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THE TALE OF JOE SNOOKS

JOE SNOOKS was an airman, a regular airman, and when friends asked him why he had signed on in the R.A.F., Joe would say, 'Well, I like to do a bit of tower grabbing, and this seems as good a way as any.' Well, Joe had certainly been lucky; for nearly two years he had been stationed on an airfield in the south-west of England. He had been happy in his work; he had ploughed satisfactorily upwards from the rank of aircraftsman second class to that of junior technician. Now, with ample money in his pocket, he was able to spend his leisure hours in travelling the county and ringing in numerous towers. He had made many good friends among the local ringers, and they would spend Saturday afternoons attempting peals. These were not always successful, but each afternoon would be nevertheless most enjoyable, and there was always a noggin of ale to be had in the evenings. Each Sunday would see Joe and his friends ringing once more in fine form, and afterwards taking their places with the choir.

Yes, life was ideal for Joe; but one day the blow fell. He was happily toddling off to work one morning when he was collared by an N.C.O. and informed that the 'gaffer' wished to see him in his office immediately. Joe was first advised to shave, put on a clean collar, clean his boots, etc., before presenting himself to the officer. This done, Joe presented himself at the inner sanctum wherein the said officer sat. He was cordially invited therein and offered a seat (a most unusual occurrence).

After opening an expensive gold cigarette case and offering Joe a 'Woodbine,' the officer proceeded to explain why Joe had been summoned to his presence. 'You see, Snooks, old chap, the jolly old R.A.F. are valuing your skill enough to make you up to a corporal.' Joe blushed with pride, he had never expected to reach such a position so soon in his service career. 'However,' the officer went on, 'a most unfortunate thing has happened, you are being posted to Scotland next week.' Joe was dumbfounded. 'You can't do this to me,' he cried. 'Oh no?' said the officer; 'we've done it.' Joe pleaded, argued and very nearly wept, but to no avail; there was a bed and a place in the Naafi queue waiting for him in Scotland. Sadly he went to the billet to pack his kit. What could he do? Commit suicide? No, you could get a court-martial for that. Desert, and hide away in some lonely bell tower? No, it was winter and too cold for that.

The following week Joe bade a sad farewell to his friends and eventually entrained for bonny Scotland. Upon his arrival there (it was still snowing) he set about finding some bells to ring. In this he was sadly disappointed. True, there was a ring of eight some thirty miles from camp, but these had not been rung for at least twenty years owing to lack of interest and ringers. The nearest change ringing available was nearly 170 miles away, at Edinburgh, and necessitating a six and a half hours train journey.

Joe, as far as we know, is still in residence in the wild Highlands, silent save for the skirl of the pipes and the tinkling of cattle bells; spending his time in composing false peals and writing silly articles to 'The Ringing World.'

Therefore, you ardent ringers of bells, when you ascend your towers Sunday by Sunday and casually tap off a touch of Grandsire Doubles or Cambridge Twelve, spare a thought for those even less fortunate than Joe; those who are serving (perhaps unwillingly) thousands of miles across the sea. Pray that when they eventually return to their homes their ringing enthusiasm may be doubled and that they will once more take their places as useful and active members of their towers and Associations. R. A. S.

A TRADITION

There is one thing that all newspapers endeavour to follow—a regular style in the presentation of their news. Since 'The Ringing World' was founded by the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith certain styles have been followed which, if correspondents could be persuaded to adopt, would save the time of the Editor.

In regard to sending in peals, have a copy of the journal in front of you and write your report as it has to be set out. Against the first footnote place a *, the second †, the third ‡ and the fourth §. After giving these details add the reason for the peal.

There is also a style for quarter peals. Town or village, county, date, church if more than one in the town with a ring of bells, number of changes, method. Name (first quarter or any footnote), number of bell. At the end give the purpose, i.e., for evensong.

Finally, when you have written your report read it through carefully and write your name (not a signature that might be indecipherable) and address.

Reports should be written on one side of a sheet of paper. Quarter peals and peals should not be written on the same sheet.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.		Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.	
ALAN A. POTTS	Treble	JOHN WORTH	6
EDWARD JENKINS	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
FRED DUNKERLEY	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	*PETER BORDEF	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

Rung for the christening of the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Hill (Ruth Olwin). Christened prior to the peal by her grandfather, Rev. E. C. G. Weeks, Vicar of the above parish.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILL.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES	6
BARNABAS G. KEY	2	STELLA HUGHES	7
*ERNEST STITCH	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
†ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	5	†FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM D. CROFTS.

Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.

* 100th peal on ten bells. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

‡ 125th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung to mark the 16th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar,

the Rev. S. B. Ashley.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*FREDERICK G. KINCHIN	Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	6
CHARLES COLES	2	*CLARENCE R. STEED	7
†DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	*FRED C. LYNE	8
*FRANK A. BARRETT	4	†GEORGE F. BURTON	9
†DAPHNE R. CASTELL	5	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Plain Bob Royal. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

Rung for the birthday of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER	Treble	PETER BORDER	6
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	HENRY H. FEARN	8
ALAN F. THIRST	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
WILFRED WILLIAMS	5	FRANK E. DARBY	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
GILLIAN A. WILLIAMSON	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	PETER BORDER	9
J. FREDERICK MILNER	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

REGINALD V. JOHNSON	Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
*GEORGE A. PARSONS	2	JOHN W. EUSTON	7
KENNETH SNELLING	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	8
†BETTY PERCY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	9
RAYMOND OVERY	5	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER (No. 53 C.C.C.).

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WALSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., July 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

ALBERT WALKER	Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
MURIEL REAY	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

Rung to celebrate the consecration of the Emmanuel Church, Bentley, by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.		Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.	
JOHN PINFOLD	Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
FRANK E. HAYNES	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
DIANA J. PERRINS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal on the bells since recasting.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., July 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

PAUL J. RIGBY	Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
MURIEL REAY	4	PETER BORDER	Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS.

A PEAL OF 5088 CHESTER IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN DEAN	Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 252).

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother; also a birthday compliment to Dennis H. B. Millward.



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FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
CHARLES CATCHPOLE 2	*ROBERT PLUMMER 6
E. AUSTIN HEAD 3	*GEORGE FILBY, JUN. .. 7
L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT Tenor
Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.	
* First peal of Major.	
Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.	

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD Treble	GEOFFREY PAUL 5
*JOHN HALL 2	STEPHEN BROOMFIELD .. 6
GWEN I. RUSBY 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 4	ARTHUR PASHLEY Tenor
Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.	
* First peal of Double Norwich.	
A compliment to Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, who on this day	
and date, 1906, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Andrew's,	
Grimsby.	
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.	

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Lambert's Variation of Pritchard's.	Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in G.
GEORGE FRY Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 5
*JANET FRENCH 2	STANLEY JENNER 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER 7
EDWARD J. JENNER 4	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor
Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.	

* First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.
Birthday compliments to F. H. Hicks and E. J. Ladd.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE SHELLARD Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES 5
FREDERICK C. CASE 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 6
MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. 3	ROGER KEELEY 7
W. CHARLES GOUGH 4	*GEORGE E. GREEN Tenor
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.	
* 25th peal.	
Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.	

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

*ROGER K. STRETTON .. Treble	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 5
ERNEST J. JELLEY 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
†ROLAND H. COOK 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK 7
PHYLLIS POOLE 4	ALBERT J. COOKE Tenor
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.	

* First peal of Triples away from tenor. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 8, 1956, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

RAYMOND OVERY Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 5
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 2	GEORGE CECIL 6
*COLIN A. TESTER 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor
Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON.	
* First peal in the method.	
A birthday compliment to Ernest J. Ladd.	
Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.	

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*SHEILA DANIELS Treble	†PHILIP N. TUBBS 5
†ROBERT C. KIPPIN 2	JAMES E. DANIELS 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. 4	R. ROGER SAVORY Tenor
Arranged by D. H. LAYTON (adapted).	
Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.	

* First tower bell peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the twin daughters of the ringer of the fourth.

CARDYNHAM, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEWBRED,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

V. MARY MATTHEWS .. Treble	DOUGLAS BURNETT 5
A. HUBERT EPLETT 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS 6
ALAN CARVETH 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
DAVID N. PENROSE 4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor
Composed by J. E. BURTON.	
First peal on the bells since rehanging.	
Rung in the diamond jubilee year of the casting of the bells.	
Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.	

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 48 lb. in E flat.

STANLEY W. COPLING .. Treble	DAVID HEIGHTON 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	JOHN S. BARNES 6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 7
ARTHUR G. MASON 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor
Composed by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.	
Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.	

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

ROBIN G. LEALE Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
RUSSELL H. R. PARKER .. 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY 6
MRS. M. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD .. Tenor
Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.	
Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.	

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*WINIFRED WHEELER .. Treble	ALAN G. FEVER 5
*WINSTON S. GIRLING .. 2	KENNETH G. BROWN 6
ALICE E. J. LESTER 3	†LEONARD S. SHARPE 7
ROBERT E. LESTER 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.	
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major.	
A 21st birthday peal for Rosemary Seabrook and David Brand, and	
13th for Peter Lester.	
Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.	

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BROMHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

PERCY BRAY Treble	W. JOHN PHIPPEN 4
MRS. R. E. C. SMITH .. 2	ERNEST E. BRAY 5
*MICHAEL R. ROSE 3	RONALD E. C. SMITH Tenor
Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.	

* First peal.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HAROLD J. MUNCEY .. Treble	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 4
*HENRY FOSTER .. 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
L. VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN .. 3	†STANLEY SHIPP .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 50th peal.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

ALAN THORNTON .. Treble	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 4
G. FRED TERRY .. 2	JOHN POTTS .. 5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

Rung on the back six bells.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 14 cwt.

*J. MERRICK .. Treble	F. MERRICK .. 4
J. RANFORD .. 2	†W. H. CALE .. 5
†W. HUBAND .. 3	†J. CALE .. Tenor

Conducted by F. MERRICK.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band.

UPAVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Plain Bob and 21 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY BRAY .. Treble	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 4
MRS. R. E. C. SMITH .. 2	ERNEST E. BRAY .. 5
W. JOHN PHIPPEN .. 3	RONALD E. C. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

PERCY BRAY .. Treble	W. JOHN PHIPPEN .. 4
MRS. R. E. C. SMITH .. 2	RONALD E. C. SMITH .. 5
ERNEST E. BRAY .. 3	DAVID T. H. ROBERTSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

Rung for the silver wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. F. Honeybun, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bouch.

Mr. F. Honeybun has been treasurer and churchwarden at Corscombe for 20 years.

