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## IS CHANGE RINGING ONLY 300 YEARS OLD?

WHEN I was a boy and anxious to follow in the footsteps of the 'Shepherd' family I used to listen with rapt attention to conversation between ringers when they were not engaged in the belfry, and one of the assertions which impressed me greatly was that change ringing as an art went back many hundreds of years. This assertion was heard by me a few years prior to Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, but what a surprise to learn in later years that change ringing is not, as is often supposed, of great antiquity, in fact we can hardly claim 300 years of history for it.

In mediæval times bells were very important; and the care and use of them was the responsibility of the clerks who rang them before service, and often during a service, but when it came to ringing at the processions they could not be in church and tower at the same time on account of various duties in connection with the service. To overcome the difficulty some strong young lads were chosen to go up into the belfry and carry out this portion of the work which entailed swinging the bells as high as the fittings would allow. Before long they found it rather enjoyable and quite good exercise, with the result that it became a fascinating hobby. The Inventories of Edward VI.'s reign give us details of the number of bells in various towers, usually three or four in most cases, and five for the wealthier and more important parishes.

As time went on and ringing became rather popular many complaints were made about bell-ringing at night time, which resulted in various rules, regulations and resolutions being drawn up to regulate ringing 'without any evident necessity.' In those days ringing could not be done like it is to-day, and it is recorded at Exeter Cathedral in 1678 that £60 was paid to a bell-hanger for hanging the bells 'to be rung upon the sally,' which gives us an insight into conditions existing before that date.

Change ringing or method ringing is credited as being introduced by Fabian Stedman, a Cambridge printer, but the actual date seems to be unknown. Some writers have stated the year as 1657, probably because this date appeared in Shipway, but it was not until 1667 that the 'Tintinnalogia' was published, a work generally attributed to Stedman, and afterwards found to be the work of Richard Duckworth, although Stedman had a big hand in its production. From that time change ringing was taken up in many parts of the country not only as a healthy

exercise but intellectually, and yet it was not until 1715 that the first true peal of Bob Triples was rung, followed by Grandsire Triples three years later.

In the years that followed change ringing experienced many ups and downs, due to quite a number of causes, and when new methods were introduced many ringers began to regard their healthy exercise as a pastime becoming too complicated and involved, which led to a shrinkage in numbers.

Two great drawbacks were the absence of Diocesan and County Guilds, and a paper really devoted to ringers and ringing. In 1874 the Devon Guild was formed, and soon afterwards many others sprang into being in order to give proper recognition to the art of ringing, but when it came to a ringers' paper very little news could be obtained. Bits and pieces sometimes came out through 'Bell's Life,' but it mostly depended on how much space was left over after dealing with various sporting events, and if the activities of boxing, racing, wrestling, cock-fighting, etc., were numerous the ringing material was omitted. 'Church Bells' devoted a small portion of its columns to ringing performances, but it was the 'Bell News,' starting as a monthly journal, that supplied ringing news to those interested in ringing. This paper soon became a weekly publication and the writer first became acquainted with it in 1888 when on commencing school he was allocated the duty of going to the newsagent every Saturday morning to bring home father's favourite weekly. In that year (1888) the total number of peals amounted to 759, of which only 26 were Surprise Major, quite different to 1953 with a total of 2,566, of which Cambridge Surprise Major claimed 115. Much of the increase is due to five- and six-bell ringing, which applies not only to peals but other uses as well.

It has been said that the big increase in the number of methods framed and named in recent years is the cause of our numbers becoming fewer in the towers throughout the land, but this is purely hypothetical, for many reasons can be advanced why the bells cannot be rung in accordance with their numbers, various reasons for different localities. Change ringing when first introduced became very popular and in many places the bells were ringing for long periods five or six evenings a week with the result that curtailment rules were made and ringers given a bad name. To-day all is different, many lessons have been learnt, and though half-pull ringing is not so old as many people imagine, we realise that parishioners like to hear bell's well rung, whether rounds, call-changes or by half-pull, the most modern of the three systems. WILLIAM SHEPHERD.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Oct. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD GRANT .. .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 7
*VERNON GREEN .. .. 2	DOREEN D. DUTTON.. .. 8
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 3	†SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 9
S. ANTHONY JESSON.. .. 4	*JOHN A. SMITH.. .. 10
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. 5	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 11
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 6	HERRICK B. BOWLEY.. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

\* First peal on 12 bells. † 100th peal in this tower.

Specially arranged for G. S. Morris to call his first peal on 12 bells. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. Treble	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	JOHN R. JOYNER.. .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 5	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., Nov. 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*M. ANGELA CARTER.. .. Treble	FREDERICK C. WHITE .. 6
MRS. A. E. LOCK .. .. 2	ALAN R. PINK .. .. 7
†BRIAN R. WHITE .. .. 3	ALFRED H. WEBB .. .. 8
MARIE R. CROSS .. .. 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. 9
GEORGE W. BISHOP.. .. 5	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal. The conductor's 300th peal as such for the Guild.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.M. the Queen to open the County Hall, and to mark the 400th anniversary of the granting of a Charter to the Borough of Abingdon.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

R. GEORGE MORRIS.. .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 6
DOREEN D. DUTTON.. .. 2	BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. .. 7
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 3	GEORGE E. EVENDEN.. .. 8
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. 9
†VALERIE WILLARD .. .. 5	DAVID BEACHAM .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

\* First peal of Royal 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise Royal.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. 7
PHILIP H. WHITAKER.. 3	VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. 8
MARK J. BARKER.. .. 4	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 9
PETER J. SKINNER .. .. 5	ROY MARSDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

Rung to mark the 29th anniversary of the hallowing of the Cathedral, and also for the Patronal Festival.

STEPNEY, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

**A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. Treble	DAVID HOARE .. .. 6
RICHARD J. CRAGO .. .. 2	RONALD H. GARDINER .. 7
ANTHONY J. SANGER .. 3	GILBERT H. HARDING .. 8
VICTOR ROBERTS.. .. 4	HENRY J. SANGER .. .. 9
GWILYM SALMON .. .. 5	LEONARD DERRICK .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. J. HAWKINS.

Conducted by DAVID HOARE

Rung as an expression of gratitude and love for the life and work of the late E. J. Taylor.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

*On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

NORMAN TOMPKINS .. .. Treble	MRS. G. S. MILLS .. .. 5
RAYMOND JOHNSON .. .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 6
PHILIP J. HUDSON .. .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. .. 7
ORRELL DAVIES .. .. 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS.

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung to celebrate the wedding, with Nuptial Mass, at this church on this day of the assistant priest, Rev. D. J. R. Moseley, to Anne Philipa Ball, and the second anniversary of the recasting of the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Mon., Oct. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS .. .. 2	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 3	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 7
ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH.. .. Tenor

Composed by H. POYNER.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Oct. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,*

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. 6
PHYLLIS POOLE .. .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY .. .. 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

**A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ALEC GAMMON .. .. Treble	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. .. 5
DONALD H. NIBLETT.. .. 2	ROBIN A. HODGSON .. .. 6
DERMOT J. ROAF .. .. 3	FRANK A. BARRETT .. .. 7
PETER R. SANDERS .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

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

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

*On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 5
ARTHUR D. COOK .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH.. .. 7
ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.



## HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. Treble	WILLIAM CARNWELL .. .. 5
*CHARLES WEBB .. .. 2	HAROLD WHITE .. .. 6
*NORA STEELE .. .. 3	G. ARNOLD MOORE .. .. 7
NORMAN SARGEANT .. .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

\* First peal.

Rung in memory of George Jones, who rang for 49 years at the above church and was head ringer for 20 years.

## HAWKHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM GORRINGE .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. .. 2	JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
RALPH BIRD .. .. 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

*DEREK WHITEHOUSE .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	PETER J. BARKER .. .. 6
HAROLD J. SHUCK .. .. 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. .. 7
HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 4	STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

\* First peal and first attempt.

Rung for the Harvest Festival.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Treble	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	PETER LAFIN .. .. 6
*BASIL JONES .. .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY .. .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* 100th peal for the Guild.

Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to John W. Hartley, a member of the local band at Norbury for many years, who was buried on Saturday, October 20th, 1956.

## SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. 5
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. .. 6
WALTER H. POOLE .. .. 3	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. .. 7
*VERNON GREEN .. .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal in the method.

## WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Sonning Deanery Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Davis's Ten-part, C.C. Collection, No. 6.

Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb.

*EDWARD G. BURROWS .. Treble	WILLIAM H. J. PARKER .. 5
WILLIAM J. PAICE .. .. 2	HAROLD SMITH .. .. 6
MRS. H. SMITH .. .. 3	WALTER HUNT .. .. 7
WILLIAM J. BROOKS .. 4	†HUGH GOODEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal. 50th peal on the bells.

Rung to commemorate improvements to the church through a bequest of a parishioner. These include a new organ, a new approach to the ringing chamber, and renovation of walls of sanctuary and chancel. The dedication service was a fortnight previous.

## COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 28, 1956, in 3 Hours exactly,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

FRANK H. HICKS .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 5
*†DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. 2	ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 6
WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 3	*PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
*RALPH BIRD .. .. 4	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALAN R. PINK.

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

\* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor.

## ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sun., Oct. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK .. .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 6
DIANA J. PERRINS .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

## PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

H. Hubbard's Five-part.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. Treble	MICHAEL SOLLEY .. .. 5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 6
HORACE W. EASEY .. .. 3	PETER KINDRED .. .. 7
DOUGLAS MITCHELL .. 4	JOHN ALLEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

First peal on the bells by all regular Sunday service ringers.

## CHISLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JUDITH R. COX .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
*ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 6
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 3	*JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 4	*BRIAN BLADON .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

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



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## CARDIFF.

## THE LLLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part, seventh observation.

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb.

WALFORD DAVIES .. .. Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN .. .. 5
TREVOR LEWIS .. .. 2	THOMAS PETTY .. .. 6
KEITH JONES .. .. 3	WILLIAM DARE .. .. 7
THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. 4	ROYSTON ESCOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

Rung as a compliment to Seymour R. Barker on attaining 50 years' membership of St. John's tower. Rung after meeting short for Grand-sire Caters'.

## LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Mon., Oct. 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. Treble	*A. J. HOWARD (Trinity) .. 5
*A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 2	†F. B. COOKSON (St. John's) .. 6
*P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. 7
†SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Composed by H. BARTON.

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Lincolnshire.

## WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5152 HALLAM SURPRISE MAJOR

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

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
MARY LAWRENCE .. .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

## PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Fri., Nov. 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ in F.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Treble	*FRANK BRUNT .. .. 5
IAN HOLLAND .. .. 2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 6
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 3	JOHN S. SEAGER .. .. 7
CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal on eight bells.

