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COVENTRY GOLDEN JUBILEE

FRIENDLINESS and enthusiasm are the undoubted characteristics of all ringers' dinners, but never more so than at the golden jubilee dinner of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. The warmth and sincerity of the welcome by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Mrs. Pearl Hyde, sent the function off to a wonderful start, and a happy spirit prevailed throughout the whole evening.

Before the dinner commenced the Lord Mayor received and entertained the officers of the Guild, the President of the Central Council and three of the four surviving founder members in the Mayor's Parlour. The Bishop of Coventry was also there and those present were much impressed by his sincerity and vigour.

The dinner was served in the restored St. Mary's Hall, the most ancient building in the city, and what a wonderful setting it was. The clever lighting showed up the remarkable beauty of the ceiling, decorated with carvings of archangels, and the tables below were lighted with the city's candelabra, and use was made of the city plate for the second time. The previous occasion was when Her Majesty the Queen dined there. The Lord Mayor, in a most inspiring speech which revealed her deep affection for 'her beloved city,' told the company that Dick Whittington, before going to London, was a member of the St. Mary's Guild which met in that hall, and of how Henry VIII. confiscated the hall and the inhabitants of Coventry had to purchase back from the Lord Mayor of London the property which had been stolen from them. She also told the company that long ago it was the duty of the Mayor to taste the wine and beer before it was sold to the inhabitants and to pronounce whether it was up to standard or not! Another duty was to test the quality of bread sold in the town. One Mayor failed in this respect, with the result that an angry crowd met in the hall and pelted the Mayor and Council with loaves of bread which were so hard that all the windows were broken!

It was gratifying to see the new President of the Central Council, Mr. Fred Sharpe, so ably proposing the toast of 'Church and State.' His performance certainly impressed all present and forebodes much success for his future in the important office he now holds. The Bishop's reply, which was remarkably vigorous, and his witty stories were much appreciated, and his closing sentence, 'There's nothing much wrong with the State which can put people like Pearl Hyde in office in Coventry,' was loudly applauded.

The destruction of Coventry by enemy action has aroused world-wide sympathy, and the work of rebuilding the city is being watched closely with great interest. Many of the beautiful half-timbered houses have, alas, gone for ever, but opportunity is being taken to rebuild on modern lines and the result so far is most pleasing. The work on the new Cathedral is proceeding rapidly and will, it is hoped, be completed within the next five years. Some who remember the great glory of St. Michael's Church would have preferred to see the church restored in all its majesty, but only the spire, which was undamaged, and the shell remain, and the decision has been made to preserve the church as it is—in ruins—and erect a modern building which will serve as a religious home for the whole community.

Naturally at such a gathering many references were made to the fact that Coventry is unique in that it possesses no ringing peal of bells, and many were the hopes expressed that some provision will be made for this omission to be rectified. The president, Mr. F. W. Perrens, gave grounds for hope that, with the kind assistance of Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. Fred Sharpe, the authorities might be convinced that it would be safe to install bells of suitable weight in both St. Michael's and Holy Trinity towers, and should that come about there is no shadow of doubt that ringing in Coventry and district would receive a great fillip.

It is indeed fortunate that people like the Lord Mayor and the Bishop are at the head of things, and it seems certain that if anything can be done it *will* be done.

One final word—the dinner was a triumph of careful organisation, and for that the credit must go to the secretary, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward. JAFUS.

A WILTSHIRE TOUR

ALDBOURNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, being 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire and 1,344 Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	*JAMES WALLMAN 5
LEONARD STILWELL 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
BRIAN BLADON 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

*First peal of Spliced Surprise.

AMESBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Melorus.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	JAMES WALLMAN 5
PHILIP MEHEW 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	DENNIS KNOX 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

BRITFORD, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	PHILIP MEHEW 5
STEPHEN IVIN 3	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	GORDON A. HALLS 6
STELLA HUGHES 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

JAMES WALLMAN .. Treble	*BRIAN BLADON 5
DENNIS KNOX 2	*PHILIP MEHEW 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

*First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods as conductor.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5068 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
STELLA HUGHES 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 6
GORDON A. HALLS 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

STEPHEN IVIN's arrangement of Arthur Craven's Three-part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
JAMES WALLMAN 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP MEHEW.