NEWINGTON, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*RONALD C. BURNS .. Treble	EDWARD C. BARTON .. 4
TERENCE BARTON .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5
ALBERT DUNK .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal of Minor.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALI. SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor 4½ cwt.

STANLEY SHIPP .. Treble	*CLIVE A. GOODING .. 3
HENRY FOSTER .. 2	HAROLD J. MUNCEY .. 4

GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

* First peal 'inside.'

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: Double and Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*LOUIS WILLIDERS .. Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 4
*RONALD RUSSELL .. 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in eight methods.

Mr. Louis Willders has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of a 720 each of (1) Single Court, (2) Double Court, (3) Reverse Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. Treble	FRANK A. BARRETT .. 4
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 2	PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 5
*MOLLIE TILBURY .. 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal in nine methods 'inside.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 8, 1956, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*ERNEST J. JELLEY .. Treble	*†JOHN A. ACRES .. 4
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	*JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5
*†PHYLLIS POOLE .. 3	*ROLAND H. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † Have completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. The quickest peal yet rung on tower-bells.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM F. RICKWOOD .. Treble	*LESLIE MELTON .. 3
ALAN G. FEVER .. 2	KENNETH G. BROWN .. 4

ARTHUR F. BALLAM .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal of Doubles.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*†EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. Treble	JOHN E. BROUGH .. 4
HERBERT SUTTON .. 2	*J. DEREK SMITH .. 5
A. ANTHONY JAKES .. 3	†FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal in four Minor methods. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal 'inside' in four Minor methods.

A silver wedding compliment to the treble ringer, Edward J. Boffey, and Mrs. Boffey.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Wragby and Neasden Delight; (3) St. Albans and Charlwood Delight; (4) Oxford, Kingston and Sandal Treble Bob; (5) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel Treble Bob; (6) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob; 26 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	*RONALD DAWSON .. 4
*†MRS. G. RICHARDSON .. 2	WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 5
*ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW .. 3	*HENRY KIRK .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

* First peal in 15 methods. † 25th peal. The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

*NANCY WILLCOX .. Treble	*ALAN KELLER .. 4
†HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 2	†GEORGE CHALLANS .. 5
KENNETH RUTLAND .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal at first attempt. † 75th peal together. ‡ First peal of Minor.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's: (1) Oxford and Kent T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) Thelwall, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double and Plain Bob, (7) Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4
MARY DOWSETT .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
*PETER J. CAME .. 3	*PETER J. EVES .. Tenor

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.

* 25th peal together. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the fifth.

HANDBELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 18, 1956, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

AT 67, ORIEL ROAD, NORTH END,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 17 methods, viz.: (1) London Bob, College Bob, Lytham Bob, Wavertree College; (2) Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Thelwall Bob, Childwall Bob; (3) Double Court and Single Court; (4) Hereward Bob and Single Oxford Bob; (5) Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Bob; (6) Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 1-2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 3-4
ROGER BALDWIN .. 5-6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal in 17 methods by all the band, and most methods rung to a peal for the Guild.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1956, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

AT 24, DOYLE AVENUE, HILSEA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 21 methods, viz.: (1) London Bob, Double Court, College Bob, Lytham Bob, Wavertree College; (2) Double Oxford Bob, Hereward Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Thelwall Bob, Childwall Bob; (3) Cromer Alliance, Crayford Little Bob; (4) Walsingham Alliance, Little Bob; (5) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob; (6) Single Court, Reverse Bob; (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 1-2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 3-4
ROGER BALDWIN .. 5-6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal in 21 methods by all the band, and most methods rung to a peal for the Guild.

A birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of 1-2.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1956, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 3-4
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 5-6	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, June A. Grieveson 2, C. D. Linington 3, D. H. Paine 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. First in method 'inside' for 2 and 3. Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to Valerie Mephram.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. Lawson 1, W. Middleton 2, N. M. Newby 3, J. W. Brownrigg 4, J. E. Burles 5, J. Sewell 6, A. Capstick (cond.) 7, A. Jackson 8. Rung during the visit of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Ambleside.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Tyson 1, A. Capstick 2, F. H. Crawley 3, R. Wilton 4, H. Wilson 5, J. E. Burles 6, J. Bagnall 7, G. Richins 8. To welcome H.M. the Queen and the Duke to Barrow-in-Furness.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, LEBYS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. M. Bagshaw 1, Miss E. A. Charlesworth 2, Mrs. M. Finlow 3, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 4, F. Forster 5. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all except conductor.

BURTON DASSETT, WARWICKS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Slack (first quarter) 1, T. K. Farrow 2, W. Collett 3, H. M. Windsor 4, G. L. P. Aldhouse (cond.) 5, R. J. Edden 6. Rung to mark the 79th birthday of Mr. W. Collett.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): N. Greenaway 1, E. C. Leigh 2, B. F. Jeffrey 3, S. Jenner 4, E. J. Jenner (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, W. A. Leigh 6. Also on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Greenaway 1, D. E. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner 4, D. E. Leigh 5, B. E. Jeffrey 6, S. Jenner (cond.) 7, W. A. Leigh 8. Rung half-muffled by the local band as a token of respect to Mr. A. J. S. Webb, a local ringer.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Aug. 6th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joan Beresford (cond.) 1, Margaret Lewis 2, A. Harman 3, G. F. Oakshott 4, A. E. Cheesman 5, E. E. Gosling 6, W. W. T. Daxiell 7, A. J. Adams 8.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 of (1) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel, and (2) Kingston): Mrs. G. Richardson 1, Miss E. A. Charlesworth (first of Spliced) 2, Miss E. M. Bagshaw 3, H. Kirk 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5, B. J. Woodruffe 6.

FULHAM, S.W.—On July 22nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. Watts 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, M. Moreton 3, H. Belcher 4, W. S. Langdon 5, B. K. Lunn 6, J. S. Mason 7, J. Chilcott 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, H. M. Page 10.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Biggs 1, I. Biggs 2, A. Heppinstall 3, N. Cornwall 4, D. Cornwall 5, E. Gosslin 6, J. D. Kape (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8. Also on July 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. C. Jones 1, Mrs. A. E. Cox 2, A. Heppinstall 3, J. D. Kape 4, W. Lee 5, A. Newton 6, A. E. Cox 7, R. Biggs (cond.) 8. These two quarters were rung as a farewell to A. Heppinstall, who has been stationed at Walters Ash, and is now demobilised from the R.A.F.

LAMBETH, S.E.—At St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Aug. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Powell (first of Major) 1, N. G. Hollingworth (first of Bob Major as cond.) 2, J. A. Hales 3, F. E. Corfield 4, J. Hales (100th quarter) 5, P. J. Hutchings (first in method) 6, C. W. Ottley 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Edwards (first of Minor) 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, W. Fulker (first away from treble) 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Weaver 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, C. A. Hughes 4, C. W. Ottley 5, J. Hales 6, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 7, M. H. Hayes 8. For evening service.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (120 St. Simon's, 120 London, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Canterbury, 240 Old, 300 Grandsire): L. Battison 1, R. Henman (cond.) 2, J. Kightley 3, M. Ringrose 4, A. Ford 5. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Osbaldiston (first quarter) 1, A. Osbaldiston (first 'inside') 2, Christine Macnair 3, R. Smith 4, A. McFall (first as cond.) 5, M. J. Pryon 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. Hague and Miss D. Bowden.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): A. Boyd 1, A. Bull 2, B. McKie 3, C. Hayter 4, B. Pinnock 5, W. Foote (cond.) 6. First in two methods for 1, 4, 5 and 6 and first as conductor as such. For Evensong.

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Buswell 1, Pamela Clarke (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Margaret Hill 3, T. Goodwin 4, T. Greasley 5, J. D. Clarke (cond.) 6.

PECKLETON, LEICS.—On July 30th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, Rita Stratford 2, M. Vernon 3, G. Ball 4, J. Vernon 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. E. A. Hall, a devoted member of this church, beloved wife of Edwin Hall, verger and ringing master.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Rowe 1, W. Theobald (cond.) 2, M. J. Rowe 3, H. Howson 4, E. J. Rowe 5, Miss J. Turner 6. Miss J. Turner is the first lady to ring the tenor to a quarter peal.

SUSSEX TOURISTS IN THE NORTH

THIS year's tour of the Sussex ringers and friends, organised by Miss F. E. Wyman, could very quickly be summed up as a journey of 1,500 miles, through 22 counties (17 in England, five in Scotland), with visits to 24 towers in eight counties, where 13,324 changes were rung in 21 methods after climbing 1,155 steps.

However, behind this recital of figures there is a story of a very enjoyable week spent by a very friendly crowd of ringers and friends, a week in which our good luck was certainly in, to quote but two examples. First, the weather; on arrival at Carlisle we found that the city centre had been flooded out before our arrival owing to a thunderstorm, while we had been enjoying sunshine, and Friday, the day of our visit to Edinburgh, brought the residents their first fine day for over a week.

Your chronicler journeyed to Liverpool on Sunday, July 1st, and after ringing for Evensong at the Parish Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas on the grand 12, went to the hotel to wait for the main body of the party, who had journeyed up from Horsham via Kingston, Towcester, Lichfield, picking up at various points. Arrangements had been made for all to ring on the 12 after Evensong, but we arrived too late and could only express our thanks to the captain with regret at missing this unexpected treat.

Monday saw us away through that modern engineering marvel, the Mersey tunnel, for Bromborough, Cheshire, where the Rector met us with the news that a crack had developed in the tower, stopping all ringing. He had, however, made arrangements for us to ring at the Undenominational Church at Port Sunlight. This church was a personal gift of the first Viscount Leverhulme, and has a nice eight by Mears and Stainbank (tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F). The bells being up, we were soon away to short touches in standard methods.

Returning via the tunnel, we headed for Lancaster, and lunch, after seeking a parking place for the coach, and the cafe lunch was enjoyed before we were away once more for Windermere. (This is the only reference I shall make to the parking problem, although it was with us all the week, and our thanks are due to Tom, our driver, for making things so easy for us and reducing walking to a minimum.)

The eight at St. Martin's, Windermere, proved rather tricky, but were mastered. Miss Wyman was told by the tower captain, who had been listening across the lake, that the ringing was good. Tea was enjoyed at his cafe by the lakeside, in company with swans and seagulls.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL

Our road to Carlisle, headquarters for the rest of the week, was by the way of Kirkstone Pass. Slight engine trouble here caused us some delay. Arriving late at Carlisle, it was a case of dinner or bells: two plumped for bells, the rest for a meal, which was awaiting us. This was hastily eaten by some, who then went down to the Cathedral and were in time to meet the local ringers coming away from their practice. We had a short talk with Mr. Farrington, the head verger, and he contacted the Dean, who very kindly gave us permission to ring early on Tuesday morning between Holy Communion and Matins. Up early in the morning, 15 of the party went to Communion. Joining the others, we went by way of stairs at the west end and along the clerestory to the central tower, where it was again short touches in order to accommodate everyone in the short time given us. In 1745 the six bells were rung to welcome Prince Charles Edward (Bonnie Prince Charlie) as he marched southwards. After the rebellion had been quelled, the Duke of Northumberland had the wheels removed, and the bells were not rung again until 1926, when

they were augmented to eight and rehung. The bells are a mixed ring, the present seventh dated 1401, the fifth 1608, and the tenor 1657.