Rung to mark the dedication of the new baptistery, dedicated by the Bishop of Pontefract on the previous Wednesday.

## CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN HULME .. .. Treble	ARTHUR W. DILLEY .. .. 5
MRS. F. MAGER .. .. 2	GEOFFREY W. MAYES .. .. 6
*MRS. A. CRAVEN .. .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. .. 7
†JILL MAYES .. .. 4	PERCY W. TOMPKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by PERCY W. TOMPKINS.

\* First peal and first attempt.

† First peal of Major.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

## EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*BRIAN E. JEFFREY .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 5
†EDWARD J. JENNER .. .. 2	†ERIC J. BRUNGER .. .. 6
†GEORGE FRY .. .. 3	†STANLEY JENNER .. .. 7
LUTHER J. HONFESS .. .. 4	BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Triples. ‡ 25th peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.

A 29th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jenner.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

T. CHARLES BROWNE .. Treble	*JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 4
*MRS. J. R. SMITH .. .. 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

\* 50th peal together. First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band. J. R. Smith has now 'circled the tower.'

## WEAVERHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten varied callings).

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*SONIA CROSS .. .. Treble	ERIC HORNBY .. .. 4
DAVID SMITH .. .. 2	WILLIAM HORNBY .. .. 5
HENRY PARKER .. .. 3	*ERNEST BRADLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

\* First peal.

## CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT E. JONES .. Treble	†DESMOND FERGUSON .. 4
*JEAN HUTTON .. .. 2	PHILIP G. MORGAN .. .. 5
LESLIE EVANS .. .. 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

## NEWTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and two each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

WALTER WESTON .. Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. 3
RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. .. 4

JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung for the Harvest Festival.

## SMARDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of a 720 each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

IVAN A. C. BUTCHER .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 5
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

Rung on the fifth wedding anniversary of the conductor, and also a birthday compliment to William A. Kitchenside.

## STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY W. HOWARD .. Treble	ERIC HORNBY .. .. 4
HENRY PARKER .. .. 2	WILLIAM ALLMAN .. .. 5
CECIL RADDON .. .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John H. Davenport, the leader at this tower.

H. W. Howard has 'completed the circle.'



WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*WALTER J. COPP .. Treble	ARTHUR R. TUDBALL .. 4
HORACE W. ARSCOTT .. 2	ISAAC FARMER .. 5
LESLIE H. ARSCOTT .. 3	RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. ARSCOTT.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung to commemorate the service of Walter J. Copp of over 50 years as a ringer at this tower.

GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. Treble	*SEPTIMUS NEAVE .. 4
STEPHEN BROMFIELD .. 2	†W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 5
MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 3	WALTER AYRE .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR R. CLARKE .. Treble	*ALAN STREETER .. 4
F. ERIC ROBERTS .. 2	†BRIAN A. CRACKNELL .. 5
GEORGE OLLIVER .. 3	WILLIAM F. SLAUGHTER .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN A. CRACKNELL.

\* First of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the first anniversary of the induction of the Rector, Rev. G. I. Williams, M.A.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 32 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and ten extents of Grand-sire (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. Treble	JACK BENISTON .. 4
*WILFRED LORD .. 2	JOHN HAWTIN .. 5
JAMES A. LORD .. 3	GEORGE E. HOWLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

\* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Beniston on the birth of a son (Paul). Also as a welcome to Philip Richard Lord, grandchild of the ringer of the second.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

On Wed., Oct. 31, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 840 each of Kennington, London, Old Doubles, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

PHILIP JONES .. Treble	JACK KIGHTLEY .. 4
MICHAEL BLASON .. 2	ANTHONY FORD .. 5
RAYMOND HENMAN .. 3	LESLIE BATTISON .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

LEONARD G. TOSELAND .. Treble	BRYAN S. COPE .. 4
*FRANK CROZIER .. 2	*DAVID JAMES .. 5
SHEILA COLLINS .. 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

\* First peal in seven methods First peal of Minor in seven methods as conductor.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of All Saints.

DUNKERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Ten different callings.	Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.
ROGER O. FRY .. Treble	*ALAN F. LEE .. 4
*TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2	*RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 5
*FRANK D. MACK .. 3	ALBERT F. BUTT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest J. Taylor.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).	Tenor 11 cwt.
BERYL MATTHEWS .. Treble	STEPHEN DUXBURY .. 4
PAT BATHE .. 2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 5
DAVID WILLS .. 3	MRS. E. BATHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN L. S. GLANVILL.

First peal by all except conductor. First peal on the bells since being recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four callings of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire, twice repeated. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*ALAN A. CROUCHER .. Treble	*JOSEPH J. BATCHELOR .. 4
†E. PATRICIA LEWIS .. 2	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .. 5
†PETER F. T. SMITH .. 3	†PERCY M. TOWN .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER WADDINGTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

HANDBELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT 4, HEALD GROVE, WHITWORTH PARK,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT 1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. 5—6
*DEREK OGDEN .. 3—4	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 7—8
*LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 9—10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (No. 37).

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

\* First handbell peal of Caters.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE BLUE BELL INN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. SMITH .. 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 5—6
JOHN VERNON .. 3—4	MICHAEL VERNON .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

Rung as a compliment to C. Roger Hayward, a ringer of St. Michael's, Stoney Stanton, and Nancy M. Toone, a ringer of St. Mary's, Hinckley, who were married the previous day.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 28, 1956, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 7—8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Tues., Oct. 30, 1956, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,

AT 153, RATCLIFFE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 10 in A.

*DEREK M. SAWYER .. 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3—4
†MICHAEL WHITE .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal. † First peal 'in hand.'



# QUARTER PEALS

**BAMPTON, OXON.**—On Oct. 13th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. S. Hodgson 1, Miss C. M. Woodward 2, M. J. Thomas 3, M. J. Hallett 4, D. H. Niblett 5, F. A. Barrett 6, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 7, R. A. Hodgson 8.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—At St. Michael's Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Bull (16) 1, 1, Miss J. Huddleston 2, R. Story 3, H. Balaam 4, J. Weaver 5, A. Taylor 6, E. F. Gilbert (cond.) 7, B. Dawes 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. J. B. Woodley.

**BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Gadsden (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Heasman 2, Miss A. Eldridge 3, Miss D. Pankhurst (first quarter) 4, C. Verdon (first as cond.) 5, C. Grisbrook 6. Rung for the opening of the new Church of England Junior School by H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester.

**BOLNEY, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Gasson 1, J. Gasson 2, G. Packham 3, F. Godsmark 4, H. W. Brown (first of Triples) 5, R. Johnson 6, J. Lilley (cond.) 7, G. Gasson 8. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Gasson 1, J. Gasson 2, R. Simpson 3, T. Gasson 4, G. Packham 5, R. Johnson 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, T. Brett 8. A 74th birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth, who has completed 54 years as a ringer at this church.

**BRADFORD, YORKS.**—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Schofield (11 years, first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, F. Waspe 3, H. B. Schofield 4, A. Ashton 5, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 6, F. Rayment tenor (covering).

**CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Carveth 1, Miss M. A. Birch 2, Miss V. M. Matthews 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, J. M. Jelley 5, E. J. Jelley 6, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 7, D. N. Penrose 8. For the Feast of St. Luke.

**CHELSEFIELD, KENT.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. George 1, J. Parker 2, J. Pannell 3, W. Martin 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, V. Webster 6. Rung for the 10th anniversary of St. Martin's Guild Youth Fellowship, all ringers being members of the Guild.

**CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Moore 1, R. Shire 2, H. Churchill (cond.) 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, R. Braddick 6. Rung on the sixth anniversary of the first peal on the bells, called by the same conductor.

**CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.**—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Britten 1, H. May 2, W. Wills 3, K. Wannell 4, D. Wills (cond.) 5, Mrs. E. Bathe 6. First quarter for 1 and 4.

**COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Wilcox 1, C. Batten 2, L. Framcombe 3, G. Smart 4, R. Williams (cond.) 5, W. Cook 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Walters.

**ELING, HANTS.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann E. Lewin (first quarter) 1, Ruth A. Carey 2, D. C. Exell 3, Isobel Inman 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, P. W. M. Jones 6.

**FAVERSHAM, KENT.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Eades 1, Miss E. S. Wyles 2, B. J. Luck 3, D. Chatfield 4, B. R. Jemmett 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, F. Pack 8. Rung prior to the Operation Firm Faith family service for the Deanery.

**FROME, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. H. Wycherley 1, Miss E. Overend 2, W. H. Poole 3, J. Looker 4, G. Gaylard 5, D. Flower 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 2, 6 and 8.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On Oct. 11th, 1,256 Grandsire Caters: Pamela Clarke 1, B. Buswell (cond.) 2, W. R. Read 3, Mrs. K. K. Ketteringham 4, D. A. Frith 5, K. K. Ketteringham 6, R. Stephenson 7, H. R. Woods 8, J. D. Clarke 9, T. Greasley 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1, 4 and 6.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On Oct. 14th, 720 each of St. Clement's and Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. R. Nichois 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Before morning service.

**HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.**—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Feuer 1, L. Sharpe 2, E. Nice 3, L. Melton 4, J. Stannard 5, A. Ballam 6, K. G. Brown (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Windwood 1, E. R. Rapley 2, D. Mitchell 3, E. F. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, G. Francis 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung immediately after the baptism of Ian Basil, son of Basil and Mary White.

**HORSMONDEN, KENT.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lambert 1, A. W. Durham 2, R. T. Lambert 3, E. Bromley 4, F. Bromley 5, T. E. Sone (cond.) 6, A. Bromley 7, W. Fuller 8. For harvest festival, also a birthday compliment to the brothers R. E. and R. T. Lambert.

**KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire): Margaret A. Evans 1, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 2, Cynthia Pendlebury (first 'inside') 3, J. Fox 4, E. Edginton 5, A. Edginton 6. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. Evans 1, J. Fox 2, E. Edginton 3, E. H. White 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, A. Edginton 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Pamela Timmis, a local ringer.

**MACHYNLETH, MONTGOMERYS.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Glynys Thomas 1, T. Gwilliam 2, D. Walklate 3, A. Evans 4, G. Harris (cond.) 5, P. Romney 6.

**MARCH, CAMBS.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Leeden 1, A. T. Palmer 2, W. Moore 3, T. Bevis (cond.) 4, F. S. Parsons 5, J. Moore 6. Arranged by Miss J. Peel as a compliment to her grand-parents on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

**MARSTON, OXON.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 300 Grandsire): B. C. Machon (first quarter) 1, R. H. Jones 2, Christine M. Woodward (first as cond.) 3, A. Gammon 4, D. C. Woodward 5. For Evensong.

**MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCS.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Selby (cond.) 1, R. Chapman (first quarter) 2, J. Harrison 3, C. Bickerstaff (first quarter) 4, E. Edwards 5, J. Thornett 6. To mark the 50th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Waddy), lately a housemaster at Rugby, and former Test Match player for Australia and county cricketer (Warwickshire).

**NEWARK, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. N. Sellers 1, A. E. Chilton 2, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, C. F. Briggs 4, P. N. White 5, W. L. Exton 6, J. W. Raithby 7, F. W. Midwinter 8. For the third Sunday of Gopher.

**NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Holdom 1, C. Pooley 2, R. W. Balls 3, L. Risebrow 4, J. R. Smith (cond.) 5. For harvest thanksgiving.

**NUTFIELD, SURREY.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy Kempell 1, F. W. Bird 2, G. Oliver (cond.) 3, A. Clarke (first 'inside') 4, A. Streeter 5, W. Clarke 6. All are employees of The Fullers' Earth Union Limited, Redhill.

**OLDHAM, LANCs.**—At St. Mary's Church, on October 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. B. Hartley 1, D. Sanderson (cond.) 2, W. T. Light 3, J. T. Walmsley 4, D. Seville 5, J. Mayrick (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, Terha Barnett 2, J. Vardy 3, Jean Day 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, R. Pope (first quarter) 6.

**PINNER, MIDDLEX.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. C. Gorringe 1, Miss M. J. Skinner 2, Miss S. M. Clayton 3, N. D. Robinson (first in method) 4, E. Thurlow 5, E. R. Wilkinson 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, H. Stratford 8. For harvest festival.

**SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Davis 1, J. Pinfold 2, Dorothy Battersby 3, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 4, H. J. Turner 5, A. V. Davis 6, N. J. Goodman 7, F. Walters 8. Rung in the octave of All Saints.

**STEPNEY, E.**—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): P. J. Shute 1, H. G. Weedon (first as cond. at first attempt) 2, H. W. Knauss 3, L. J. Fox 4, R. Sumner 5, S. Smith 6. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Shute (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, Jean M. Powell (first 'inside') 2, L. J. Fox (cond.) 3, Betty A. Tester 4, A. Lewry 5, H. G. Weedon 6, R. Sumner 7, S. Smith 8. For Evensong within the octave of All Saints.

**STREATHAM, S.W.**—On Nov. 4th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Sinkins (91) 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, C. D. Nichols 3, J. W. Chapman 4, J. W. Rea 5, C. Champion 6, J. W. Euston (cond.) 7, T. W. Welbourn: 8.

**TITCHFIELD, HANTS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. W. Burgess (first quarter) 1, J. A. G. Ball (first of Minor) 2, G. W. Barton 3, F. C. Love 4, A. G. Leahy 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. For Trafalgar Day.

**TRULL, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Baker (first quarter) 1, Beryl Churchill 2, Sylvia Vine 3, R. Baker 4, R. G. Perry (cond.) 5, H. Churchill 6. Rung for eve of All Saints' service.

**TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): J. Bennett 1, C. R. Lovett 2, F. E. Wiseman 3, F. Crapnell 4, J. Crapnell 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For the institution of the Rev. E. W. S. Broadbent.

**WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. L. Gray 1, K. Gray 2, Vivian T. Boase 3, E. Jones 4, J. A. Webster 5, T. Rogers (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Joan Mary Webster, of St. Hilary's (Wallasey), to Charles Bancroft Pemberton, of St. Oswald's (Bidston).

**WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob: J. Fox (cond.) 1, Miss J. Sharp 2, J. Bird 3, M. Parker 4, L. Harvey 5, W. R. Wiskin 6. First quarter for 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**WALSALL, STAFFS.**—At St. Matthew's Church, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela Gill 1, C. Wallater 2, Stella Hughes 3, J. S. Eastwood 4, P. J. Barker 5, E. Stutch (cond.) 6, G. W. Hughes 7, G. F. Howlett 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

**WEST DIDSURY, LANCs.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss A. Lucas (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Kay 2, V. Griffin (first in two methods as cond.) 3, D. F. Manning 4, A. Bennion 5, P. L. Forrest 6. First in two methods by all the band except the conductor. Rung for morning service and as a welcome to the conductor on the completion of his National Service.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, H. C. Ridgway 2, H. Jones 3, L. A. Smith 4, W. Townsend 5, G. E. Green (first in method as cond.) 6, G. W. Holland 7, F. C. Case 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Betty Elliott.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 St. Clement's: Miss R. E. Gower 1, Miss R. A. Gower 2, E. S. Luck 3, M. S. Lancelfield (cond.) 4, L. C. Smith 5, L. Pope 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 Kentish Delight: Miss B. Philpot 1, L. Pope 2, C. T. Hillis 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancelfield 5, M. S. Lancelfield (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,368 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. S. Luck 1, Miss P. Lowes (first in method) 2, L. Pope 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancelfield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Pope (first of Minor) 1, Miss R. A. Gower 2, Miss R. E. Gower 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancelfield 5, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**WIVELISCOBE, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, Miss M. Hall (first quarter) 2, W. Baker 3, A. Turner 4, P. Bird 5, C. Bellow 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, F. Salter 8. A farewell compliment to Miss Hall on leaving the district.

**WORLE, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Bennett 1, Miss M. Legg (cond.) 2, Miss M. Hodges (first 'inside') 3, Miss L. Hammond 4, Miss B. Johnson 5, Mrs. D. Strong 6.



THE last Saturday in October is reserved by members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild for the annual dinner and social. This annual event, initiated by the Guild's founder and first president, the late Harold J. Poole, has achieved great success, attracting visitors from all over the country.

This year the event was held at the Bull's Head Hotel, Shelthorpe, near Loughborough. Loughborough was chosen as the venue this year as a compliment to the Guild's new president, Mr. Paul L. Taylor, head of the famous firm of bell-founders which bears his name. Doubt had been expressed whether members would find Loughborough convenient to reach, but all fears were removed when a company of 115 sat down to dinner.

Both the Loughborough rings—the Parish Church of All Saints, with ten bells (tenor 30½ cwt.), and the Bell Foundry ten (tenor 6½ cwt.)—were open for ringing during the afternoon.

Supporting the president and Mrs. Taylor at the dinner were the Ven. R. B. Cole, Vicar of St. Philip's, Leicester, and Archdeacon of Loughborough, and the Ven. W. J. Lyon, Rector of All Saints', Loughborough, Mr. E. C. Turner and Mr. P. A. Corby (vice-presidents), Mr. B. G. Warwick (hon. general secretary), Mr. A. E. Rowley, (hon. treasurer), Mr. S. Burton (hon. peal secretary), Mrs. E. C. Turner, Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mrs. B. G. Warwick, Mrs. S. Burton, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wood.

After the loyal toast had been honoured on the call of the president, the Archdeacon of Loughborough proposed the toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers,' 'Bell ringers,' he said, 'played an important part in the life of a church, and it was necessary to

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regard ringers as *church* bell ringers and not just simply as ringers.'

The president in reply stated that the Leicester Diocesan Guild was still of a high standard in all its activities, including the peal attempts and meetings and social activities. Outstanding events during the year were the visit of the Central Council to Leicester at Whitsuntide and the visit of A. P. Cannon's touring party for a whole week in August, when 13 peal attempts and visits to 70 towers were organised for the tourists by the general secretary. Publicity to the tourists and to the Guild was given when the B.B.C. caught up with the party at Loughborough. A recording of the Foundry bells, together with a commentary by Mr. A. P. Cannon, was broadcast after the news the same evening.

Mr. E. C. Turner (vice-president) submitted the toast of 'The Guests and Visitors.' The Guild, he said, had often had visitors attending meetings and dinners, and it was necessary to give them a good impression to take back to their own Guilds or Associations. The following visitors were present: Mr. J. W. Cotton (secretary of the Midland Counties Guild), Mr. G. A. Halls (Derby), Miss V. M. Horton (Duffield), Mr. T. J. Lock (Hatfield), Mr. G. S. Morris (Lyme Regis), Mr. W. H. Poole (Yeovil) and Mr. H. J. Gaylard (Yeovil). The guests were the Archdeacon of Loughborough and the Rec-

tor of Loughborough. He noticed that one of the Guild members was wearing the new bell-ringer's tie, and he wondered whether they could be obtained in bows!

Mr. T. J. Lock, in acknowledging the toast on behalf of the visitors, said they were grateful for all the efforts made for their entertainment. During the day he had had three surprises: (i) a peal of London Surprise Major at Prestwold, (ii) the surprise of the local catering arrangements, (iii) the surprise and pleasure of being asked to reply to that toast. On behalf of all the visitors he said that they had always enjoyed coming to the Leicester Diocesan Guild dinners.

Before members adjourned for the social evening, the president mentioned that a letter had been received from Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, of the Kent County Association, who were holding their annual dinner on the same evening, wishing the Guild every success. A telegram was sent to Dr. Hatcher on behalf of the Leicester Guild by the secretary.

The highly successful social evening which followed was organised by the secretary of the Hinckley District (Mr. F. K. Measures). The Leicester Guild socials are well known throughout the country and therefore need no further description. Suffice it to say that this one came up to the usual high standard. B. G. W.

**COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret A. Elsey 1, D. Bray 2, G. Dudley 3, H. Kilby 4, P. Immins 5, R. T. E. Hubbard (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Wilson, a ringer of this church, who passed away on Oct. 21st.

**LOCKING, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. C. Mogford 1, Marjorie Legg 2, Monica Fray 3, H. Collings 4, G. Prescott 5, W. A. Prescott 6.

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St. Nicholas', Islip, Oxon, bells have been augmented by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to a ring of eight. The dedication will take place next Sunday at 6 p.m. by the Bishop of Oxford, and the bells will be available for visitors after the service.

Stepney Parish Church is becoming the nurses' tower in London, and several from London Hospital ring there when their duties permit. Among them ringing in a quarter on November 5th was Miss Betty Tester.

Mr. S. Wade, a member of the Southgate band for over 50 years, who recently moved to Essex, is at present in Rochford Hospital, near Southend. He would be pleased to hear from some of his older friends.

Ringling in a quarter peal at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on November 4th was Mr. F. V. Sinkins, who is now in his 92nd year. It will hearten his many friends in the Slough district to learn of this virility.

A septic hand has kept Mr. Tom Myers, of Plymouth, 'out of action.' After three weeks in hospital he is attending daily for physiotherapy. He is hoping to be his old self by 1957.

The quarter peal at Selly Oak on November 4th was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Battersby, of Bournemouth, who, together with Mr. Arthur Davis and Miss M. Davis, were on a visit to the Midlands on the occasion of the Worcester dinner.