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

STELLA HUGHES .. Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	BRIAN BLADON 5
JAMES WALLMAN 3	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, being 2,880 Superlative and 2,176 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
STELLA HUGHES 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
JAMES WALLMAN 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
GORDON A. HALLS 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Beazer, of Marshfield, for their 60th wedding anniversary.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol, and 320 Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	PHILIP MEHEW 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
DENNIS KNOX 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At the Minster Church of St. Denys.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM ROGERS .. Treble	JAMES WALLMAN 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	STEPHEN IVIN 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

HEYTESBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

STELLA HUGHES .. Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	DENNIS KNOX 5
GORDON A. HALLS 3	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

ALICK CUTLER .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
*JAMES WALLMAN 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

*First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.

A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY .. 6
JOHN FREEMAN .. 2	†ROY STEPHENSON .. 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	JACK BRAY .. 8
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 9
DENIS A. FRITH .. 5	*PHILIP BARNES .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
 * First peal of Caters on tower bells. † First peal in the method.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERG.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*LEWIS F. COBB .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 7
REGINALD W. REX .. 3	†JOHN HARTLESS .. 8
MICHAEL J. BEST .. 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. 9
BRIAN BLADON .. 5	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
 * First peal of Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT .. 6
JOHN THOMAS .. 2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 7
JOHN R. BADMAN .. 3	*JOHN OWEN .. 8
GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 4	HENRY J. SANGER .. 9
*RONALD E. G. SMITH .. 5	*SIDNEY G. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Caters.
 In memoriam John H. B. Hesse.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*BRIAN BLADON .. Treble	ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. 5
†FRANK W. LEWIS .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 6
REGINALD W. REX .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. 7
†RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
 * 150th tower for a peal. † 25th peal together. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

TREVOR TAYLOR .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRIE .. 5
*CAROL EUSTACE .. 2	NEIL D. LOMAS .. 6
*GEOFFREY HOPKINSON .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
DEREK OGDEN .. 4	DEREK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal of Surprise.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,280 Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the bells doing all the work of each method.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. Treble	NORMAN G. GOODMAN .. 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4	DAVID BEACHAM .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (fourth observation).

Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY G. KEELEY .. Treble	†LAURENCE E. WEAR .. 5
GORDON GAYLARD .. 2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 6
*KENNETH E. PINNEY .. 3	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. 7
WALTER H. POOLE .. 4	†WILLIAM S. WILLS .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. POOLE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. Treble	VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. 5
PHILIP MEHEW .. 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 6
HENRY H. FFARN .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt.

DESMOND FERGUSON .. Treble	PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 5
LESLIE EVANS .. 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 6
JOAN M. GRAY .. 3	JOHN J. WEBB .. 7
CHARLES G. JONES .. 4	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*KEITH WILLIAMS .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	ALAN G. FOSTER .. 6
STELLA HUGHES .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 7
ERNEST STITCH .. 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung for Harvest Festival on the 50th anniversary of the calling of Thurstan's One-part peal of Stedman Triples by Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wolverhampton, whilst blindfold. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Jack Warrilow, of Stafford.

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

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT H. FITTER Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING 5
RUTH JACKSON 2	PETER BORDER 6
MURIEL REAY 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.
 200th peal as conductor.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON 5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
JOHN A. ACRES 4	PETER J. STANFORTH Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 15, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D

ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Treble	GEORGE WAGHORN 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING 6
EDWIN BROMLEY 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 7
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN 4	COLIN A. TESTER Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

*First peal of Major 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to R. T. and R. E. Lambert.

BUCKINGHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt.

FREDERICK VICKERS .. Treble	RICHARD F. ROE 5
*RICHARD J. CARTER 2	PETER J. STANFORTH 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	WILLIAM A. YATES 7
S. ANTHONY JESSON 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

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

Rung to welcome the Rev. A. E. Paterson as assistant curate.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

*ROGER MAHER Treble	GEOFFREY S. MILLS 5
*NORMAN SMITH 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
HENRY PARKER 3	HARRY HOWARD 7
JOSEPH THORNLEY 4	HENRY PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

*First peal of Grandsire. 200th peal as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the marriage at this church on that day of Jack Lane and Mavis Winifred Speakman, a ringer at this church.