On to St. Andrew's, Penrith, where the eight, augmented by Taylors, who added a tenor and treble, were soon away to some grand ringing.

In the church are two candelabra, each for 24 candles, given to Penrith by the Duke of Portland for their loyalty in the 1745 rebellion. From here we crossed into Westmorland to Kirkby Stephen. Legend has it that these bells were paid for by Dick Whittington, for Appleby, but because they were left in the churchyard for such a long time the people of Kirkby Stephen fetched them for their own church, which is one of the largest in the county and like a small cathedral. Our road to Barnard Castle lay through the North Riding of Yorkshire, and just before reaching Bowes we passed a building with a board bearing the name of Dotheboys Hall, original proprietor Wakeford Squeers. We were early at Barnard Castle and had to wait because of a funeral. Again these eight were soon away to some good ringing. After tea, another light eight in Durham, at Staindrop, gave us a very enjoyable hour's ringing before returning to Barnard Castle for dinner. Staindrop has a ringing vicar, who sent us best wishes, as he was away on holiday.

CUMBERLAND TOWERS

Wednesday was spent in the south west of Cumberland, our first call being at Aspatria, where we were met by the Vicar, the Rev. V. D. Clarke, who, after the ringing, led us in a short service of prayer and dedication. They are trying very hard to train a band of young ringers here, no easy task, as they have a long draught and very springy ropes. The next tower before lunch was at Workington; work was certainly the right word. These bells had not been rung for some years before the war, and it is only recently that they have started ringing here again. The locals thought that these bells had beaten us, but before our short stay was over the bells had been mastered and several touches successfully brought round, the second being rung without a stay. After ringing, the local Press, in the neat shape of a lady reporter, was there to get details and a photograph. If the bells were not too good the lunch made up for it.

Through the mining area to Hensingham, where the bells had not been rung open since Easter. Here we were met by the Vicar, who was quite grieved at not having his bells rung more often, as they are a fine ring and bring a great deal of joy and happiness to many people when rung. (Taken from his letter to Miss Wyman.) As the bells were being raised it was found a number had clapper stays on, which a local ringer removed for us before joining us for a ring. We were told that the touch of Bristol was the first on the bells.

At Egremont, our next tower, London Surprize was the first rung on the bells. It was here that a good touch of Stedman was rung by the lady members. After tea, we rang at St. Bees, a fine old church with a beautiful Norman door, part of the old Priory. Ringing arrangements had been altered because of the close proximity of the church to the famous school, and the visit coincided with examinations.

SNOW ON MIDSUMMER DAY

Rumour has it that an Irish princess, Bega, fled here to avoid being married to a Norwegian prince, and she was well received by the great lady here, who asked her husband to give Bega land for a nunnery. He jokingly said

he would give her as much land as was covered by snow on Midsummer Day. On that Midsummer morn there was snow for three miles around. Snow has been known on Midsummer Day in Cumberland—maybe there is a little truth in it. From here a short run brought us to Cleator Moor; its fine eight (tenor 21½ cwt.) had all too quickly to be left so that we should not be late for dinner at Keswick. We were met at Cleator Moor by the local ringers and others, who joined in ringing with us.

Thursday was spent in two counties—Northumberland and Durham—and although we started well, a blocked road and a long detour nearly wrecked the afternoon's ringing, but, thanks to the co-operation of all, the day was saved. The first town visited was Allendale, which claims to be exactly in the centre of Britain, and has its latitude and longitude on the sundial over the church porch. Here again we were met by the Vicar, who wished us a happy tour. This was the tower of events—a broken rope, which was quickly repaired, a course of Cambridge by an all-ladies band, and Miss Wyman and Mr. F. Stilwell achieved the distinction of having rung in every county in England.

At Hexham Abbey two pulleys gave protesting squeals at hand stroke, but the bells went well and several good touches were rung. While ringing here a party of about 40 school children came into the belfry to watch us, and their behaviour was such that they did not cause any distraction. One girl asked the usual question, 'Is it hard?' and then, during some preliminary rounds, said, 'They would be better if they kept them more even.' I hope someone keeps an eye on her; she could be a budding recruit for some northern tower.

After lunch came the detour to reach Black Hill, where we were met by Mr. D. A. Bayles and Mr. K. Arthur, who acted as our guide for the rest of the afternoon. Here the short time at our disposal was spent on the grand eight at the Roman Catholic Church, Chester-le-Street, in the same county (Durham), produced a fine ring of eight and a good tea to prepare us for evening ringing.

NEWCASTLE'S WELCOME

The local Press had been forewarned of our visit to Newcastle with a four-inch article in its columns about our activities at Newcastle Cathedral. Mr. and Mrs. Guinness and others were awaiting us. Touches of Bob Royal, Cambridge Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung, with some rounds on the twelve. This most enjoyable day had been arranged with the help of Mr. D. A. Bayles, who had given quite a lot of time and thought to making our visit so pleasant. Our journey back to Carlisle was along the course of the old Roman wall, which can still be seen in places.

Each year this party has a long day with a packed lunch, and my memories of three previous ones had me looking forward to this year. Friday morning breakfast, at 7.15 a.m., and away prompt at 8 a.m. for Edinburgh. We made good time, and after a break at Selkirk for 'elevenness,' Edinburgh was reached just after 12 o'clock, so a normal lunch was had and the sandwiches saved for the homeward journey.

Our first ring here was at St. Mary's Cathedral, where we were met by Mr. R. S. Wilson, who was our guide for the afternoon, and once again we must say 'thank you' for all arrangements made for our visit to Scotland. The bells are under the central spire (276 feet high). In the ringing chamber are casts of various famous bells and these proved of great interest. The ringing chamber is very lofty and a circular canopy over the ringers acts as a rope guide and effectively disguises the long draught of rope. By ringing here M. R. John-

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SUSSEX TOURISTS — Cont.

son has rung in every county in England, and in the four countries of this realm.

St. James', Leith, was a tougher proposition, and those who had stayed in the city round the shops need have no regrets. Our third and last tower in Scotland was St. Cuthbert's, and this grand eight was a fine climax to the afternoon's ringing, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you, Scotland. A grand tea and a pleasant ride home with the usual break (only just in time—they close at 9.30 p.m.) made a really enjoyable and memorable day.

THE HOMEWARD JOURNEY

Saturday saw us packing bags ready for the first leg of the homeward journey, and shortly after 9 a.m. we were away southward to Richmond, North Yorkshire, for lunch and ringing. In the Church of St. Mary there is a nice light eight (tenor 11 cwt.); various touches in standard methods were rung. The Green Howards Memorial Chapel, with its carving by 'Mousey' Thompson (he left a carving of a church mouse on each piece of furniture he made), was visited by most of the party.

The journey southwards was resumed via the Great North Road to Sheffield, our headquarters for the night. Before dinner the grand eight of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Marie were at our disposal for an hour, and this proved all too short for this lovely ring. After dinner we had an hour's ringing on the twelve at the Cathedral, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Royal and a course of Double Norwich on the back eight were rung.

Owing to a delay over breakfast, we were late in leaving on Sunday morning. Before we

set off, Mr. H. V. Young, in a few well-chosen and appropriate words, thanked Miss Wyman for what she had done (over 300 letters written) to give us such a grand week, and presented to her, on behalf of the party, an electric iron as a token of our appreciation and thanks. He also presented a sum of money to our driver as a small token of our appreciation for all he had done during the week for our enjoyment.

As we were late in leaving Sheffield we did not reach Newark-on-Trent in time to ring for morning service, as arranged. However, arrangements had been made for us to ring after service if we could postpone lunch at Leicester for an hour. This was arranged; some went to church, others for 'elevenses,' until we were able to start ringing, then it was a case of short touches on this grand ten (tenor 32 cwt., cast in 1842, rehung in 1954). Everybody was catered for, and then your scribe reluctantly left the party and set off for home alone.

Our thanks are due to all clergy and local ringers for arrangements made, to our driver for all we know he did and for all he did which we never knew about, and last of all, but by no means least, to Miss Wyman, at whose labours one can only guess.

Thanks, Florrie, it was a grand week, or, as we say up here, 'a reight good do.' E. S.

Miss Wyman adds a postscript: Old friends were missed this year, but new ones made. Regret is expressed at not having more spare seats in coach. Thanks must be given to those not mentioned by name for all the help given to me in arranging this tour. Special thanks must be given to the incumbents, whether it be cathedral or village church, not only for permission to ring but for letters of thanks, in visiting, and ringing their bells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

As a ringing member was heard to say, 'The Farnham District is like a "Yo-Yo," sometimes it is up and sometimes it is down. Well, 'it' was certainly 'up' at the meeting held on August 11th at St. Michael and All Angels', Pirbright.

There was a very good attendance and many methods were rung, under the leadership of Mr. D. M. MacPherson.

During the ringers' service, conducted by the Rev. B. A. Whitehead, the District's Mixed Choir was heard for the first time, to good effect. Mr. T. W. Busby was the organist.

Tea was served by local ladies at the Red Cross Centre. A short business meeting followed, during which one new member was elected. On behalf of all present, Mr. S. Joyce, of Farnborough, thanked all ringers and friends of Pirbright for helping to make the meeting such a success. M. A. C.

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The quickest peal yet rung on tower bells is claimed by the Leicester Diocesan Guild. It was Stedman Doubles on Aug. 8th at the Bell Foundry Campanile in 1 hour and 37 minutes, with a tenor of 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

BELFRY

Mr. Norman Smith, of St. Peter's, Burnley, has recently completed his National Service at Bantry, near Doncaster. Through our columns he would like to express his gratitude to the ringers of that area for their kindness and hospitality.

Due to a last-minute alteration, the bells of Ellesmere, Shropshire, were not broadcast by the B.B.C. Our correspondent informs us that these old bells had been previously broadcast three times, and not twice, as was stated in this column.

As the result of the international situation, Mr. David Brand was recalled to the Services before he could participate in the peal attempt at Stowmarket to mark his 21st birthday. The peal was successful and was also a 21st birthday peal for Miss Rosemary Seabrook.