The Society of Friends of the Exercise had to cancel their October weekend because of pressure of business on the organiser, who was arranging the East Budleigh carnival week. Mr. C. Savage informs us that 'the Friends' will move in the New Year, and preliminary plans are being made for a Whitsun tour of the Isle of Wight.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

From Dar-es-Salaam we received this week an order for the Manual of Ringing Training of the College of Campanology. We have passed the order on to the author, who will doubtless be as surprised as we were to receive this letter from Tanganyika.

Sixteen-years-old Miss J. Ball, of Basingstoke, rang her first quarter peal on November 3rd at St. Michael's Church on a bell minus a stay.

Mr. W. M. Mann, of Caston, has begun his studies at Nottingham University. His friends in Norfolk wish him a happy and successful stay at Nottingham.

There are about a dozen ringers employed by the Fuller's Earth Union Company, Ltd., Redhill, and they ring at Redhill, Nutfield and Blethingley.

Bozeat, Northants, ringers have lost a member of their tower for 30 years by the death of Mr. Joshua J. Partridge. To his memory a quarter peal was rung on November 5th.

The band who rang the peal at Nutfield on October 29th desire to express their gratitude to Mrs. Kempsell and her daughter Nancy for their kind hospitality after the peal, and also after a previous attempt had failed because of a broken rope.

It was the local band, with the exception of the conductor, who rang the first peal on the recast and rehung bells of Clyst St. George, Devon, on November 3rd. This was one of the first churches to be completely destroyed by enemy action in 1940. The bells were cracked by the fire but did not fall to the ground. The church is now fully restored. Ringers associate Clyst St. George with the Rev. G. Ellacombe, one-time rector, author of a book on Devonshire bells and the inventor of the Ellacombe chiming apparatus.

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# 319th ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

## RECTOR OF BOW THANKS RINGERS THE WORLD OVER

The 319th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths at Bridge House Restaurant on November 3rd attracted a large attendance of ringers from all parts of the country—178 sitting down. The reunion was one of the happiest of gatherings. During the evening the Society's first contribution to the Bow Bells Appeal Fund—a cheque for £50—was handed by the Master to the Rev. H. Evan Hopkins, Rector of Bow.

In time-honoured fashion the Master, Sqdn. Leader J. S. Mason, entered, escorted by the stewards, Mr. S. H. Dearden and Mr. P. A. F. Chalk, carrying their regalia of office.

After the loyal toast the Master proposed the toast of 'The Church.' He said he often wished they had more detailed information of the way in which these dinners were conducted in the 18th century. The cost of the dinner was the same then as it was that day, although, of course, the cost of living was not 2s. a pint. They could see from the copy of their rule book that the invitation card was an elaborate affair, and he had no doubt that the dinner was elaborate too. The guests were invited to the appointed place and, in the words of the card, 'there to dine, it being the annual feast.'

The character of the Society had changed since those early days and so had the relationship of ringing, as they knew it, to the Church. The primary use of church bells today was that of ringing for Sunday service, a thing unknown in the early days of their Society: today the ringing exercise was a real part of church activity.

This, and the interest taken by the community at large, had resulted in the considerable amount of bell restoration which had taken place in the last 30 years: in fact there were areas in the country where it was unusual to find a ring of bells in poor order.

In the City of London, where losses due to enemy action were considerable, several restorations were on hand and the immediate prospect was very promising. In fact it seemed that the most serious problem facing them was the ever-present one of more bells than ringers, which was a challenge to them all.

'But what of the future? There is no evidence that ringing is becoming a dying art, but a Society such as ours, which is almost as old as the Exercise, should look farther ahead than the immediate prospect. If your church has a suitable tower, experience has shown that money can be raised to install a ring of bells, and ringers can be trained, but if you are faced with the prospect of building a tower it is a very different story. Hence the popularity of electronic devices.

'Ringing is part of the English scene, but it requires the co-operation of the Church authorities and it must be accepted, if only passively, by the community at large. Today more and more people are moving out from their old centres of population with their established customs to new estates, churches are being built to cater for their needs and new social habits are being formed. At the summer exhibition of the Royal Academy this year, not one of the designs for new churches included in the architectural section had provision for a tower holding a ring of bells. It seems, therefore, that the English scene will change more than ever in these areas.

'There is no easy solution to this problem, but a traditional institution can be maintained in a healthy state if its supporters keep in step with contemporary conditions, and it seems to me that today more than ever it is necessary that we should realise our responsibilities as churchmen and act accordingly.'

## THE PRESENTATION

At the conclusion of his speech the Master said he would like to call attention to the Bow Bells Appeal Fund. The Society had voted a subscription from their funds, and an appeal had been made to members all over the country and that appeal was still open. As a first instalment he asked the Rev. H. Evan Hopkins to accept a cheque for £50.

Thanking the Master and those who had contributed towards the cheque, the Rev. Evan Hopkins said he would also like to thank the very large number of ringers who had contributed through their Guilds and Branches. He had had about £150 to £200 from ringers all over the country and also some from overseas. On behalf of the Lord Mayor and the Appeal Committee he would like to thank them all most sincerely. It made one feel that these famous bells belonged not only to the Church and London but all who rang and loved the art of ringing.

He would like to report progress about the restored ring. As they knew, the bells had been recast with due ceremony and each named by a churchwarden. He had nine parishes combined with his own parish. With a very impressive ceremony they cast the tenor bell and at the same time the second, which was called Fabian by their Master.

The bells were cast and tuned and were to be mechanically chimed for the Lord Mayor's Procession. Their steeple would have to be demolished and rebuilt, and he was afraid it would be two or three years before the bells could be rung. While they were waiting for that they were trying to raise money for the rebuilding of the church. As the foundations had given way it was going to be a very expensive business. Towards that cost they had got about half way.

Round the sound bow of each of the recast bells there was a border of London Pride, and he thought that those who had the responsibility for restoring the bells of Bow could take pride that London had recovered from the devastating blitz of 1941 and that the bells would ring once more to the glory of God.

## 'BLYTHE COLLEGE YOUTHS'

Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward proposed the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' and said he regarded the occasion as a great honour as he was not yet a member of 50 years' standing, although he was fast travelling that way. It was difficult to say something new to a toast that had been proposed for 319 years. He found in Ernest Morris' book, 'The Church Bells of England,' this verse:—

The blythe College Youths,  
Rather old staggers,  
Accustomed for years  
To pull bells for wagers.

He would add to that:—

Now ring Stedman Cinques  
Much better than Caters.

He congratulated the small band of ringers resident in London for keeping alive the traditions of the Ancient Society for the benefit of the large provincial membership and, of course, themselves. Their job today was to encourage the many young ringers, both male and female, to take on some responsibility and to help them with their ringing, and above all remember that they would have to carry on after 'we old staggers have passed on.'

Mr. Garner-Hayward concluded by suggesting that the dinner for 1957 should be for members and their wives. It would have to be done some time, like the friendly undertaker who closed his correspondence with 'yours eventually.' He coupled the name of Mr. A. B. Peck with the toast.

The Master made an appropriate interpolation by saying that the average age of the ringers on a recent Sunday morning at St. Paul's was only 36. Ladies were present at their centenary dinner in 1937.

Mr. Peck, on rising to reply, received a great ovation. When it had subsided he said: 'I have in front of me the finest set of ringers I have seen. I think nearly all of them can ring as well as I can. The young ringers of today are as good as I am.'

Mr. Peck announced that apologies had been received from the Provost of Southwark, Brian Threlfall, John Crampin, G. Massey, George Elphick, Richard Stannard (who wrote that he was afraid his ringing career, which started in 1884, was finished), George Symonds, R. Lathbury, Roland and Caleb Fenn, Tom Myers and Donald G. Clift.

## NEW MEMBERS

During the year the following new members had been elected: A. J. Sanger (Evercreech), J. R. Badman, R. J. Crago, D. M. C. Hill, G. Francis (Itchingfield), A. L. Weller, C. A. Wratten (Hounslow), H. Newman (Gloucester), G. Uglow (Falmouth), B. Bladen (Tottenham), P. J. Westwood (Dover), D. F. Wheeler (Devonport), W. J. Ridgman (Cambridge), A. E. Austin (Newmarket), P. Border (Cambridge), W. Turk (Martock), G. Gaylard (Yeovil), J. D. Painter (Harpending), W. A. Yates (Buckingham), G. W. Holland, T. E. Roberts, C. W. Towers (Nottingham), M. P. Moreton (Hereford), J. B. Long (Bedford), S. Leatherbarrow (Blackburn), J. W. R. Quinney (Cambridge), R. J. Chapman (Walthamstow), J. N. Brown (Ormskirk), B. and D. Holland (Sheffield), J. N. and N. J. Diserens (Reading), R. K. Russ (Sonning), R. F. Baker (Brampton), C. Wander (Donington), N. J. Goodman (Kings Norton), C. Skidmore (Stourbridge), J. Lloyd (Brierley Hill), J. Armstrong (Dagenham), R. W. Sumner (East Ham), S. Smith (Stepney), H. Hamer (Milnrow), I. Kay (Oldham), E. M. Fielden (Halifax), R. G. Leale (Surbiton), H. C. Beard (Newport Pagnell), A. F. Thirst (Richmond), F. C. White (Appleton), E. W. Drewett, D. L. Mills (Bures), G. S. Mills (Heywood), J. Wilson (Kendal), F. A. Ranson (Hammersmith), R. S. Long (Sheffield), J. H. Lilley (Cuckfield).

## LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood as the names of the following, who had died since the last dinner, were remembered: W. H. L. Buckingham, Alec Rusby, A. W. Heath, B. Knights, C. Mayne, J. C. Mitchell, G. Haworth, J. W. Jones, G. Preston, F. Dexter, W. C. Dowling, Dick White, F. G. May, Dr. I. G. Iles, Reuben Charge, Sidney Macey, W. T. Elson, E. J. Taylor, F. Tillett, F. Borrett, W. Nudds, L. C. Wightman, G. F. Williams, W. Spice, W. H. Chalk, W. Massey, E. A. Young.

Mr. Peck gave details of the 17 peals rung by the Society during the year. They had held 46 meetings, practice and business, including meetings at Birmingham, Cranford and Heston.

The speech was followed by a touch of Stedman Cinques, perfectly rung by W. Williams 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, A. H. Walker 5-6, F. J. Smallwood 7-8, John Freeman 9-10, John R. Chilcott 11-12.

## A CERTIFICATE FOR MR. WALKER

The Master recalled the visit of the Society to Birmingham, which almost coincided with the 80th birthday of Mr. Albert Walker. They found that Mr. Walker did not possess one of the original certificates. He had pleasure in presenting an original certificate to Mr. Walker with the date of his membership, December 1st, 1896. This certificate was No. 3,993.

