. Coles 4, M. Oakshett 5, G. A. Parsons 6, G. P. Peters 7, J. W. Euston (cond.) 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. E. Parry 1, C. Geary 2, Shelagh Kilbourne 3, Wm. E. Simpson 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, H. F. Makins 6, T. W. Robinson 7, R. G. Newsum 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. P. Powell 1, G. S. Morris (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, H. E. C. Goodenough 5, W. H. Poole 6, R. Keeley (100th quarter) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, A. Drake 2, H. Long 3, H. James 4, W. Upton 5, L. Bailey 6, D. Reed (cond.) 7, S. Moody 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Albert Callaway, formerly a Newport ringer.

LATE NOTICES

ASTON CANTLOW.—Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Meeting postponed until Oct. 9th at the request of the Vicar. Any further names for tea by Oct. 6th, please.—H. M. Windsor, District Secretary. 5139

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual district meeting, Northfleet (8), on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Peartree, 1, Plane Avenue, Northfleet, by Wednesday, Oct. 13th. Nominations, with seconds, to me by Wednesday, Oct. 13th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 5136

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Down 1, C. J. Turner 2, P. C. Davis 3, L. Hinc 4, E. H. Marks 5, W. S. Burrow 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, R. T. Wood 8. Rung as a compliment to Lord and Lady Coleridge on their golden wedding anniversary.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Coleman 1, W. H. Yates (first quarter 'inside') 2, Doreen M. Spokes 3, H. Jones 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, F. Pateman 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Gough, captain of Padbury ringers, on the occasion of his marriage to Mrs. Bandy.

ROCHDALE, LANCs.—At All Saints' Church, Hamer, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen Nuttall (first quarter) 1, Beatrice Wood 2, Alwyn Taylor 3, K. Abbott 4, I. W. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss M. Nuttall.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, R. A. Southwood 2, H. Harper 3, A. H. Eplett 4, Miss V. M. Matthews 5, D. Penrose 6, C. K. Brewer 7, A. E. Matthews 8.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Jose 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, P. Harding 3, B. A. Parkin 4, F. Roberts 5, D. N. Penrose 6, A. G. Matthews 1, A. Locke 8.

SANDHURST, GLOS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Pugh 1, E. J. Price 2, Miss W. Cockburn 3, Miss J. Cockburn 4, F. Tranter (first as cond.) 5, N. Daniels (first quarter) 6.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Brooks 1, R. C. Hide 2, F. P. Cresce 3, J. Sexton 4, R. W. E. Dane 5, S. Ford 6, O. Wood (cond.) 7, J. Cole 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. J. Hurst, an old and respected member of the tower, who died the previous day.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Challen (first quarter) 1, R. Challen 2, Miss J. Pike 3, E. Marsh 4, O. Giles 5, F. Howe (cond.) 6, H. Stalham 7, T. Drinkwater 8. Rung as birthday compliments to Mr. Bert Challen (82 years) and to Mr. Ernie Marsh (80 years).

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Johnson 1, D. Gullick 2, W. Brown 3, G. Cherry 4, A. Harris 5, D. Jones 6, M. Orme 7, P. Croft (cond.) 8. A farewell to the Rector (the Rev. J. H. King), who is leaving for Bedford.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Brown 1, F. Lewis 2, Miss G. Brown 3, Miss P. A. Gaunt 4, R. F. Diserens 5, R. Christopher 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, C. E. Lewington 8. For harvest festival.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: P. Horwood 1, J. Newman 2, R. J. Scott 3, W. Twidell 4, D. Knox (cond.) 5, J. Sinfeld 6. Rung in memoriam W. E. Herbert, member of the Beds Association for 65 years.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Chapple (first on 8) 1, Gillian E. Brown 2, R. F. Diserens 3, M. Maisey 4, H. Gregory 5, C. E. Lewington 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, F. W. Lewis 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. J. Chapman and Miss H. Young.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. Smith (first of Major) 1, E. Winifred Keys 2, E. J. Munday 3, S. Kathleen M. Knight (first of Surprise) 4, R. Baldwin 5, F. W. Burnett 6, R. G. Leale 7, B. J. Luff (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for all except the sixth. A birthday compliment to the father of the ringer of the fourth.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Peart 1, Jane Cotterill 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, F. Pickering 4, F. Barraclough 5, K. Clarke 6, J. N. Hadley 7, N. C. Reynolds 8. Rung as a compliment and farewell to Miss Jane Cotterill, who is proceeding to Nottingham University.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Hayne 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, R. F. Symonds 3, G. J. W. Abbott 4, H. J. Ford (first of Triples) 5, F. Precey (cond.) 6, Sergt E. J. Gower, R.E., T.A., 7, J. W. Rose 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Stedman, captain of Wyke Regis ringers, and a 70th birthday compliment to the conductor. Also for the engagement of R. F. Symonds and Miss D. Hill, members of the local band.