Although Ernest Morris was unable to go to Grimsby on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his first peal owing to unforeseen difficulties, it was fitting that his next peal after that date should be Grandsire Triples, and he rang the second bell, as he did in his first peal in 1906.

At Burton Dassett, Warks, where a peal attempt on July 20th was lost in the second 720 owing to a call being misinterpreted, the company had to be content with a quarter peal. Hopes are entertained of trying again later in the year. The ringing was for Mr. W. Collett's 79th birthday, and he was one of the ringers. There is a determination to ring a peal on his 80th birthday.

GOSSIP

Mr. J. Barber, at the age of 81, has resigned the secretaryship of the Fressingfield District, Suffolk Guild. Was he the oldest District secretary in the Exercise?

To the list of ringers who have rung in every county in England must be added the names of Miss Wyman and Mr. L. Stilwell.

Meeting short for practice, six Pentre (Glam) ringers raised the back six bells and rang a quarter peal to mark the holding of the National Eisteddfod at Wales at Aberdare.

An 'In Memoriam' peal to Mr. E. Alexander Young, past master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was rung by members of the Society at Southwark Cathedral on August 11th. The Master and four past masters were included in the band.

Governors of the College of Campanology include Messrs. Wilfred Moreton (vice-principal, Messrs. J. T. Dyke (hon. examiner), A. J. Pitman (who will be contributing to the section on composition in the Manual), R. F. B. Speed (hon. examiner and contributor to the Manual) and Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (hon. examiner). Other prominent ringers have also been approached.

While ringing for a wedding at Barthomley, Chesure, on August 11th, the clapper of the tenor fell out, caused through a nut having worked loose. After the clapper had been replaced and the bell was being re-raised a lady and her husband made their way into the ringing chamber. The former was so thrilled by watching the ringing that she invited the ringers to go down to the local hostelry for a refresher. What also impressed her was seeing Mr. Arthur Allman (78) and young Tony Trickett (18) ringing together.

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Ancient Society of College Youths.—Maximus 1, Cinqs 4, Caters 3, Major 4, Triples 3; total 15.

Bath and Wells.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 9, Triples 12, Minor 21, Doubles 21; 65.

Bedfordshire Association.—Royal 2, Major 13, Triples 3, Minor 22, Doubles 4; 44.

Cambridge University Guild.—Cinqs 1, Royal 2 (2), Major 7 (4), Triples 1, Minor 5 (1); 16 (7).

Chester Guild.—Maximus 1, Royal 8, Caters 5, Major 43, Triples 1, Minor 26, Doubles 4; 88.

Cleveland and North Yorks.—Minor 1 (1).

Coventry Diocesan.—Royal 2, Caters 4, Major 6, Triples 3 (1), Minor 1, Doubles 1; 17 (1).

Cumberland and N. Westmorland.—Nil.

Derbyshire Association.—Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 23, Triples 1, Minor 16 (2), Doubles 10; 54 (2).

Devonshire.—Cinqs 1, Major 13, Triples 5, Minor 9, Doubles 14; 42.

Dudley and District.—Triples 1; 1.

Durham and Newcastle.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 16, Triples 4, Minor 13; 36.

East Derbyshire.—Minor 1, Doubles 1; 2.

East Grinstead.—Nil.

Ely Diocesan.—Royal 1, Major 14, Triples 1, Minor 53 (1), Doubles 5; 74 (1).

Essex Association.—Maximus 1, Cinqs 1, Caters 2, Major 24, Triples 5, Minor 35; 68.

Gloucester and Bristol.—Cinqs 1, Royal 1, Caters 4, Major 8 (2), Triples 8, Minor 6, Doubles 15; 43 (2).

Guildford Diocesan.—Major 15, Triples 3, Minor 10 (2), Doubles 6 (2); 34 (4).

Hereford Diocesan.—Caters 1, Major 8, Triples 3, Minor 15, Doubles 18; 45.

Hertford County.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 19 (1), Triples 2, Minor 28 (2), Doubles 2 (1); 53 (4).

Irish Association.—Doubles 2 (2); 2 (2).

Kent County.—Cinqs 1, Royal 3, Caters 2, Major 45, Triples 17 (1), Minor 36 (1), Doubles 5; 109 (2).

Ladies' Guild.—Major 1; 1.

Lancashire Association.—Maximus 1, Cinqs 2, Royal 3, Caters 2, Major 49 (2), Triples 12, Minor 18; 87 (2).

Leicester Diocesan.—Maximus 2, Cinqs 4, Royal 3 (1), Caters 3 (1), Major 74 (13), Triples 23 (6), Minor 47 (3), Doubles 12 (1); 168 (25).

Lincoln Diocesan.—Maximus 1, Cinqs 2, Royal 9 (2), Caters 1, Major 43 (2), Triples 6 (1), Minor 58 (1), Doubles 3; 123 (6).

Llandaff and Monmouth.—Cinqs 1, Caters 1, Major 13, Triples 6, Minor 4, Doubles 7; 32.

London County.—Maximus 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 4; 7.

Midland Counties Guild.—Major 9, Triples 5, Minor 6, Doubles 1; 21.

Middlesex County.—Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 24, Triples 3, Minor 3, Doubles 2; 35.

Norwich Diocesan.—Cinqs 2, Caters 2, Major 36 (1), Triples 6, Minor 44 (2), Doubles 7; 97 (3).

North Wales Association.—Major 4, Triples 2, Minor 1, Doubles 1; 8.

North Staffordshire Association.—Major 3, Triples 1, Minor 6, Doubles 3; 13.

Oxford Diocesan.—Cinqs 3, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 41, Triples 26, Minor 28, Doubles 16; 116.

Oxford Society.—Caters 1, Triples 3, Minor 1, Doubles 2; 7.

Oxford University.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 3, Triples 2, Minor 4 (2); 11 (2).

Peterborough Diocesan.—Caters 2, Major 13, Triples 2, Minor 14 (1), Doubles 21; 52 (1).

National Police Guild.—Nil.

St. David's Diocesan.—Major 1; 1.

St. Martin's Guild.—Maximus 4, Cinqs 4, Royal 11, Major 55, Triples 3, Minor 4, Doubles 2 (1); 83 (1).

Salisbury Guild.—Maximus 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 15, Triples 3, Minor 2, Doubles 3; 26.

Scottish Association.—Nil.

Shropshire Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Major 4, Triples 1, Minor 3, Doubles 2; 13.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Cinqs 2, Major 1, Triples 1, Minor 1 (1), Doubles 1; 6 (1).

Southwell Diocesan.—Caters 1, Major 9, Triples 10 (4), Minor 27, Doubles 16 (1); 63 (5).

Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Cinqs 3, Royal 6, Caters 7, Major 20 (1), Triples 10 (1), Minor 4, Doubles 4; 54 (2).

Suffolk Guild.—Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 20, Triples 1, Minor 24, Doubles 2; 51.

Surrey Association.—Cinqs 1, Royal 3, Major 1, Minor 4, Doubles 1; 10.

Sussex Association.—Royal 2, Major 26, Triples 5, Minor 23, Doubles 6 (2); 62 (2).

Truro Diocesan.—Major 11, Triples 2, Minor 6, Doubles 2; 21.

Swansea and Brecon.—Major 1, Minor 1, Doubles 1; 3.

Universities Association.—Major 8 (1), Triples 1, Minor 4 (2); 13 (3).

Winchester and Portsmouth.—Royal 5, Caters 1 (1), Major 30, Triples 5, Minor 14 (1), Doubles 8 (6); 63 (8).

Worcester and Districts.—Maximus 1, Cinqs 4, Royal 3 (1), Caters 3 (1), Major 21 (2), Triples 18 (4), Minor 2, Doubles 1; 53 (8).

Yorkshire Association.—Maximus 2, Cinqs 1, Royal 5, Caters 2, Major 48 (3), Triples 11, Minor 29 (5), Doubles 8 (6); 106 (14).

Other Societies and Unattached.—Royal 1, Major 4, Triples 3, Minor 11 (2), Doubles 3 (1); 22 (3).

Totals.—2,237 (111).

Figures in brackets denote handbell peals included in the totals.

W. AYRE (Convener),

K. W. H. FELSTEAD,

H. MILES,

Peals Analysis Committee.

Cambridge University Guild's Summer Tour

Croft, a pretty Worcestershire village, will be the centre for this year's tour of the Cambridge University Guild, which starts next Sunday. This is a memorable year in the history of the Guild, as it is the 50th anniversary of the first tour held in Derbyshire, in 1906. These tours have been an annual event ever since, except for the two war periods, and no ringing association has such a record.

The tour has been organised by the Rev. E. G. Benson, and 27 members are expected for whole or part of the time.

Peal attempts will be made at Hinton-on-the-Green, Badsey, Salford Priors, Claines, Mickleton, Tewkesbury Abbey and Norton.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Training of Ringers

'The Ringing World' will publish, starting next week, the Manual of Ringing Training of the College of Campanology.

Successive articles will deal with the following subjects of Part I. of the course:—

The 'Cathedral' System of Basic Training.

Course Organisation.

Introduction to Belfry (Lesson 1).

Ringing Action—Analysis and Drill (Lesson 2).

Stroke Practice (Lesson 3).

Bell Balancing and introducing Rhythmic Hunting (Lesson 4).

Ringing in Concert (Silent) (Lesson 5).

Plain Hunting (Silent) and Tone Recognition (Handbells) (Lesson 6).

Raising and Lowering (Silent) (Lesson 7).

Fixed-Place Ringing (Open) (Lesson 8).

Covering, Place-making, Dodging (Lesson 9).

Plain Hunting (Extending Range) (Lesson 10).

Two Examinations on Part I. Appendices.

Copies of these issues should be filed in every tower; they will prove invaluable to instructors and beginners.

Later on the lessons or selections of other parts will be published. These are:—

Part II.—Method Structure and Theory.

Part III.—Practical Method Ringing—Simple to Advanced.

Part IV.—Handbell Ringing.

Part V.—Composition and Proof.

Part VI.—Calling and Conducting.

Part VII.—Historical and Towers and Bells.

Associated with this college are several prominent ringers and it represents a concerted effort to place the training of ringers on a uniform and sound basis. Preliminary details were given on pages 492 and 502.

RADIO EIREANN

Dear Sir,—Your issue of August 3rd contained reference in 'Belfry Gossip' to the report of the Television and Broadcasting Committee of the Central Council with regard to the omission of any matter relating to Radio Eireann. The position has been that we have had no information of bell broadcasts in the Irish Free State, but following correspondence with Radio Eireann, a copy of whose letter I attach, we hope in future to include mention of these broadcasts, etc.—Yours faithfully,
Evercreech, Som. H. J. SANGER.

COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM RADIO EIREANN

The Controller of Programmes has asked me to thank you for your letter of August 7th concerning the broadcast of bells from Irish churches. The position here is that bells are very infrequently broadcast—I should say only about two or three times in the year. We shall, however, take note to keep you informed of future transmissions.—Yours sincerely,
PATRICK G. O'REILLY,

Assistant to Controller of Programmes.

In Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire Villages

An August Week-end

IN pouring rain on Saturday, August 4th, a party of ringers from Northampton and district set out on the beginning of a three-day ringing tour of Northants and Bucks. The first day proved to be a very strenuous one with the result that the following day of rest was very much appreciated.

The first stop was East Farndon (5), where some extents of Doubles were rung 'at the double,' due to the treble not going right up at back stroke. (It is hoped that a certain gentleman will put things right before he attempts to ring this bell to a peal!) The next stop was Dingley (5), where we were met by two local ringers, who had oiled the bells for the occasion. The church is set in beautiful surroundings, which we could not appreciate owing to the weather.

On to Brampton Ash, where the six bells were set going to Minor methods, with the second running as hard as the tenor! Having been refreshed in the local at Stoke Albany, the beautiful Parish Church was next visited. The bells, however, were not so beautiful, and some hard work was entailed in ringing the six bells, which were desperately crying out in need of lubrication.

Wilbarston (5), however, were not so tough, but we soon found that the second rope cast wheel and the third bell was loose on its headstock. We made a quick departure after ringing several 120's.

A much-needed meal was had at Corby, where we were able to regain our strength. At Caldecote (Rutland) the ladies of the party took over the tower, and rang some good extents of Grandsire. Here, one of the local ringers invited us to look the bells over, and, having had the pleasure of ringing on this excellent five, we departed for Gretton (5), where we were met by some of the local ringers, who took a great interest in our change ringing. We learned that this tower has a keen band, but is unable to progress due to the lack of instructors in method ringing.

The last tower for the day was Deene. Here we found an excellent ring of six, which were a joy to ring, and some good ringing was had to conclude the first day of our tour.

AN ILLEGAL ENTRY

The weather for the second day of the tour, Monday, August 6th, proved to be good, and we certainly missed the rain, although somebody had it. The first tower to be visited was Pattishall (6), where the church roof is undergoing extensive repairs. Having been warned that the tenor needed oiling, we took some oil, but were unable to use it due to the tower door being locked. We, however, managed to keep the bells going with extra effort, and an enjoyable ring was had.

Paulerspury (6) was the next place visited, and here it was that one of our 'bright sparks' made an illegal entry into the belfry to open the tower door for the party to enter. The Rector greeted and welcomed them, but was surprised at the way entrance had been gained. After stopping for a few moments the Rector went off to feed his goats. Of course, the 'bright spark' went too.

On to Whittlesey (5), where the Rector awaited us with the information that the bells had not been rung for about 18 months, and he was not sure of the condition of the bells: Before ringing, however, we ventured to the bell chamber to give the bells a once-over. We found them in good condition with the exception of a worm-eaten stay, and, having 'oiled up,' they were set going to some Doubles methods. It is thought that noise coming from the bell chamber was due to slider trouble, as this ceased when the bells were ringing down.

SEEING THE BELLS IN MOTION

Refreshments were taken before we journeyed on to Lillingstone Lovell, where we found a very good ring of five. Although a Minor five, these proved to be quite musical. Here we were able to look up in the bell chamber and see the bells in motion—quite a novelty and good work on the part of the bellhangers.

A very good six was also found at Maids Moreton, where the bells went without effort. A very enjoyable stay here before going on to Buckingham for tea.

After relaxing, Padbury (6) was next visited, and after sampling this pleasant ring we next ventured to Winslow. Here we found that the Vicar had not informed the tower captain of our visit. Luckily the latter did not live far from the church and he was soon on the spot to allow us entrance to the church—we trust we did not put him to any inconvenience. Ringing on his new eight provided the highlight of the day and time for departure came too quickly.

The last tower of the day was Swanbourne (6). The Vicar and his tower captain were here to welcome us and we were able to view the bells while ringing was in progress. On our homeward journey, having stopped for refreshments, the 'bright spark' showed us his marksmanship with a syphon of soda water!

The weather for the last day of our tour, Tuesday, August 7th, was the best yet, and the first tower of the day, Calverton, was soon reached. Having obtained the key from the Rectory, this lovely ring of six was soon ringing the changes. On leaving the church an appreciation of our ringing was received from an old ringer.

Beachampton, with its unusual tower, was reached in good time and, although cramped for space, some good extents of Doubles were rung on this five. Here we wondered how a ring of five could be hung all on one level in such a small tower.

PICNIC ON RECTORY LAWN

At our next stopping place, Great Horwood (6), the Rector (himself a ringer) awaited us. The bells were pulled up in peal—this proving to be the best raise of the tour. Although we were inclined to ring this six a bit too fast, an enjoyable ring was had. On lowering the bells, the Rector invited us to have our picnic lunch on his lawn and, having accepted, we were made very comfortable and, with the sun shining beautifully, we probably could have stopped there for the rest of the afternoon. However, we were soon on our way to Mursley (6). Here we found yet another pleasant ring.

Before tea we stopped to ring at the Norman Church of Stewkley (8). The tenor here seemed to go hard for its weight, so a little oil applied made things a bit easier.

After a light tea at Leighton Buzzard, we travelled on to the highlight of the day, Wing, with its heavy six. Many of us had looked forward to ringing here and were not to be disappointed. We were also able to visit the bell chamber whilst the bells were ringing, and that hunk of bell metal swinging was a delight to see. We probably stayed a little longer than was scheduled; however, time was soon made up and our next stop was Drayton Parslow (6).

ATTENDED EVENSONG

On entering the church we found that the Vicar was making preparations for an evening service, so we hastily retreated to consult our time table. We found that if we all stayed we would be extremely late at the last tower, so we decided to split up into two parties, one going on and the other staying to join in the evening service.

On conclusion of the service the Vicar greeted us and showed us the way to the belfry. On pulling up, we set to go Bob Minor, and after a few changes heard something drop to the bell chamber floor. Not realising what the trouble was, we stood up because of a short rope on the treble, only to see the lady on the second 'ascending to heaven.' She, however, came 'down to earth' when she realised where she was going—none the worse for her experience. On investigating, we found the stay broken, due, we think, to some fault other than bumping. We therefore corrected the position of the rope and tied a note to the sally warning others of the missing stay, as, judging by the condition of the ringing chamber, these bells are rarely rung.

The last tower of the day was Shenley (6), where the advance party, together with the local ringers, had made good use of the bells in our absence. Time was all too short here and we vowed to return again to have yet another ring on these glorious six bells.

Thus ended a tour which was the first for many. In all, we rang at 24 towers and the time table was kept as arranged. The standard of ringing was good, and experience gained on all sorts of bells. We had a sincere welcome from all who met us and we thank the kind people for meeting us and having the bells ready for our use. Thanks also are recorded to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and all who made this tour possible. G. F. R.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On August 11th the Eastern District met at Standon, and the heavy six (tenor 17 cwt.) were rung to a variety of methods. A service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m., after which 20 members enjoyed a delicious tea provided in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting R. Upton and J. Little, of Standon, were elected ringing members, and it was decided to apply for Aspenden and Westmill bells for a meeting in October.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, and also to the ladies who had prepared tea, the party returned to the tower. Methods rung during the day ranged from plain hunting for the learners, up to Cambridge, London and York Surprise. C. E. H.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ORIGINALITY IN PEAL COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—The lines quoted by Mr. Norman Chaddock in a recent issue (page 510) were composed by 'Samiwell Peppery' himself—otherwise 'Uncle' Joe Sykes, as nearly everyone called him—or 'Six foot and Whiskers'! He was a notable character who could—and did—talk on and argue on any mortal subject. He was a fine linguist and on this account was sent abroad to many countries by his firm (gas plant installation) and I received a large quantity of postcards from him as far apart as Manchuria, Canada, France, Belgium and elsewhere.

When here in England he invariably hunted out ringers and fixed up peals, his favourite being 'Yorkshire Glory' (Kent Treble Bob) and he had an ambition to ring every possible number of changes obtainable in the Major from 5,000 to 6,000, and all must be by his old friend, Arthur Knights. For his first peal of Doubles he travelled over 80 miles to get me to call it at Escrick, near York, whilst I was in the Army, July 20th, 1918.

I also rang peals with him in Worcestershire, Norfolk and here in Leicestershire. I have in my possession the very last postcard message he wrote before he died in Copenhagen in 1929. The lines quoted in your last issue appeared in your columns, I believe, about 1920.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

WHERE DO SHIPS' BELLS GO?

Dear Sir,—Hanging in the north choir aisle of York Minster is a small bell which was formerly a ship's bell and was the spoils of an action with a Dutch frigate captured off the Frisian Islands by Admiral Brace, an ancestor of the late Canon C. C. Bell, Precentor and Canon Residentiary. Canon Bell presented it to the Minster in 1945. It is inscribed: 'Soli Deo Gloria. Anno 1742. Jean Wackernier.'

The bell is now sounded before the commencement of each service; the press of the switch actuates mechanism which strikes the bell three times.

I have in my possession a ship's bell given to me by my father-in-law, a shipbroker. It is 11½ inches in diameter and is inscribed: 'Queen Mary, Glasgow.' Needless to say it has had nothing to do with the present Queen Mary.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD WALKER.

York.

STAMFORD ST. MARTIN BARON

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. P. A. Corby re Stamford St. Martin Baron, the following is from Kelly's 1877 Directory: 'St. Martin Stamford Baron is a large parish adjoining Stamford in the Northern division of the County (Northants), hundred of Nassaburg, liberty of Peterborough, union of Stamford, rural deanery of Peterborough second, Archdeaconry of Oakham and Diocese of Peterborough on the south bank of the river Welland, which separates it from Lincoln.'

I suppose, like Little Bowden, Market Harborough, it has been added to the town for administrative purposes, but I think once in a county, always in the same county. We are getting quite used to bits and things being punched from us, but I believe we can still claim Stamford St. Martin as being in Northants county and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild—Yours faithfully,

G. S. VALENTINE.

Northampton.

Note.—The report on Local Government presented to Parliament in July recommends a review of county boundaries.—Ed.

KNOSSINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. C. Crossthwaite's letter, I should like to make it known that when the band decided to ring a peal of the above-named method it was not known that the method Ashtead, with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end, had already been named.