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**COLLEGE YOUTHS—Cont.**

Thanking the Society for the gift, Mr. Walker said he hoped he would be spared to attend many more dinners.

The toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies' was proposed by Mr. J. Waugh, in which he coupled with the toast the name of Mr. H. E. Audsley, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Speaking on the subject of service ringing, Mr. Waugh said the bulk of the ringing must take place in the heart of the City. There was no resident population and the ringers had to make a journey of an hour or more from the suburbs. In consequence they suffered from a double wastage—those who could not last the course and those who could not face making the journey seven days a week. The same difficulty arose in other provincial centres.

There was also another ringing society, 'The College of Campanology,' of which they saw a great deal in 'The Ringing World' just lately. He did not pretend to have read through all the articles—it was too much of a headache. He did wish, however, that the series had been published under the Central Council.

**GOOD FRIENDS WITH CUMBERLANDS**

Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, in reply, said in his early days as a Cumberland he was led to believe that the Cumberlands and College Youths were two camps very far apart, but he now took a very different view. He thought it started, as far as he was concerned, with the last peal on the old Bow Bells rung by the Cumberlands. After the peal they adjourned to the 'Gog and Magog,' and as they walked into the bar there were a dozen College Youths assembled. They thought they were for it, but instead they were complimented on ringing a very good peal. From then on his opinion of the College Youths changed considerably and today some of his best friends were among them.

His own county of Kent had provided three Masters of the College Youths. There was Mr. Thomas Groombridge, a man of blunt speech but a good College Youth, Mr. Frederick Mitchell, whom they were hoping to honour at the Kent dinner at Rochester the previous Saturday, but he was prevented from attending through illness, and Mr. E. H. Lewis, who was present with them that night and was in the chair on that memorable occasion, the tercentenary dinner at the Cannon Street Hotel. All the time they had Masters from the provincial societies the kindred societies would have faith in the College Youths.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mr. Albert Walker, and he appealed to the company to do their utmost to increase the present circulation of 5,400. There were at least 30,000 change-ringers in the country, and an increased circulation was the only method to meet the rising costs. There were also district representatives, and he asked them to do what they could in the matter of circulation. He thanked the Editorial Committee, who silently worked harder than many people thought.

Mr. T. W. White, the editor, replied. He expressed gratitude to all who by donations had helped 'The Ringing World,' and had a special word of thanks to the generosity of those who rang quarter peals. The success and interest of the paper depended upon the contributors—

those who sent reports, articles and news items. All readers could help.

The toast of 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago' was proposed by the Master. He said of T. Cook, who was Master in 1656, they knew nothing. There was no record of the name of the Master in 1756 and he was afraid that state of affairs would continue for some years as no record appears to have been kept. The Master 100 years ago was Matthew Wood, who was the leader of the Bethnal Green band which made history in that period. There was one in that room who remembered Wood saying to him: 'Boy, do that.' Mat. Wood's peals were still in existence and they hoped to be ringing at Bethnal Green in two weeks' time. The house where he lived was just by the church.

Mr. A. A. Hughes added that he learnt his ringing with Mat. Wood and he had the honour of calling his last peal—Holt's Ten-part. Mr. Hughes said he was ringing the third and Mat. Wood, who was in his 85th year, was ringing the fifth. At the end Mat. said: 'I taught you to ring and now you have called my last peal.' Mr. Hughes replied: 'No, we shall ring another together,' but they never did.

**THE COMPANY**

Supporting the Master on the top table were Mr. A. B. Peck (hon. secretary), Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), the Revs. Evan Hopkins (St. Mary-le-Bow), A. Powell Miller (St. Olave's), E. G. Turner (Cripplegate) and H. L. Edwards, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, H. E. Audsley, E. A. Barnett, F. Sharpe, H. Miles, A. York-Bramble, H. Pitstow, G. N. Price, H. Hodgetts, J. Freeman, K. Croft, W. Hughes and R. Wilson.

Others present were Messrs. D. Painter, E. Fielden, J. Fielden, C. Johnson, R. Dennis, F. Wilkins, G. Webb, H. Edwards, R. Howson, R. Begrie, H. Roberts, W. T. Cook, R. Clouston, P. Chalk, J. Gipson, J. Ward, E. Moore, F. Scott, W. Butler and E. Langley.

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C. and R. Norris, I. Emery, W. Grice, W. Manser, F. Budgen, W. S. Cook, L. Tidy, J. Weller, F., J. and G. Hurrell, J. Sims, A. Mason, P. Westwood, F. Collins, W. Oatway, R. Davies, A. Laker, H. Lilley.

V. Cherrill, J. Sharman, R. Burton, J. Sharman, jun., S. Foskett, A. Riddington, H. Stalham, J. Rott, R. Russ, W. Paice, J. Rea, A. (Continued foot of next column.)

**OBITUARY****MR. CHARLES NASH**

An endearing character in the village in which he was a life-long resident, Mr. Charles Nash was affectionately known as 'Skipper.' For several years before the ban on ringing he was captain of the St. Mary's, North Myms, band, and for a long period was a member of the Hertford County Association.

Mr. Nash died at his home on October 29th, having been confined to his bed for some time as the result of a stroke. He was aged 77.

In his time he was part of the backbone of the Exercise—always regular and punctual in his service ringing and attendance, and was very much missed when, a few years ago, he was forced to give up actual ringing. T. J. L.

**MR. A. C. PHILPOTT**

We regret to record the death in hospital of Mr. Alfred Charles Philpott, of Canterbury. In failing health for some time, it was only recently that he had been unable to get about. He was taken to hospital, and passed away there on October 29th.

Mr. Philpott, who was 62, and known to all as 'Charlie,' first learnt to handle a bell at St. Alphege's, Canterbury, previous to the 1914-18 war, being taught by the late George Jenkins. A territorial, he was called up at the outbreak of hostilities, and sailed with his battalion, 1/4 Buffs, to India. He did not resume ringing on his return, but when his daughter commenced to ring at St. Dunstan's he felt the urge to ring again, and since then he had become one of the most regular members of that tower. He was a member of the Kent County Association and a regular attendant at meetings in the district. He had three peals to his credit.

The funeral service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. L. Lawler, took place in St. Dunstan's Church. Among ringers present were members of the Cathedral, Sturry and Wickhambreau bands, together with fellow ringers from his own tower. Also present was his old battalion commander, and members of the Old Comrades Association of the 1/4 Buffs, of which he was a member. Much sympathy has been expressed to his widow and two daughters. B. J. L.

**Memorial Service for F. W. Munnings**

A memorial service for the late Mr. F. W. Munnings was conducted on Sunday afternoon, October 28th, at Mendham, where he had lived most of his life, by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, a fellow ringer and freemason.

Mr. Thurlow said that Mr. Munnings was thought to have taken part in the last peal rung at Mendham about 30 years ago, before the bells became unringable, and that the rehanging of the bells could be a most fitting memorial to him.

Udall, C. and R. Wood, W. Beard, S. Holgate, D. Mitchell, D. Hughes, B. Petchey, A. Barber, F. Mead.

J. Dyke, W. Osborn, H. and A. Sanger, D. Hoare, P. Hull, G. Salmon, M. Horseman, D. Yeo, G. Harding, W. Coles, W. Turk, T. Marks, V. Roberts, V. Savage, T. Harris, S. Atwell, G. Massey, L. Derrick, T. Setter, T. Look, R. Crago and R. Gardiner.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## GRAND PRIX TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Considerable time has elapsed since I had the pleasure of corresponding in your columns when the Cranbourne and Hawkey peal controversy was unhappily at its height. There is still no resident band in the village, but occasionally visiting bands have use of the bells for peal attempts.

After many wanderings overseas I'm once more staying in this district, and was delighted to hear the bells being rung up, and thought now to hear some good ringing on this quiet Sunday afternoon. Much to my dismay the changes were set off at a fantastic rate so that one couldn't tell if it was Stedman or Grandsire being rung. I understand that two previous peals have been brought round in 2 hours 35 minutes, and there have since been attempts to get peals in quicker time, all, so far, resulting in failure. To the ringers concerned I would ask this question: Are the bells hung in the tower to be rung to the glory of God or for man's glory of a peal in record time?

After the peal had failed the bells were rung even faster for the service at 6.30, and so fast were they rung that three or four of the ringers failed to set their bells at the 'Stand.' To the best of my knowledge there are at least six old Hawkey ringers at rest in the churchyard and they must have turned in their graves at such a disgusting exhibition. They never aspired to great heights of campanology, but I always remember them in my youth ringing each Sunday in quiet solemnity, and their striking left nothing to be desired.

I understand that Mr. A. York-Bramble was in previous attempts. If he was in this one I would ask him and his brother and sister ringers to study the Manual of Campanology more diligently: it is not sufficient to be able to write in technical terms and thrust it into the columns of 'The Ringing World' unless it's brought to perfection on the bells by the authors. At times I wondered if I was within the vicinity of God's house or listening to the Grand Prix on the radio. Finally, the next time you treat us to a peal let us have a real good struck peal in about 2 hours 50 minutes—it's been done before by the Guildford Diocesan Ringers—and no more of the Grand Prix, or was it Le Mans, Triples.—Yours sincerely,

T. E. C. SWINTON.

Hawkey, Hants.

## KING ALFRED'S COLLEGE, WINCHESTER

Dear Sir,—As a matter of history on the subject of university and college ringing, might I mention that at my old training College of King Alfred, Winchester, there was, in 1929, a set of handbells bequeathed to the College by one Canon Braithwaite, some 35 in number.

These were regularly rung, in the science room, after chapel on Sunday mornings, and the six who attended scored at least one 120 Grandsire Doubles.

We also used to give the late Mr. Wilfred Andrews a headache at the Cathedral on Sunday afternoons. (We were willing enough). On one occasion we obtained the bells of St. Maurice's on a Saturday afternoon.

I don't think Mr. Nolan Golden would mind confirming that there was ringing in that college before my time, and doubtless has been since.—Faithfully yours,

F. A. CLUETT, K.C.A.,

also year secretary, 1929–31,

King Alfred's College, Winchester.

Gravesend.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Charles Edward Borretti, aged 81 years. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

## MANUAL TOO HIGHLY ORGANISED

Dear Sir,—Everyone agrees that there is room for a text-book of ringing compiled by responsible members of the Exercise. The latest attempt is written by Mr. York-Bramble and assistants.

Some of the material in his Manual is good, but it is surrounded by a welter of nonsense, more suitable for 'Andy-Pandy,' or 'Listen with Mother,' and certainly reminiscent of 'Corn. R. Stone,' whose 'corn' is well remembered.