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET, ESSEX.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. Treble	*M. J. HARBORD (Trinity
A. J. HOWARD (Trinity) .. 2	Hall) 5
*A. L. M. SHEPHERD (Fitz.	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 6
House) 3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. 7
D. H. B. WILLIAMSON	F. B. COOKSON (St. John's) Tenor
(Caius) 4	

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by F. B. COOKSON.

*First peal of Major.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 19 methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (2) College Bob IV, Wragby, Neasden and Grove Delight; (3) Willesden, Old Oxford, Bocking and Poynton Delight; (4) Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel Treble Bob; (5) Oxford; (6) Kent; (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT 4
BERNARD GROVES 2	ALAN MCFALL 5
BASIL JONES 3	ROBERT SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ALAN MCFALL.

First peal in 19 methods.

BRIGHTWALTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*GORDON HEDGES .. Treble	REGINALD F. CROOK 4
GILBERT J. TOWNSEND .. 2	IAN H. ORAM 5
ARTHUR SAYERS 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

*First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells, and also the first since 1928.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

BENJAMIN STEPNEY .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2	GEORGE BEENY 5
KATHLEEN M. YEO 3	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor in three methods by all.

Specially rung as a farewell to Kathleen M. Yeo, who is going to reside in Tenterden, Kent.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

MRS. D. MOORE .. Treble	STANLEY COPLING 4
CEDRIC CURSON 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
MISS B. MUTIMER 3	A. G. BASON Tenor

Conducted by A. G. BASON.

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EATA.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. E. F. WILLCOX .. Treble	ERNEST F. WILLCOX 4
ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. 2	RICHARD F. DAVIES 5
REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 3	FREDERICK A. H. CATTELL Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.

Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. William Butler, of Windsor, Berkshire.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court and two extents each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

MRS. C. W. REED .. Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	COLIN W. REED 5
PETER N. WHITE 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells since 1911, and the first since rehanging by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in 1951.

BEENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Bob and Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

*FRANK W. LEWIS Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON 4
†RONALD F. DISERENS .. 2	RALPH BIRD 5
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 3	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* 50th peal. † First peal in eight methods.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently, four of Kent and three of Oxford.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CLIVE WALKLATE (13) .. Treble	PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 4
P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT .. 2	DEREK P. JONES 5
†KENNETH BALLINGTON (13) 3	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Treble Bob, also of Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MUNDEN SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble	JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4
B. CLARE WEBSTER 2	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
WILLIAM WENBAN 3	*JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 50th peal together. The first peal in the method. The ringer of the third has now rung peals in 100 different towers.

THEALE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

BRIAN BLADON Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS 4
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 2	*RALPH BIRD 5
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 75th peal together in 74 towers. First peal on the bells for 24 years.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER KERRISON Treble	C. JACK GIBSON 4
*MICHAEL J. STOKES .. 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE 5
REGINALD J. DARCH .. 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KILLMARSH TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 125, 127, 128).

Tenor 7 cwt.

DEREK P. JONES Treble	KENNETH BALLINGTON (13) 4
PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT 2	GORDON A. HALLS 5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. The first peal in the method on tower-bells (C.C.C. No. T.B. 14).

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman and New, four extents each of Grandsire, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Huntspill, and ten extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. Treble	ERNEST A. LONG 3
*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 2	JAMES W. FORDER 4

*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Doubles in ten methods. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Blunderfield, on their golden wedding, and for the christening of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Farrow, of Thorpe Hall.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement, consisting of 2,160 each of Beverley and Surfleet and 720 of Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt.

G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. Treble	W. ROBERT PARKER 4
*MARY C. PAYNE 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College Single Reverse, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST G. BENTON .. Treble	*DERICK W. PARDON 4
A. FREDERICK BOYCE .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH 5
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY .. 3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN RHODES Treble	*ROGER WADDINGTON .. 4
WILLIAM SCRIMSHAW .. 2	PETER DAWSON 5
PERCY WHEATLEY 3	DOUGLAS THORP Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS THORP.