OBITUARY

MR. D. REES JAMES

With the passing of Mr. D. Rees James on September 17th at the age of 76 years, Bridgend, Glam., loses one of its oldest and best-known ringers.

He was a member of the Bridgend band for 45 years, but in recent years he was unable to ring owing to ill-health. He took part in most peals rung in this tower, his favourite method being Stedman Triples.

As a tribute of respect, touches of Grandsire Triples and a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled, were rung to his memory. W. T. P.

CRANFORD'S MEMORIAL TO A BELOVED RECTOR

The memory of the Rev. Maurice Child, a great friend of ringers and lover of bells, has recently been perpetuated at Cranford, Middlesex. He was Rector here from 1935 to 1950, and the restoration of the beautiful little church in Cranford Park, for which he worked so hard during his incumbency, included the augmenting and restoration of the bells into a delightful ring of six.

It was at his request that the first peal on the bells was rung on a Sunday, when he knew that a peal was the height of achievement in ringing; he expressed the opinion that nothing could be better than to ring a peal to the glory of God on a Sunday. This peal was rung in 1943 on the Feast of the Assumption and on the anniversary of the death of Dr. Thomas Fuller, who was once Rector of Cranford.

On August 15th, 1954, the following members of the local band assisted by Mr. W. H. Coles (conductor of the first peal) rang 720 Bob Minor to mark the anniversary date:—Miss G. Zanelli (first 720) 1, Miss B. Thrush 2, Geoffrey Thrush (first 720 'inside') 3, Derek Fowles 4, Peter Woodgyer 5, William H. Coles 6.

On September 11th a beautiful Church Hall was opened at Cranford by Mr. Justice Vaisey, and dedicated in memory of the late Rector by the Lord Bishop of Kensington. As published in our peal columns a peal of Plain Bob Minor was afterwards rung, especially to record gratitude for the life and work of a beloved Rector and friend.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' October 2nd, 1914
LEISTON, SUFFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tuesday, September 22nd, 1914, in 2 hours and 35 minutes

In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
5,040 CHANGES

Allen F. Bailey	1-2
Charles F. Bailey	3-4
Ernest S. Bailey	5-6
James M. Bailey	7-8
Edgar H. Bailey	9-10

Composed by G. Lindoff

Conducted by Charles F. Bailey

First peal of Treble Bob Royal 'in hand' by all.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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MARRIAGE

FIDLER—LEE.—On Saturday, Sept. 25th, 1954, at Emmanuel Parish Church, Loughborough, Arthur, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Fidler, to Jean Margaret, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lee, 28, Nanpantan Road, Loughborough. 5138

DEATH

BENNETT.—Victor J. F. Bennett, hon. treasurer of the Oxford Society, died at the Radcliffe Infirmary on Thursday, September 23rd, 1954, aged 62, after only four days' illness. 5125

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Margaret E. L. Beamish, of 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuncaton, is entering Southampton University on October 7th, and her address during term will be: Highfield Hall, Omdurman Road, Southampton. 5121

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

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

PUBLICATION

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, 67a, The Close, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 4143

MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—First practice of term, Great St. Andrew's (opposite Christ's College), Oct. 6th, 8 p.m. Freshers especially welcome. For further information contact W. T. Cook, Hon. Sec., Jesus College. 5119

ST. GEORGE'S, BARKINGSIDE.—Eight bells (tenor 10½ cwt.). Weekly practice has now been arranged to take place on Saturdays, commencing Oct. 2nd, from 3 until 4 p.m. until further notice. Everyone welcome. Nearest station is Gants Hill (Central Line). 5109

MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Saturday, October 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

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 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

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell, Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. F. Dodson. 5065

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey (8), Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea at the Copper Kettle 5 p.m.—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.—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 5.15 p.m. 5060

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

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.—C. Tovell. Hon. Branch Sec. 5083

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Bradford-on-Avon, Holy Trinity (8), Oct. 2nd. Usual arrangements.—F. Slaford. 5114

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

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Old Coulsdon, Oct. 2nd. Bells (5). Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. 5093

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

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, Oct. 4th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5118

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, King George Hotel, Barnsley, October 9th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Mary's 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 5133

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

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Weston (8), on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, 16, Lynfield Park, Weston, Bath. 5055

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Fivehead, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Notify for tea; usual arrangements.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Langport. 5102

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Look up Annable's London.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 5103

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 6th, to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holy Dyke, Barton-on-Humber. 5129

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (quarterly meeting) and **SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—Joint meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, October 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea available for those who notify, by October 6th. S. Scattergood, Sheffield Road, Sheepbride, Chesterfield.—N. Chad-dock and A. B. Cooper. 5128

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

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Hurworth, Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 7th. to M. Stewart. 5, Emmerson Road, Hurworth-on-Tees.—E. P. Rock. 5135

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Roker, Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 7th. to Mr. A. B. Williamson. 30, Neale Street, Fulwell, Sunderland. 5116

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge, Hunts and Ely Districts.—Joint meeting, Long Stanton (8), Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5123

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. Writtle (8) and Great Baddow (8) available. The Cathedral bells are available at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. at which it is hoped as many members as possible will attend. Cathedral bells available again after Evensong.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 5063

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Widford (8), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea at Mount Cafe.—A. H. Everett, Sec. 5113

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Norton (8), Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Names for tea certain Oct. 6th.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote. 5106

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Purton (heavy six), Oct. 9th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 5108

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

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, Oct. 4th, to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden. No names, no tea. 5130

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

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Quarterly meeting, Abergavenny, Monday, Oct. 9th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, as soon as possible, please, to Miss L. Temlett, Park Villa, Hereford Road, Abergavenny, Mon.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 5098

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Light refreshments provided. Names to Mr. P. Ashcroft, 6, Edge Hall Road, Orrell, near Wigan.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 5101

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Leesfield, Oldham, Oct. 9th. Bells available 2 to 3, 3.30 to 5, and after tea. Sandwich tea.—F. Pritchard. 5127

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. followed by business. Service 6 p.m. Ringing again afterwards.—T. J. Lock. 5117

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. 5134

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. 5134

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Kingham after tea. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury. 5134

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

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Last meeting this year, Clive (6, 25 cwt.), Oct. 9th. Make it a good one. Names for tea—W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 5132

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Please notify for tea, not later than Oct. 5th, Mrs. E. Walker, Blacksmith Arms, Harworth, Doncaster.—H. Denman. 5120

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—Surprise practise, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 6 p.m. All welcome.—F. R. S. 5107

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

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Fittleworth (6) on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at 2.30. Names for tea, please by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 5126

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Eling on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Oct. 5th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 5112

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, Nuncaton. 5090

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Acle, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 13th, certain, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 5131

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aston Clinton, Bucks, on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Stoke Mandeville bells available after tea. Names for tea, by Oct. 12th, to H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 5124

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Croughton, on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Please notify, not later than Tuesday previous, of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 5104

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD and **ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Joint meeting, Elton (5), Oct. 16th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 11th, to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 5105

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Empingham (6) on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Names for tea, by Oct. 12th, to E. E. Gibson, Eastam, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 5097

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Brewood, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 13th, to Mr. C. S. Dumbell, Kingsnorth, Coven Road, Brewood, near Stafford. Tickets for the Annual Dinner on Nov. 13th will be available at this meeting. 5111

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Tues., Oct. 19th, from Dinner Committee, Branch Secs. or Gen. Sec. Accommodation for 250. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3-5 p.m. (provisionally) and All Saints' (10) 3-5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrrow, Evesham. 5111

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—317th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, Nov. 6th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5137

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