How much of this is proved practice? Has anyone been taught successfully to ring changes using fully the methods set out in the Manual? The Manual is being used as a vehicle for the introduction of his own system of phraseology. How can a text-book be accepted as standard containing so much highly controversial matter?

The style of the Manual is uninteresting. No text-book really succeeds unless it is easy to read and assimilate. It is inflexible, making no provision for variation in aptitude of student or instructor, and allows no introduction of personal ideas or variations in teaching. The Manual is too highly organised, and this is immediately its own undoing.

This organisation in the broader concept of the College of Campanology seeks to remove the informality which is one of the most delightful attractions of ringing. Remove this attraction and there will be fewer learners. Imagine having obtained a Diploma, then paying 2s. 6d. to the treasurer and then receiving a Diploma, tied with pink ribbon, then the handshake and congratulations of the president of the College. Ugh!

The aim of the College is that everyone who teaches ringing shall possess a Diploma. I can only see two ways in which this could occur: (1) Nationwide popular acclaim, which seems most unlikely; (2) The College asks clergy to promise that only College-qualified individuals be allowed to instruct in their churches. This would be a restrictive practice of a most vicious nature.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD E. PRICE.

Sunbury-on-Thames.

## SILENT TOWERS IN CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—I feel that a remark made by Mr. R. Collins at the Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged. He said that if more ladies were recruited there would be fewer silent towers in Devon and Cornwall. I can, of course, only speak for my own county, and it is on the question of 'silent towers' that I should like to comment. In the county of Cornwall, there are 146 rings of bells, of which only four are unringable and, to my knowledge, ten others at which no regular ringing takes place. Thus 90 per cent. of our rings sound regularly for Sunday services and practices, as high a proportion, I venture to suggest, as is to be found anywhere in the country.

Although not all the towers in Cornwall are members of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and only a few are change-ringers, all Cornish ringers are proud of the continuity of regular ringing at their various towers, and it would be interesting to know the proportion of 'silent' towers in Mr. Collins' own county.

Mr. Douglas Burnett, the Ringing Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild, would like to be associated with the above remarks.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN CARVETH,

President, Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

Truro, Cornwall.

## LONDON'S UNRINGABLE TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I have had many enquiries of late regarding the unringable towers in London, especially since the new publication of 'Dove.' I herewith enclose an up-to-date list of all towers which are regarded as 'U.R.' in London. I am hoping at a later date to send you a complete report on all the silent towers in England.

Tottenham.

ERNEST J. ROWE.

St. Sepulchre, Holborn (10). Definite.  
St. Barnabas, Pimlico (10). Definite.  
St. James, Bermondsey (10). Tower and bells unsafe.  
Holy Trinity, Southwark (8). Derelict.  
St. Peter, Walworth (8). Could be rung after attention.  
St. Michael, Paddington (8). Tower unsafe. Definite.  
All Hallows, Tottenham (8). Tower unsafe. Definite.  
Christ Church, Spitalfields (8). Two broken wheels. Could be rung.  
St. Dunstan in the West (8). Derelict.  
St. Nicholas, Deptford (8). Church bombed. Bells will not be rehung.  
St. Paul, Shadwell (8). Definite.  
St. Mary, Islington (8). Depending on architect after church rebuilt.  
St. Martin, Gospel Oak (6). Third wheel broken: also parson's gag.  
St. Paul, Homerton (6). Parson's gag.  
St. Luke, Nutfield Place (6). Hung dead.  
Holy Trinity, West Ham (6). Church derelict. Bells dispersed.  
St. Andrew Undershaft (6). Hung dead.  
St. Catherine Cree (6). Derelict.  
St. James, Islington (6). Rather hastily condemned as unsafe. A few hours with a spanner would have righted this as the bells were on ball bearings and were quite ringable. Recording apparatus installed. Will not ring again.  
St. Thomas, Bethnal Green (5). Church does not exist.

## ST. MAURICE'S, WINCHESTER

Dear Sir,—Mr. King's notice stating the six bells have been sold and taken away must come as a surprise to many ringers, especially as a peal was performed on them as recently as last month.

The four back bells are historic and two of them came from the old Wokingham foundry, one about the 1380 period and the other about 40 years later. A John Wallis (Salisbury) bell of 1603 was also included in the ring, and the tenor was cast in 1610 by a travelling founder, R. Beconsall. These four bells were tuned in 1919.

In order to have records brought up to date, could Mr. King tell us what became of this ring of six and why it became necessary to sell them. I sincerely trust they have found another tower and have been saved from the melting pot.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

## MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL PEALS

Dear Sir,—Referring to a third peal rung for Melbourne Cathedral, Australia, Mr. Barnett is right in saying that a party of English ringers rang one at Melbourne, Derbyshire, on October 24th, 1936—Kent Treble Bob Major, 5,088 changes. The ringers were William Linter, jun., 1, Mrs. R. Richardson 2, Joseph Hardcastle 3, Charles Sharples 4, W. H. Fussell 5, John S. Goldsmith 6, George Martin (cond.) 7, Rupert Richardson 8.

On looking up my records I find we rang a peal of Kent T.B. Royal for St. Paul's, Melbourne, Australia, on the bells of St. Clement Danes', Strand, on September 14th, 1935. It was in this peal that Mr. Madgwick kindly helped us to make up the band.—Yours, etc.,

Lytham St. Anne's. C. SHARPLES.



## MANUAL OF RINGING TRAINING OF THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

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### PART I.—CATHEDRAL SYSTEM

(Continued from page 716)

#### SECTION XII. (Lesson 10)

##### PLAIN HUNTING (OPEN)

134. **Thinking before Ringing.**—Students will be referred to the silent exercises they took in plain hunting (Exs. 40, 41 and 41a) and to the beat variation which, when consciously followed until the ringing settles down, makes for better striking. (Ex. 13.) With good ringers on 2, 3 4, 6, 7 and 8, and students on the treble and 5th (for a start), two can be given practice simultaneously in what they have already done silently, i.e., plain hunting on four bells, the front four working independently of the back four, but the eight bells ringing change after change, until the eight rows of plain minimus have been produced. So the treble hunts from lead to 4ths and returns, while the 5th hunts from his starting position to 8ths and returns. Students must be led to think, before the pull-off, exactly what it is they are about to do; and reminded of previously given advice that, normally, odd bells move up behind and even bells move down to the front, on the word 'Go!'. (Q)

135. **Extending the Hunting.** (Ex. 54.) Following the 'repeat' 4-bell hunting (they had done it previously, silently), exercises are taken (but only one student at a time) in extending the range of hunting. First on six bells, then on eight bells, and varying from odd-bell starts (up) to even-bell starts (down). Students may not all get a turn in the part-time allotted from the regular practice-night period, especially in a large class; but tower-bands will find it advantageous to give up the whole of a practice night to helping the students in this last stage. If this is not practicable, the lesson must be repeated the following week(s) until all are proficient. Then they will be ready to go ahead with method ringing, e.g., Plain Bob Minimus and Stedman Doubles; though this is really the beginning of the next practical course of the Manual—Part III. (Q T)

136. **Course Conclusion.**—Normally, this 10th lesson concludes the practical work of the Course. The students now join their 'allotted' tower(s), and will continue their progress under the leader or instructor there. It is preferable, of course, that they should continue with the College Syllabus of Training, if arrangements for this can be made. This means a simultaneous study of Parts II and III of the Manual. Meanwhile, however, there is the Examination to be considered and this is discussed in the following Section. The Tutor advises the students on this matter either following this session or at an ensuing one by arrangement. (Q T)

(Registration and Closure.)

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## DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

### Mr. K. Arthur New President

October 13th was a fine day, and the annual general meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association began on a cheerful note in the newly-painted belfry of All Saints', Gosforth. These bells were available in the morning, and quite a few ringers were present to work up an appetite for lunch. How attractive is the new light colour scheme in the ringing chamber!

In the afternoon the eights of SS. James and Basil's, St. Stephen's and St. John's were open for ringing before the special service in Newcastle Cathedral, conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby. The Rev. J. R. H. Prophet gave an address which would certainly not send the ringers away with any exaggerated ideas about the part to be played by bells and ringers in the service of the Church. It is probably a good thing that one should be aware of one's limitations! A collection for the Bow Bells Restoration Fund realised £3 11s. 5d.

A company of 60 sat down to tea in the Cathedral Library. Nearly 20 towers were represented and there were visitors from Richmond, Ripon and Middlesbrough. The business meeting followed the tea.

The president, Mr. Richard A. Gofton, took the chair and welcomed those present. He had completed his term of three years and had enjoyed it. He thanked all for their support at meetings and felt sure that the Association was a vigorous body, if not a large one, and he stressed that the real strength lay with the Sunday service ringers rather than in the number of peals rung.

### ANNUAL REPORT

The general secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles, presented his report for 1955-56. The Association had completed 79 years and he hoped that some celebration might be arranged for the 80th anniversary of its foundation in 1957. The handbook had at last become a reality, and members now had practically all that information that was contained in the old style report available with the handbook and the shorter annual report. New members (resident) would receive a copy free, and other persons could purchase a copy for 1s. 6d. or 2s., by post on application to the secretary. The plan drawn up last October for avoiding clashing in the district meetings appeared to have worked very well. Discussions had taken place on the instruction scheme and some ideas had been formulated, but nothing really concrete could be reported.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley, presented the cash statement. This showed that the overall balance had declined from £117 5s. to £77 17s. 2d., with the figure for the general fund falling from £96 8s. 9d. to £56 10s. 5d. The decline was largely expected and was accounted for by the production of the handbook costing £37 10s., but a reprint should not be necessary for about five years. Other expenditure remained much the same but income from subscriptions and arrears was rather lower than in the previous year.

The editorial secretary, Mr. J. Brewster, presented the peal report. A very detailed analysis showed that 40 peals had been rung during the year in 25 towers. These included the first peals for the Association in 21 Surprise Minor methods, four Spliced Surprise Major with all the work for each bell, and Cornwall Surprise Major. The highest individual total was F. G. Bloomfield 19, followed by K. Lawson and R. G. Leale 18, and J. A. Ainsworth and D. A. Bayles 17. The principal conductors were D. A. Bayles 13, R. Park 7, J. A. Ainsworth 5 and K. Arthur 4.

Mr. K. Arthur was unanimously elected president to succeed Mr. R. A. Gofton, who was debarred by rule from seeking re-election. The

other officers were re-elected en bloc and the complete list for 1956-57 therefore reads as follows: President, K. Arthur, general secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, F. Ainsley; editorial secretary, J. Brewster; hon. auditor, J. F. Bird; Central Council representatives, F. Ainsley and W. N. Park; peal referees, W. J. Davidson, J. E. R. Keen, R. Park and W. N. Park.