As soon as it was published, Mr. E. W. Tippler (of Lutterworth), who has been of great assistance to me during the past two or three years, sent me a very interesting letter giving me details of all the variations of Ashtead.

Perhaps it would clarify the position if I summarise these variations:—

Ashtead (formerly Preston): First peal at Ashtead, January 18th, 1932, conducted by A. R. Pink.

Boveney (formerly Hove): Ashtead with 1-8 instead of 7-8 at the half-lead. First peal at Old Windsor, October 25th, 1934, conducted by A. R. Pink.

Brighton: Ashtead with 1-8 instead of 7-8 at the half-lead, and 1-8 instead of 1-2 at the lead-end. First peal, St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, October 29th, 1913, conducted by Frank Bennett.

Knossington (formerly Denton, Ewell, Shoreham): Ashtead with 1-8 instead of 1-2 at the lead-end. First peal Loughborough Foundry, June 27th, 1956, conducted by B. G. Warwick.

It will be seen that Brighton was the original method and that Knossington had been given no less than three names before it had ever been rung. In any case the conductor has the sole right to name an unring method.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

South Wigston, Leics.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Crossthwaite re the above, I fail to see that anything out of the ordinary has been done in altering the name of a method which has never been rung to a peal. As stated, it is the 8ths place version of Ashtead. The methods were first introduced by Mr. G. Baker, but not under the name by which they are known now.

Taking Ashtead first, this was introduced as Preston. The first peal in the method was rung at Ashtead, hence the name. The method now known as Knossington was first known as Denton. It is understood that later it was altered to Ewell by Mr. Trollope.

Now if we look at Corrigan's 370 Surprise Major methods, No. 286, we find that once again it has been altered, this time to Shoreham. So surely the band ringing the method for the first time has every right to name it. Besides, what's in a name?—Sincerely yours,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

FIRST PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of July 27th last, R. M., in his letter headed 'The 29 Courses and their Origin,' stated that Middleton's five-part peal, composed in 1844, was 'the first true peal of Cambridge ever composed' and that 'Cambridge Royal would not be rung in his (Middleton's) day.'

On October 26th, 1822, nine Wakefield ringers, with one from Leeds, rang a peal of 5,400 Cambridge Royal composed and conducted by William Woodhead, 'the first Peal ever attempted in the above difficult Method by any set of Men in the Kingdom' records the peal board.

I understand from knowledgeable ringers that the composition of this peal, the course and part-ends of which are given on the peal board, is not false.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID CUBITT.

Wakefield.

CHIPPING, LANCs

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Felstead's remarks about Chipping, Lancs, in the obituary of the late E. Timbrell, on June 8th, I did mention the remoteness of the place. This is one cause why not many peals have been rung but, of course, there are other causes. The peal in 1898 was in seven different Treble Bob Minor methods and rung by all local men; this is proof that they possessed a good band. Two of the brothers Timbrell began to go further afield to ring Major peals, and this curtailed their own local attempts.

During World War I. a new vicar was appointed, who had his own ideas about ringers, with the result that the band was broken up and never re-formed. A new band was formed about 1925, but its ambitions did not go beyond the first 12 changes of Bob Minor. It is, more or less, the same to-day, but the present Vicar is very enthusiastic and readily gave us permission to attempt a peal.

Another tower which seemed to mystify Mr. Felstead in his recent 'Peal Ringing in Lancashire' was St. Mark's, Preston (6). This is a very weak tower with about 20 feet of glass in all four walls at ringing room level, leaving just the four corners. The bells are perched up at the top, so the movement can be imagined by anyone, and they drop on you when ringing. I am afraid that this is one of the late Canon Elsee's mistakes, for during a restoration in 1927 he advised the Vicar that a good job could be made leaving the bells where they are. It has not proved to be true, and though they may be pealable you would want a picked band of good handlers. Only one attempt has been made, somewhere about 1930, for a peal, but the band gave it up. The church authorities have been continually advised about lowering the bells in the tower but nothing has been done.

Hoping that this makes things clearer for Mr. Felstead and others who may be interested.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

SOUTHGATE VETERANS

Dear Sir,—I am keenly interested in the photograph which appeared in 'The Ringing World' recently. I knew Messrs. N. A. Tomlinson, S. Wade and A. Glascock over 50 years ago, when I sang in the choir at Christ Church, Southgate. When I left the choir I entered the ringing room, and these three stalwarts assisted me in my first attempts to ring rounds. Together with Mr. Harry Balaam, who, I believe, lives in the Basingstoke district, they are the last members of the Southgate band of all those years ago.

Yet another member who still gives every assistance to learners at Southgate is Mr. Walter Bowden. He came a little later, but in spite of his 80 years he seems to have the energy of a man half that age, and attends practices and Sunday service ringing most regularly. The Exercise has much to be thankful for when it can point to such long-service members as these.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD NEWMAN.

Stroud Green Road, N.4.

BOW TENOR INSCRIPTION

Dear Sir,—I believe I am correct in saying that the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow were rehung during the inter-war years and that the tenor, along with several others of the ring, was recast. If that is so the inscription on Bow tenor when it was recast last month is not quite correct, as it was the bell that had been recast not long before the last war started that was destroyed by enemy action, and not the one recast in 1738. Can anyone throw any light on this matter?—Yours truly,

ALBAN DISNEY.

Anstey, Leics.

LETTERS—Continued

A POSER

Dear Sir,—Would some of your readers like to comment on the 720's of Minor given below:—

	1
23456	Oxford Bob
56342	Reverse College
64235	Oxford Bob
35426	
26543	Court
64352	Oxford Bob
52436	Court
23645	Oxford Bob
45362	
62534	
34256	
	2
23456	Double Oxford
64235	Thelwall Bob
26543	Double Oxford
52364	
35426	London Bob
64352	Lytham Bob
23645	Thelwall Bob
62534	Double Oxford
56342	
45362	
34256	

Five times repeated, Single half-way and end.

(a) Should the first 720 be regarded as purely Oxford Bob, or spliced in three methods?

(b) Similarly, should the second 720 be regarded as two methods or four spliced?

(c) As the ringer of the fifth in the second 720 rings only Double Oxford, should it be counted as only one method?

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BUTLER.

Windsor.

A LOSS TO ST. MARY'S, STAFFORD

Because of failing eyesight, Mr. John Warrilow, for many years head ringer at St. Mary's, Stafford, is retiring. He has a wonderful record of 62 years as an active bellringer.

A native of Hopton, Mr. Warrilow began ringing at the age of 17 at Ingestre Church. In 1911 he joined St. Mary's, Stafford, band, and every Wednesday evening and Sunday morning until a few months ago cycled from his home at Walton-on-the-Hill to the church. For many years he was St. Mary's representative on the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

Writing in appreciation of his services in the August issue of St. Mary's parish magazine, one of his fellow ringers says of him: 'Those of us who have been associated with Mr. Warrilow in the belfry for a period of years hold him in the highest esteem. He is of a placid and unassuming nature, a man of sterling qualities, one who could always be relied upon to be present on all ringing occasions. For some years he has resided at Walton-on-the-Hill, yet Sunday by Sunday he has cycled to fulfil his service to God and the church in the ringing of the bells.'

'His interest is not only in the ringing of bells for much has been done by him in their maintenance and much money has been saved to the church by his attention to the bells and bell ropes. He is now in his 80th year and age will not allow him to take so active a part in ringing, but this does not keep him from the belfry. We thank you, Mr. Warrilow, for all you have done for ringing, for your kindness, your help, and the wonderful example you have given us to follow.'

MR. BRIAN G. WARWICK'S 400 PEALS

Mr. Brian G. Warwick, of Leicester, who rang his first peal on November 6th, 1948, rang his 400th peal on April 14th, 1956. These peals have been rung for 19 different Guilds and Associations in 90 different towers with 347 different ringers. His list is appended:—

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 1 (conducted 1), five methods 1 (1), six methods 1 (1), eight methods 1 (1), nine methods 1 (1), ten methods 2 (2).

Minor.—Plain Bob 2 (2), Cambridge Surprise 7 (3), two methods 1 (1), three methods 1, four methods 2 (1), five methods 2 (1), six methods 3 (3), seven methods 2, eight methods 1, 10 methods 1 (1), 14 methods 2 (1), 16 methods 1 (1), 19 methods 1 (1), 21 methods 1 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 7 (6), Stedman 21 (12).

Major.—Plain Bob 7 (3), Kent Treble Bob 9 (5), Double Norwich 6, Double Oxford 1, Bristol Alliance 1, two plain methods 1 (1). Surprise: Arnesby 1 (1), Belgrave 2 (1), Belvedere 1, Biddenden 1 (1), Braunstone 3 (3), Bristol 4, Bruntingthorpe 1 (1), Cambridge 34 (16), Cranbourne 1, Crewe 1, Counterthorpe 1 (1), Dorchester 2, Donisthorpe 1 (1), Edmondthorpe 1 (1), Forlesworth 1 (1), Glenparva 1 (1), Hungarton 1 (1), Irchester 1, Ingarsby 1 (1), Kirklington 1, Lincolnshire 8 (2), London 9, Lyme 1, New Cambridge 1 (1), Painswick 3 (3), Southgate 2, Southwell 1 (1), Superlative 13 (9), Trowbridge 1, Whitminster 1, Whitwick 1, Woodstock 1 (1), Wye 1 (1), Yorkshire 32 (16).

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 8 (2), Double Norwich 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Saltley Delight 1. Surprise: Albanian 1, Cambridge 7 (1), Harborne 1, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, Southwell 1, York 1, Yorkshire 8.

Cinques.—Stedman 17 (1).

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1. Surprise: Albanian 2, Belgrave 1, Cambridge 10, Goscote 1, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, York 1, Yorkshire 7, Spliced Surprise in two methods 1.

Total.—301 (118).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Plain Bob 1 (1), Grandsire 1 (1), three methods 1 (1), four methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 7 (5), two methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 4 (3), Stedman 2 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 34 (26), Kent 1, two methods 3 (2), three methods 1 (1), four methods 1 (1), five methods 1 (1), eight methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 5.

Royal.—Plain Bob 15 (8), Kent Treble Bob 4, three methods 2 (1).

Cinques.—Stedman 7.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2 (1).

Sextuples.—Stedman 1.

Total.—99 (54).

Grand total.—400 (172).

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The N.W. Branch held its summer meeting at Holsworthy on August 4th. The weather was fine but the attendance (some 20 or so) was less than usual. (Even the Ringing Master was on a ringing tour in Sussex.) Nevertheless, ringers from Combe Martin, Plymouth, Plympton, Swansea and Woodbury, with members of the Branch, had a good time, and the fine octave responded to various methods during the afternoon. The president, the Rev. Prebendary E. V. Cox was also present.

The service was conducted by the Rev. D. Knight (curate), while the Rector (the Rev. A. Warne) gave an impressive address and also acted as organist. He gave a sincere welcome to all the ringers present.

After tea the chairman (Mr. F. C. Smales) expressed appreciation at the presence of the visitors, and a vote of thanks to the Rector and the Rev. D. Knight was unanimously approved.

HALF-DAY IN ESSEX

The village of Finchingfield, in North Essex, is probably one of the most picturesque in the county. It was visited by a band of ringers drawn from Dagenham, Loughton, Stamford Hill and Lichfield on July 21st, who enjoyed the pleasant eight (tenor 18 cwt.).

The splendid stone screen must surely be one of the more attractive things about St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Great Bardfield. As well as admiring this we also sampled the ground floor ring of eight, which we approved despite the 15 cwt. tenor setting back some considerable way at 'hand.'

After the 'inner man' had been temporarily satisfied, the three-mile journey was then taken to St. Mary Magdalene's, Wethersfield. Inside a very unusual-looking tower we found a nice ring of six (tenor 4½ cwt.). The rather large beams rising from the centre of the ground floor ringing room, rather like an old oak tree devoid of its leaves, proved to be not so awkward as was at first feared.

The gentleman who met us at Shalford gave us the sad news that the bells were very seldom rung although there was nothing wrong with them. It is perhaps typical of so many other five-bell towers up and down the country. Why can't more bands include at least one ring of five on their trips? Although the fourth proved a trifle awkward we enjoyed our stay here. They are a five, heard to better advantage outside the tower, with a tenor of 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Methods rung during the day were Kent Treble Bob Major (which just would not go), Grandsire Triples and Doubles, Stedman Triples and Doubles, London and Cambridge Surprise Minor, not forgetting Reverse St. Bartholomew.

The ringers would like to tender their sincere thanks to all who met them and so readily gave permission to ring, not forgetting old 'Bill' Bailey, who so cheerfully shepherded a rather unwilling vehicle through the trip. C. M. S.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Designs for a Badge

A general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Wingfield on August 11th, when the six bells were put to good use by the rather smaller attendance than usual. Methods rung included Stedman and Cambridge Surprise. Tea was served at short notice by one of the local ladies.

At the business meeting Mr. G. J. Filby was elected chairman. Mr. W. Cracknell was elected District secretary in place of Mr. J. Barber, who felt that at 81 it was time to retire. Thanks were extended to Mr. Barber for his services, and Mr. Cracknell was wished a happy term of office.

The secretary had received a letter from Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, stating that she wished to resign from the committee. The matter, however, was left over to the next meeting.

A letter from Mr. L. Freeman, of Beccles, was read, in which he suggested that the Guild should have a badge, and sent a proposed design. The meeting unanimously favoured the Guild having its own badge, and instructed the secretary to obtain further information for approval at the next meeting.

Three new probationary members were elected, two probationers elected full members, and one non-resident life-member elected.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of bells, the local ringers, and ladies for tea arrangements. Ringing was resumed, followed by further ringing at Stradbroke. J. W. B.

ACCRINGTON AND DISTRICT

On August 11th, ringers from Accrington, Church Kirk and Burnley, together with friends and relations, set out at an early hour for a day's outing to Windermere, hoping to see and ring for the arrival of Her Majesty the Queen at Bowness. Remarks such as 'Eight o'clock! It's as bad as gooin' to wark!!' could be heard. Heavy rain caused the appearance of a certain unique article of waterproof headgear, which is famous throughout the Lancashire Association.

The outward journey was made by prehistoric 33-seater chariot via the Ribble Valley, and much rain found its way into the vehicle. However, this did not prevent several touches being rung on handbells. On approaching Kirkby Lonsdale, one of our non-ringing friends moved to a seat near the rear of the coach, and it is thought that this had some connection with the fact that both offside rear tyres burst as we neared Kirkby Lonsdale Church.

We were joined by four friends from Todmorden, who had hired a van for the day, and half an hour's ringing on the well-kept six bells was enjoyed before they had to leave, together with two of the coach party, in order to reach Bowness in time for the Queen's arrival; they were not seen again until 6.40 p.m. Efforts were then made by the Ringing Master to persuade British Railways to lay a track from St. Mary's, Kirkby Lonsdale, to St. Martin's, Bowness, and, as a result, a substitute coach of superior condition was obtained from a Kendal garage.

We arrived at Bowness in fine weather, but two hours behind schedule, and proceeded to ring at St. Martin's Church. After lunch, the afternoon was spent at leisure. In spite of the determination of the Ringing Master that someone should be left behind, the whole of the party departed for Crosthwaite at 4.45 p.m.

After about 40 minutes' ringing at Crosthwaite we left for Kendal, where our original coach awaited us, and from there we travelled to our last tower, at Heversham, where we met our friends from Todmorden again. After 15 minutes' ringing on the fine six bells, our Ringing Master and the Burnley ringers deserted us to go 'tower snatching,' and a good run home ended a very eventful day.

Methods rung during the day were Plain Bob (Minor and Major) and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Our thanks are due to all incumbents and those who so kindly arranged to meet us, especially to the Rector of Windermere for his assistance in planning the route and allowing us to use the Parish Room for lunch. J. P.

DARLEY DALE

St. Helen's, Darley Dale, Derby, ringers spent the afternoon and evening of Thursday, August 2nd, visiting towers in North Derbyshire. A party of 40 ringers and friends left at 1 p.m. by motor coach and travelled by way of Chatsworth Park, Derwent Dams, Snake Pass and Kinder Scout to Glossop, where an hour was spent ringing the good-toned eight of the Parish Church. Before tea at Hayfield, the handy eight (tenor 9 cwt.) at the Parish Church were rung.

New Mills was the next call—another good sounding and good-going eight (tenor 14 cwt.). The last call was Taxal on the Cheshire side of the River Goyt. The church stands at the end of the road, with only the Rectory and a 'pub' as neighbours. This ring of six (tenor 12½ cwt.) was enjoyed for an hour. A short time was spent at the 'Chimes of Taxal,' where changes of a different character were accomplished.

Methods rung during the trip were Grand-sire, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor and Little Bob Major. The ringers wish to say 'Thank you' to incumbents and local ringers who met them for a very enjoyable outing.

OUTINGS

GAINSBOROUGH AND DISTRICT

It was very late on June 30th when 37 members and friends of the Gainsborough District arrived back from their annual outing. Before falling asleep to dream, perchance, of an even better outing next year, many memories would relieve this happy day.

First there was the delightful Leicestershire eight at Sileby. Then on to Rugby, where, at the appointed time, we picked up Harry Morgan. He is an old friend of the District, having moved to Rugby recently. Soon after, we 'picked up' the sun, and how wrong George Clifton was in his forecast the night before of a dull day! Dunchurch next, with its thatched, half-timbered houses and good heavy six, and so on to Belton, a nice six (tenor 7½ cwt.). These suited the young ringers down to the ground, or rather the boxes, so much in demand.

What we remember most, however, are the cups of tea and wonderful welcome to the home of the Morgan family. From here, most of the party went to Church Lawford, but a few caught the local bus for Rugby.

A leisurely walk through the shopping crowds of Rugby led to a sumptuous meal at Pattison's Cafe. Here we were able to repay the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and daughter, and were pleased to have Mrs. Vann, of the local company, join us. After tea we had the unique experience of collecting two rings and only one church, at St. Andrew's, Rugby. First the five in a modest tower at the west end. Amongst the rounds and Doubles methods was a 120 of Grand-sire by the 'lads.' The other tower, on the north side, is most elaborate and is surmounted by a spire. The eight are a delight to ring and listen to.

Methods rung were Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Single Court and Cambridge Minor. Ages ranged from eight to 83, not forgetting that wonderful young man of Rugby, Mr. G. Peck, whose 88th birthday was the next day.

ST. NICHOLAS', SEVENOAKS

The annual outing of St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, ringers took place on August Bank Holiday. With 32 ringers and friends on board the coach left at 8 a.m.

The first stop was at Wadhurst (8, 12½ cwt.), and Grand-sire Triples, Plain Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major were successfully brought round. The next part of the journey was through heavy rain to Uckfield (8, 11½ cwt.), and here the methods rung were Grand-sire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative. On then to the coast and Eastbourne was reached in time for lunch.

Ringing commenced at St. Mary's (8, 15½ cwt.) at 2 p.m. Methods rung included Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Spliced Grand-sire and Oxford Bob Triples and Yorkshire Surprise Major. The other tower visited at Eastbourne was All Saints' (8, 18 cwt.), and here Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, St. Clement's Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung.

Tea was taken at the Drive Hotel and was enjoyed by all.

The last port of call, Rye (8, 19 cwt.), was reached at 7.20 p.m. The bells here were found to be rather noisy and the ringing was not too successful. However, Grand-sire Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung before the party had to leave at 8 p.m.

After setting down ringers in the icy town of Tunbridge Wells and some more at Tonbridge home was reached at 10.30 p.m.

Many thanks are due to the incumbents and ringers of the churches visited for the use of the bells, and to Miss D. Colgate for organising such a successful day's outing.

B. S.

ROSS AND BRIDSTOW

The usual small party of ringing enthusiasts from South Herefordshire travelled some distance afield on the afternoon of Saturday, August 4th, when they set out to ring at five towers in the Bridgnorth area of Shropshire. Transport was by car and motor-cycle.

Quite unintentionally the organisers had implicitly followed the injunctions of the author of 'Snatch and Grab' (see 'The Ringing World' of July 27th, 1956) in letting the party in for a selection of towers that between them surely comprised some of the most hard-going and the most inaccessible rings in Shropshire!

First on the list was Willey (5), with a lovely little church in the park of a large estate, and only reached by winding lanes. The light ring (tenor 5 cwt.) was about the best of the day for 'go'; it is a pity that they sound so shrill from inside.

We were a few minutes late at the next tower, at Chelmarsh (6, 10 cwt.), due to the mistaken enthusiasm of the map-reader, who, in order that the Bank Holiday traffic on the main road should be avoided, succeeded in guiding the 'convoy' along a number of tortuous by-roads—'short cuts' that took nearly half as long again! Chelmarsh Church has a brick tower, and the ringing chamber is reached by an ornate wrought iron spiral staircase. The latter amused everyone, since we had never come across anything like it before. A local ringer was here to greet us, and several of the villagers ventured upstairs to watch the ringing—including one of the cricketers from the match being played in the field opposite. It is to be hoped that our Cambridge didn't put any potential Lakers or Mays off their game! The bells are a pleasant ring, with a fairly long

Quatt Malvern (6, 8 cwt.) bells were next, and once we had sorted out the chiming apparatus we found them to be another nice ring. Walsingham Alliance, our 'special method for the day,' was successfully brought round here. This church, like the previous one, has a brick tower.