The District officers show changes in vice-presidents with the list now reading: Northern vice-president, J. A. Ainsworth; secretary, G. S. Deas; Southern, T. Cooke and E. P. Rock; Eastern, C. N. Lea and W. F. Sheraton; Western, S. Thompson and C. T. Lamb.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had assisted with the meeting and the service—the Provost and Chapter of Newcastle Cathedral, the Rev. J. R. H. Prophet, and other incumbents for the use of their bells, and Mr. J. L. Keen, who had acted as organist.

The committee had arranged the meetings for the coming year as follows: J. W. Parker commemoration, Sunderland, March 16th; half-yearly meeting, Gosforth, May 18th; annual meeting, West Hartlepool, September 28th. The possibilities of a social gathering about Christmas time and a special meeting for the 80th anniversary were to be left for the secretary to investigate.

Two clerical and nine ringing members were elected—the Rev. C. Smith, N. Errington and K. Graham (Consett), R. Haigh (Chester-le-Street), the Rev. R. Race, Misses J. Ramsey and P. Brabbon, and S. Walker and T. Welsh (Tanfield), J. Scott, jun. (North Shields) and Miss M. S. Capey (Whitley Bay), formerly a non-resident life member.

In other business, Mr. C. McGuinness moved that the collection for Bow Bells be made up to £4 from the Bell Restoration Fund, and that was carried. He also spoke of the serious illness of Mr. J. Anderson, a past president, and it was agreed that the good wishes of the meeting should be sent, wishing him a speedy recovery.

After the meeting the bells of Newcastle Cathedral, St. John's and St. Mary's, Gateshead, were available for further ringing.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Thirty ringers, including visitors from Frome, Chippenham and Salisbury, attended the Devizes Branch meeting at Warminster on November 3rd. It was good to see Mr. E. Marlow taking an active part in the ringing despite his 80 years. The new Vicar conducted the service and gave the Branch a warm welcome. Several new members were elected at the business meeting, and the ringing ranged from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise. S. R.

### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

There was a large attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch, held at Wilby on October 20th. For the Guild service the choir was supported by several male visitors. The Rector (the Rev. H. D. Pitchford) conducted the service and gave the address. The collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 1s. 10d.

Tea was served by Mrs. Pitchford and other workers to a company of 85. At the business meeting the Branch chairman (the Rev. W. C. Knight) presided, and three new ringing members were elected—Dianne Croxon and Janet Drage, of Wilby, and Timothy Wooding, of Yardley Hastings. The annual Branch meeting will be held at Finedon on the third Saturday in January.



## BISHOP CHARLES-EDWARDS' MESSAGE TO WORCESTER DIOCESE

WORCESTERSHIRE'S historic Guildhall is one of the finest Queen Anne buildings in the country. It was planned by a Worcester man, Thomas White (a pupil of Wren), and restored by Sir Gilbert Scott. Its noble assembly room was the scene of the annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association on November 3rd. Under the magnificent ceiling illuminated by huge chandeliers, and gazed upon by the worthies of Worcester, whose portraits cover the walls, a company of 171 had assembled.

The Association's president (the Dean of Worcester) was prevented from taking the chair by ill health, and the Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright) deputised for him. He was supported by the Rev. L. J. Birch (chaplain) and Mrs. Birch, the Rev. A. Webb (clerical vice-president), the Rev. H. L. Davies, Mr. J. R. Newman (lay vice-president) and Mrs. Newman, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Cartwright.

The Master welcomed the patron, the Lord Bishop of Worcester, and Mrs. Charles-Edwards on their first occasion of dining with the Association, and Bishop and Mrs. Stuart, and other guests.

An excellent dinner was followed by the loyal toast, after which the traditional toast, 'Church and State,' was proposed by Mr. D. J. Marshall (Gloucester and Bristol Association). He said that it was often remarked that ringing was a dying art, but pointed out that the Exercise had improved steadily over the last 200 years and had an illustrious history. Ringing was an important part of the Church's worship, and we could be grateful that successive governments had been pleased to permit its continuance.

### THE LITTLE CHURCH ON LUDGATE HILL

The Lord Bishop replied, saying that he had no doubt over both the Church's and the State's debt to ringers. He personally wished to thank them for their work in the towers of his diocese and the adjoining districts. He added that he was a non-ringing member of the Cumberland Youths, who had their headquarters in his last parish. They were the rivals of another company of Youths who had their headquarters in a little church at the top of Ludgate Hill. As membership of the one excluded him from the other, he appreciated the remark of the young lady who observed that the Ludgate Hill men did not attract women!

He continued by saying that many of our poets had commented on bells, Tennyson describing them as 'wild bells,' but this was on a wild night. Housman on Bredon was first charmed by them, but when his life was marred by an unhappy love affair said: 'Noisy bells, be dumb.' His Lordship preferred Thomas Hood's 'Dear bells! how sweet the sound of village bells'

In their use of them as signals, the State was especially indebted to bells and ringers. The Bishop recalled that in the 1914 war he and some friends had gone to ring the angelus for the vicar of a Surrey parish. Between them they made something of a clatter, which (unknown to them) was an invasion signal, and the local defence force turned out ready for action!

When the government imposed the ban in 1940 the Bishop and his North Shropshire ringers thought they ought rather to be rung in defiance. They told a member of the government of their hope, and liked to think that part of the credit for the restoration of ringing was due to them. In some places church bells were the fire alarm, and if there were not so many church bells and clocks the State would be obliged to provide public clocks; our towers provided the time free for the State.

The Church's debt to ringers was immense, even though there were those who admired the sound of the bells with their call to worship—while walking in the opposite direction. Bells were a reminder of the one, true and living God by their repeated invitation to serve Him, and by their marking of every occasion of joy or sorrow. When the bell rings for Holy Communion it is a reminder to the sick and suffering of the Church's prayers for them and of Christ's offering for them.

In so many and varied ways the bells were a link between community and parish church, and it was a source of gratitude to the Bishop that he had had bells and ringers in his four parishes. In the Trent valley, which is noted for fogs, the sound of Newark bells on a practice night had caused a traveller to change direction and saved him from possible drowning in the Trent. In gratitude he left a sum of money to have the bells rung in the fog months of October and November. Modern street lighting had made a similar danger unlikely, but the bells still rang, now as a reminder of the Christian's journey through life to God.

### INEXPERT JANGLING A DISTRESS

The Bishop hoped that parish priests and church councils supported their ringers; they were an important element in parish life, and non-worshipping ringers might be encouraged if the P.C.C. itself obeyed the summons to worship. He wished young ringers to be encouraged and experts to help learners to achieve high standards. Good ringing was lovely, but in-expert jangling was distressing to the listener. He thought that experienced members of the Association might foster ringing in the 'silent' towers, too. In the new churches the Bishop hoped that no recorded bells would boom across the countryside, saying that one good bell was infinitely preferable to 'canned' music.

Amid great applause the Bishop sat down, after thanking the Association for inviting him and Mrs. Charles-Edwards to dine with them.

'The Worcestershire Association' toast was proposed by Mr. A. V. Davis (Winchester and Portsmouth) who, in posing the question, What is the use of an Association?, said that change-ringing in Britain still demanded 'a good tower captain, a friendly and helpful band, goodwill and patience.' (Quoted from a recent issue of 'The Ringing World'.) But it was not an Association's function to teach; cap and gown and a degree in Campanology belonged elsewhere. The Associations ought to foster the meeting of one another in different towers, to encourage ringers to get away from their own locality occasionally, to meet experts and discover their own inabilities.

Mr. Davis agreed with the 'exile' who said there was no other county in the world like Worcestershire—except one, his own. He had to admit that the county had much to offer ringers, cricketers and others. He favoured Associations and was glad that a proposal for a National Ringing Guild had come to nothing. It would be a pity if the Association had descended to the mere status of a district of a national guild. He ended with: 'Long may our Associations, with their friendly rivalry and individuality, survive and prosper.'

Miss Bryan replied briefly and humorously for the Association.

Mr. R. W. Cole proposed the health of 'Kindred Associations and Visitors,' remarking on the friendliness and welcoming attitude in other towers and Associations. This was due to their common calling of change-ringing, and probably assisted by the variety of occupations which were to be found among ringers. In any tower

a good cross-section of the community would be found working in harmony with one purpose. This was so everywhere, and the presence of visitors from such widespread parts as Bournemouth, Reading, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Gloucester, Claverley and Leicester was a demonstrable expression of the friendship which developed from this calling and harmony. He bade them welcome and hoped they might honour the Association with repeated visits.

Mr. Eric Lee (lately of the Sussex Association) replied to the toast on behalf of the visitors, speaking of the great welcome he had received since coming to reside in Worcestershire, which confirmed him in his high opinion of the values fostered within bands of the devotees of the art.

During the afternoon the Cathedral ring of 12 and All Saints' ring of ten were available, and various touches were rung by members and visitors. After the dinner there was an excellent musical programme, ably compered by Mr. D. Beacham. The Leigh and Stourbridge bands played tunes on 24 handbells; Miss Pat Lewis sang beautifully, as did the Beoley Male Voice Quartet. Mr. Percy Sanger entertained the company and members of the Association rang a course of Stedman Cinques 'in hand': Valerie Willard 1-2, J. D. Johnson 3-4, Mrs. J. Thomas 5-6, J. Thomas 7-8, D. J. Marshall 9-10, Vivien Barnes 11-12.

The secretary announced that the Guildhall had been booked for Saturday, October 5th, 1957.

### Organist and Ringer for 50 Years

*A record of which he may justly feel proud is held by Mr. Walter J. Copp, of Timberscombe, Somerset. For over 50 years he has combined the duties of organist, choirmaster and ringer at the church of the neighbouring village of Wootton Courtenay, which has entailed a journey of two miles on his bicycle.*

*A plaque was recently fixed over the organ keyboard to record this fine achievement, subscribed for by the parishioners and, as recorded elsewhere in these columns, a peal of Plain Bob Minor (Walt's first) was rung in his honour by local members of the Association.*

*May he long continue his useful service is the sincere wish of his many friends.*

### HARLINGTON'S LEG OF PORK SUPPER

The traditional leg of pork supper for Harlington ringers was held at the Red Leaf Restaurant, Hayes, on November 5th, the ringers having fulfilled their obligations by ringing at 6.45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The Rector (the Rev. A. T. Morgan) presided at the supper over a company of 22 visitors, including Mr. Wm. Coles, now recovering from his accident, Mr. Finch and Mr. Frank Price. The visitors provided the entertainment: West country songs from Mr. Coles, and piano playing in which he tapped Cinques from Mr. Price.