The rain, which had set in between Chelmarsh and Quatt, lifted enough for us to reach Alveley (6, 11 cwt.) in comfort. Here, to the girls' mingled amusement and dismay, we found yet another iron spiral staircase, much more formidable than the last. We were made very welcome by the local band, who had only just finished 'playing for a wedding. These bells, though of a good tone, take some ringing, and the girls early on decided that they were not 'ladies' bells.' Therefore, when the locals told us that we would have our work cut out to ring Kinlet bells (our final tower), we began to wonder what we had let ourselves in for. After tea at Bewdley we felt sufficiently fortified to go and find out.

Kinlet Church, like Willey, is situated on a large estate—the best part of a mile inside the park. It is a lovely little building with a long and interesting history, as the ringer who met us explained. Unfortunately, the state of the bells (6, 10 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.) does not live up to that of the rest of the church. Among other things, nearly all of them are loose on the headstock, the fourth so much so that we did not dare get it up in peal with the others. Rounds and some Doubles on 12356 were the utmost we could manage here, and we had doubts about the safety of attempting even this. It would be a pity if these tuneless bells became entirely unringable through neglect or ignorance, and we venture to suggest that a detailed inspection and some sort of restoration work are long overdue.

Although the rain descended on us again immediately we left Kinlet Park it did not dampen our spirits, but left us feeling not dissatisfied with our afternoon's outing. Home was reached at about 8.30 p.m. Thanks are due to all incumbents and local ringers, organisers and transport-providers for helping to make our day a success.

M. T.

QUARTER PEALS

PENTRE, GLAM.—On Aug 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lovett 1, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 2, R. Brabham 3, K. Jones 4, K. Hartnoll 5, H. Crabb 6.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Aug. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Hankey 1, Miss B. Sagers 2, F. T. Hoad 3, F. W. Bird 4, B. A. Cracknell 5, A. Streeter 6, A. T. Shelton 7, G. Oliver (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major by 1, 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On July 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. Beavan 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, H. Powell 3, P. G. Morgan 4, F. E. Roberts 5, C. G. Jones 6, J. J. Webb 7, R. T. Jones (cond.) 8.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—On July 28th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Ralph 1, A. E. Woods 2, W. D. Whatmore 3, M. Hallet 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, M. Fisher 6. Rung for St. Peter's gift day; also as a farewell to the Rev. Ll. Edwards, 48 years' Rector of Kington Magna.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on July 28th, 1,320 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 600 Plain Bob): Miss P. Rowe 1, Miss J. Secker 2, M. Rowe 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, H. Howson 5, E. J. Rowe 6. For patronal festival.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Beeby (first quarter) 1, G. Seth 2, P. Davies 3, L. Witten 4, E. Whitmore (cond.) 5. For the eve of the patronal festival.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Bott 1, M. Rote 2, K. Rands 3, P. Pawley 4, L. Wykes (cond.) 5, J. Pawley 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4, and first of Minor on the bells. A compliment to Mr. J. Pawley and Miss M. Starbuck, both ringers at this church, on their forthcoming marriage.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Aug. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Fry (first of Major as conductor) 1, Miss J. French 2, E. Brunger (first of Major) 3, A. F. Wellington 4, B. Collinson 5, S. Jenner 6, T. Jenner 7, L. J. Honess 8. Rung as birthday compliments to E. J. Ladd, G. Price and the conductor's mother.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Patmore 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, C. T. W. Coles 4, D. Hewitt 5, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, H. Strange 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Mr. H. Strange, a member of St. Mary's band since 1921, upon leaving the district for Gloucestershire.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Perry (first quarter) 1, W. Mills 2, Miss E. Overend 3, P. Wycherley 4, R. Abbott (first quarter as conductor, aged 14) 5, H. Moody 6. For Evensong.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on July 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. F. Bryant 1, Miss C. F. Jones 2, Miss C. A. Muirhead 3, Joan Gray 4, G. McKay 5, D. N. Layton 6, A. R. Agg 7, K. W. Knowles 8, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 9, D. Beresford 10. A compliment to Pamela Martin and Derek Latchford, who were married this day.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Smalley 1, C. McKernan 2, F. Wadsworth 3, J. Cunliffe 4, G. Fothergill 5, A. Greenhalgh (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2 and 3.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On July 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Ridgway 1, T. E. Roberts 2, R. Reeves (first of Surprise) 3, J. Gregory (first of Surprise) 4, G. W. Holland 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6.

NOTICES

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PARFREY.—On August 12th, 1956, at Corston, near Bath, to Betty, wife of Harold L. Parfrey, a daughter (Judith Mary), a sister for Jane. 8788

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

SEAMAN-AMBLER.—The marriage between Geoffrey Seaman and Shirley Ambler will take place at Watford Parish Church on Saturday, September 1st, 1956, at 12.30 p.m. 8792

MARRIAGE

SILLS-RANSLEY.—On August 18th, 1956, at St. George's Church, Wrotham, Reginald L. Silles to Patricia Ransley. The address is now Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, near West Malling, Kent. 8802

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MISCELLANEOUS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Sept. 8th. Outing to East Kent. Have you booked your seat? If not, write at once.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 8790

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Aug. 25th. Meeting at Queen's Head, Cranford, 6.30. Ringing at Heston 4.30, and at Cranford 5.30.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 8797

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Eyam (6), Saturday, Aug. 25th, 2.30 p.m.-3 p.m. Well Dressing ceremony 3 p.m. Ringing again at 4 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 8763

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Pucklechurch, Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m.—W. F. Scudamore, Sec. 8811

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lugwardine, Saturday, August 25th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. 8782

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Pirton, Aug. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Winchendon Place Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8752

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Burmarsh (6) on Aug. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please make effort to attend this meeting.—W. P. G. 8719

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Walesby (8) on Aug. 25th. No tea provided.—C. Brown, Hon. Secretary. 8719

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Repton on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 8736

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Windsor, August 25th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. from nearby cafe. Further ringing 6 p.m. 8777

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Aug. 25th, changed to Pevensey (6). Service 4.30. Afterwards at Westham (6). Practice method: Double Court.—H. Reynolds, 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 8753

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Milverton (8) on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8787

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Weaverham (6), Saturday, Sept. 1st. Names for tea, by Aug. 29th, to W. Hornby, 33, Forsters Avenue, Weaverham.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 8813

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—South-eastern District.—Next meeting at Long Compton, Saturday, Sept. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All visitors welcome to this recently rehung ring of six. Names for tea by Aug. 29th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 8779

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting to be held at St. Bees on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Aug. 29th, to H. Wilson, 128, Main Street, St. Bees.—G. McKay, Hon. Sec. 8772

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8812

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Tollesbury (5), Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. 8724

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Bobbingworth, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Speed, 6, Council Cottages, Bobbingworth. 8769

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—The annual gathering of the **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District), **GUILDFORD GUILD** (Farnham District), **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Basingstoke District) and **OXFORD GUILD** (Sonning Deane Branch) will be held at Wokingham on Sept. 1st. Service in St. Paul's Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at Waterloo Restaurant, Market Place, 5.15. Notify for tea by August 27th. Ringing: Sandhurst, Finchampstead, All Saints', Wokingham, 2.30-3.30; St. Paul's 3.15-4.15; Arborfield, Binhurst, Hurst and All Saints' 6-9.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 8747

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Wickwar (6), Sept. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Aug. 30th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8807

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Hawkhurst, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Wednesday, Aug. 29th, to Mr. W. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 8765

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), on Saturday, Sept. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Aug. 28th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall, Staffs. All welcome. 8799

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Burton-in-Kendal (6 bells), on Sept. 1st. Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to A. Casson, 5, Barton Row, Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 8796

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Rainford, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, at small charge, only for those notifying, by Wednesday, Aug. 29th, Mr. E. Roughley, 1, Randle Avenue, Rainford, St. Helens. No names, no tea.—M. E. Ridyard. 8794

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Messingham on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying, by Tuesday previous, Miss J. M. Blackburn, Scotter Road, Messingham, Scunthorpe.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 8789

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckingham, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Will those requiring tea please notify, by Aug. 28th, Mr. F. Townsend, Main Street, Maids Moreton, Buckingham.—R. H. Howson, Hon. Sec. 8759

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Longcot, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Aug. 29th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 8803

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Great Cheverill (6), Sept. 1st. Usual arrangements.—Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8817

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Handsworth at 3 p.m. on Sept. 1st. Names for tea, by Aug. 29th, please, to Mr. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2.—J. Seager, Sec. 8775

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 1st, at Thrumpton (5), 3 to 4.30, and Gotham (5), 6 to 8 p.m. Bus to Thrumpton leaves Nottingham (Huntingdon Street) at 2.20 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Cuckoo Bush Inn, Gotham. Names to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 8754

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Rusper, Sept. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 8795

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Dyffryn, Neath, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 8748

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—District quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 1st, St. John's (Surrey Road), Bournemouth. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting, St. Peter's Hall, 5.15 p.m. St. Peter's bells evening.—116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 8810

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Wethersfield (6), Sept. 8th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 5th.—H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 8798

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Tendring, Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea must reach me by Wednesday, Sept. 5th.—J. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 8808

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hoo (6) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please note change of date. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Sept. 4th, to Mr. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse Farm, Hoo, near Rochester, Kent.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8751

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Sept. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 3s. per head. Those who require tea must inform Mr. G. T. Emplage, Orpen, Downbarton Road, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Birchington, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 4th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 8800

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Practice meeting at Beckenham, Saturday, September 8th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Service 5.30. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) by Tuesday, 4th, to Miss M. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley.—A. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8805

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hollingbourne, Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8801

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Halt-yearly, Spalding, Sept. 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., at Greyhound Hotel for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. J. G. Ames, 22, Willow Walk, Spalding. 8786

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, Sept. 8th. Names for tea to me by previous Monday.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 8809

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Tenby, Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 8815

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Monk's Eleigh (6) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food: cups of tea provided.—R. J. Seabrook. 8806

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Ripponden, Sept. 22nd. For teas, notify, by Thursday, Sept. 20th, F. Rhodes, 15, Lane Head, Soyland, Halifax.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 8793

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 13s. each, still available from Hon. Secretary, P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual Dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 6 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) available shortly and obtainable from Dinner Committee, Branch Secs. or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrrow, Evesham. 8804

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