Mr. L. Grice, captain, in his annual report said he was quite pleased with the progress during the year, and they had not missed a Sunday's service ringing. Their ability was not what was rung but how it was rung. While the band were mostly young ringers, they had one who had completed 50 years in the tower—Mr. C. Portsmouth, the churchwarden.



## OBITUARY

### MR. F. J. DODSON

The Guildford Diocesan Guild have suffered a grievous loss by the untimely death at the age of 47 of Mr. Fisher James Dodson. Ringing Master of the Chertsey District. He spent all his life in Hersham, and learnt to ring at St. Peter's Church at the end of 1923. For many years he served his church quietly, and it was not until after the war that his real worth became known.

In 1952 Mr. Dodson was elected District Ringing Master, an office he held until his death. He rang in nearly 50 peals, ranging from Doubles to Yorkshire Surprise Major, nearly all of them in the last five years. His ambition to ring a peal of Stedman Triples was never realised, though he stood in about 20 attempts.

He graced his office with a personal charm, unfailing good humour and patience, and a very conscious sense of vocation. He was always ready to argue very strongly that ringing is essentially a church matter, and that all ringing, whether peals, meetings or practices, all serve to improve service ringing. Jim was particularly popular among the many young members of his district, and his visits to the various towers in the neighbourhood always drew the best from learners.

His last appearance at a district meeting was at East Molesey on September 15th, after a long spell in hospital.

He leaves a widow and one daughter (Judy), to whom his many friends extend sincere sympathy.

R. C.

### MR. E. J. TAYLOR

#### AN APPRECIATION

I would like to add my small voice to the many who will pay tribute to the memory of Mr. E. J. Taylor, late beloved general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

Over the past six years I had worked with him as Branch secretary to his general secretary, and he was always ready with advice and helpful suggestions. An excellent ringer and striker in all methods, he was very good company with his tales and anecdotes of his previous travels in ringing circles before settling at Tiverton. He was a tireless worker for the cause of change-ringing in a county where 'call-changes' predominate. Altogether a truly grand chap!

I visited him often at the hospital at Exeter, and was made to feel very humble at his amazing patience and cheerfulness in the face of what must have been to him extreme frustration, to say the least.

If it can be said at all of any man, that he is irreplaceable, that man is 'E.J.' May he rest in peace. He will be remembered as long as the Devon Guild lasts.

### FREDERICK WREFORD,

Hon. Secretary, Exeter Branch.

Members of Bath Abbey company stood in silence when they met on November 4th in memory of Mr. Ernest James Taylor, of Tiverton, who was a former member of the band. During Mr. Taylor's residence in Bath he was of great help to the ringers, and was greatly missed when he left.

A touch of 593 Grandsire Caters was rung by Mrs. D. Evans 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, W. J. Prescott 3, G. Hawkins (cond.) 4, H. D. Taylor 5, W. Hurford 6, R. Stubbs 7, T. Jones 8, M. Helps 9, E. Naylor and H. Merrett 10. Miss S. M. Silcox took part in other ringing.

### MR. FREDERICK S. PRICE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Frederick Stanley Price, aged 83, at Beeston, Notts.

### MR. HARRY PALMER

The death took place on October 30th at Skirbeck, Boston, Lincolnshire, of Mr. Harry Palmer, aged 93. He started ringing at St. Nicholas', Skirbeck, at the age of 15 and continued to ring until the bells were stated to be unsafe. Then he took over the heating of the church and tolling the service bell until the age of 90. He also introduced change-ringing in the tower.

An engineer by trade, he went to Rustons, of Lincoln, to finish his training, and there rang at St. Peter at Gowts. His last peal was rung in 1925. Both his sons were ringers. He is survived by one son and three daughters. The funeral was on November 2nd, interment being near the church he so faithfully served.

### MR. WILLIAM L. WHISTON

Although not known to a very wide circle of ringers outside the Midlands, the comparatively sudden death of Mr. William Leslie Whiston (at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham), at the early age of 46, came as a shock to many of his friends.

Mr. Whiston was a member of Aston Parochial Church Council in 1935, and joined the few 'old hands' in response to a pulpit appeal by the then Vicar, Rev. H. McGowan, for recruits to ring the new ring of 12. He proved a very apt pupil and rang his first peal on May 12th, 1937—Grandsire Cinques, in honour of the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. His last peal was Stedman Cinques by the Sunday band in June, 1939. Following two operations, Mr. Whiston was advised to give up ringing, but he continued as honorary secretary and treasurer for some years. He leaves a widow, one son and one daughter, for whom much sympathy is felt.

F. P.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 360 Grandsire, 780 Plain Bob): B. Grainger 1, Angela Grainger 2, Ann Amor (first 'inside') 3, R. Churchill (first quarter) 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, K. Fleming (first quarter) 6. Rung on the front six. First quarter of Doubles in three methods by all the band. A wedding compliment to Barbara Stapleton and Dennis Evans, both members of the local band, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

**KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): R. Hart 1, Marjorie Legg 2, W. Blake 3, C. Bowden 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, W. Hart 6. To celebrate 21 years of ministration by the Rev. Mr. Knight in this parish.

**LEA, Lincs.**—On Oct. 29th, 720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Johns 1, A. Gilbert 2, C. H. Baker 3, Mrs. E. Grey 4, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 5, G. Hudson 6. In memoriam H. Morgan and W. Talbot, both one-time ringers at this church, who died the previous week.

## LATE NOTICES

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Liscard, Wallasey, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. All welcome.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9290

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Hampton Bishop, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 20th, to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 9297

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Peter, Nov. 24th. 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 20th to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9294

## NOTICES

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**HOWARD.**—On Nov. 7th, 1956, at Bramcote Farm, Woodmancote, nr. Henfield, Sussex, to Rosemary and Denis, a daughter—Jacqueline Alexandra (sister for Charlotte and Caroline). 9295

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mrs. E. J. TAYLOR wishes to thank all those who have written to her and sent flowers on the occasion of her recent sad bereavement. Will they please accept this intimation as she finds it impossible to reply individually. 9285

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**BURES, SUFFOLK.**—Owing to a special service on November 20th our practice is cancelled. Next one on December 4th. Sundays as usual. 10.15 and 5.45.—L. D. Mills. 9260

### MEETINGS

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, 6 p.m. at Ship. Ringing, St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 3.30 p.m. Election of officers. —A. B. Peck. 9232



**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 3 p.m. Braunston (6) available after tea. Bus 572 from Rugby or Daventry every hour. Train from Leamington to Braunston, 2.37 p.m. Everybody invited.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec., 78, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry. 9230

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, Nov. 17th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 9257

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives (8) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9236

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Earle Colne (8) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 9202

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting, Horsell, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following.—Miss P. Drury, 2, Manor Road, Horsell. 9217

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Wadhurst, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 9221

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, at Tewin, 6 p.m. Bells 6.—S. Huckle, District Sec. 9256

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The social will be held at St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, Orchard Street, Canterbury, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. 9203

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Snodland on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9214

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Bethersden (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30.—C. T. H. 9215

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, All Saints', Poplar (10), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. St. Mary-le-Bow East (8) 5.45 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 9284

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at North Muskham on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 9198

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer (8), Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open 2.30 p.m.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 9229

**ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, E.C.3.**—Practice on Monday, Nov. 19th, postponed to Tuesday, Nov. 20th, at 6.30 p.m.—D. Priestley, Hon. Secretary, U.L.S.C.R. 9281

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Burnham-on-Sea, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 9272

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Puriton, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Fourways Garage 5 p.m. Names required.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 9276

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual Branch meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 9269

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Bredbury, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 9286

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Wolborough, Newton Abbot, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Names for tea, please.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 9268

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Breaston, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to me. Barton bus, 5 or 5X.—V. M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 26, Derby Road, Duffield. 9273

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Conisbrough (8), Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 22nd, to Mr. M. C. Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisbrough, Doncaster. 9287

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 24th, at Heighington. Newly restored bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Nov. 21st.—E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 9262

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting at Mangotsfield, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. (New Parish Hall). Meeting to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 20th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 9278

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Charlton Kings, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 20th. Please note—annual meeting, Bishops Cleeve, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Details later.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 9275

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Chippenham, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall. Service 6.15 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 9270

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Stoke-next-Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in adjoining hall. Holy Trinity, Guildford, open in evening. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss A. M. Cox, R.S.C. Hospital, Guildford.—M. E. Collins and A. M. Cox, joint Hon. Dis. Secs. 9270

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Berrington, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea.—G. Randle, Ashford. 9266

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Stevenage, Saturday, Nov. 24th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Special method, Hereward Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9233

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Smithills, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (free) 5. Business meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to John F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Bolton.—Thorley, Sec. 9288

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting, St. Chad's, Headingley, Saturday, Nov. 24th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds, 6. (No. 1 bus from City Station). 9289

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 24th. St. Stephen's, Ealing, 3.15 to 5 p.m. Brentford, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea available at Lyons', Ealing Broadway.—F. Finch. 9280

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 24th, at Gaywood. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 22nd, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood King's Lynn. 9250

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shrivvenham, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Nov. 21st, to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 9233

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Dallington on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous to Mr. E. Nobles, 2, Stanfield Road, Duston, Northampton. Tel. Duston 378.—G. F. Roome. 9263

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Kelsale (8) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Kelsale Eight Bells 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to Alan R. Bridges, Hon. Sec., Theberton, Leiston. 9244

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 24th, Hailsham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 21st to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 9282

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Annual dinner to be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 6.30 p.m. Cathedral bells 2 to 4 p.m. Service at St. Lawrence's Church 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, from R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 9264

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Claines, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 20th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 9291

**BRAILSFORD.**—Any ringers interested are cordially invited to the dedication of the new treble bell at Brailsford, Derbys, on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 2.30 p.m.—Vivienne M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 9274

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Annual general meeting, Topsham, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 26th to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lymington. 9265

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midland District.—Meeting at Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. Gentlemen and all non-ringers welcome.—S. Hughes. 9254

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Joint meeting with Southern District of Swansea and Brecon Guild, Aberavon, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting.—R. E. Coles. 9267

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Important meeting, Acle, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norfolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 9259

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, Dec. 1st. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Church Hall. Details of ringing next week. Names for tea, without fail, please, by Tuesday, Nov. 27th, to Mrs. E. E. Davis, 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12. No name, no tea. All welcome. 9279

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea (3s. each) to Mr. A. C. Lygo, 17, Grandfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers. 9292

**THE ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHANGE-RINGERS' GUILD.**—Penn, Wolverhampton.—Ringers' service, Advent Sunday, Dec. 2nd. Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Stafford. Collections for Lichfield Cathedral Restoration Fund. 9271



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