* First peal.

Rung by the Sunday service band to celebrate the 85th birthday of Samuel Wheatley, a retired ringer of the Calverley company.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: One extent each of Alnwick, Carlisle, Chester, York, London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MARY I. DOWSETT Treble	BRIAN J. HOWARD 4
PETER J. EVES 2	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

HANDBELL PEAL

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., Oct. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

*ALFRED JORDON 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5-6
*JOHN VERNON 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD 7-8
MICHAEL VERNON 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.' The first peal of Stedman Caters to be rung by a Hinckley District band.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, R. D. Brown 2, E. Walker 3, Valerie Mephram 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Rung to welcome Rosemary Anne, born on October 5th, daughter of Hazel (former ringer at this tower) and Arthur Craven, now ringers at Clifton, Bedfordshire.

AMESBURY, WILTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (with 6, 7, 8 behind): Miss Y. Eloie 1, Miss A. Knight 2, M. Northway (cond.) 3, Miss M. Page 4, Miss A. Bacon 5, R. Marlow 6, D. Todd 7, R. Allen 8.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,344 Grandire Triples: Miss C. Wakefield 1, B. Warwick 2, Rev. P. Blackman 3, E. Jelly 4, T. Bolingbroke 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris (as cond.) 7, D. Beck 8. For harvest festival.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: M. Reed (first quarter) 1, P. Tomsett 2, H. Turner 3, B. Turner (cond.) 4, M. Abbott 5, F. Smith 6. Rung in celebration of the engagement of Rosemary Patching (local ringer) and Stanley Brown, Aldington.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Ann Fear 1, G. Grant 2, E. Bray (cond.) 3, J. Phippen 4, A. L. Fear 5, Teresa Jones 6, M. Saunders 7, P. Saunders 8. For harvest festival.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—On Oct. 17th, at the Cathedral, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Atkinson (first quarter) 1, A. Tomlinson 2, J. Skeats 3, A. Swindlehurst 4, T. Wilkinson 5, F. Hayes 6, J. Halliwell (cond.) 7, H. Anderton 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,259 Grandire Caters: D. Brunning 1, W. J. Leach 2, L. Chamberlain 3, A. G. Foster 4, G. Harrison 5, Mrs. B. G. Key 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, E. J. White 8, P. Foster 9, B. Dawson 10. First of Caters for 1, 6 and 10. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Dean of Lichfield to preach at the harvest thanksgiving.

CAPE TOWN, S. AFRICA.—At St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Miss A. G. Collins (first South African lady to ring a quarter peal) 1, J. Wood 2, O. Lamb 3, R. Stickley (cond.) 4, W. Smith 5, J. Ernstzen 6. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, J. Bennett 2, W. Smith 3, J. Riley 4, J. Wood 5, R. Stickley (cond.) 6, J. Crump 7, J. Ernstzen 8. To welcome the new Archbishop (the Rt. Rev. Joost de Blank). Arranged for the visit of the ringer of the 2nd, and as a welcome to the ringer of the 7th from Hornsey, London.

CHARLBURY, OXON.—On Oct. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Keyte 1, W. Lewis 2, J. Benfield 3, E. Townsend 4, P. Coombes 5, I. D. Harris (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to M. N. Jeffs, B.Sc., killed in a motor-cycling accident and interred earlier the same day. He was a highly respected member of Charlbury tower.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: C. Harvey 1, H. Baber 2, R. W. Treasure 3, L. B. Coles 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. Bates 6. Rung after the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Frith), and also in memoriam Mrs. M. M. Mogford, mother of the conductor, whose funeral took place at Publow the same day, aged 84 years.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Cooke (cond.) 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 4, T. Senior 5, D. Newton 6, W. E. Mashiter 7, T. Hill 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: R. Chater 1, Miss J. Downing 2, Miss J. Packwood 3, J. Rainbow 4, R. Roberts 5, A. Jones 6, I. Dickinson 7, F. Stuart 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Roma Ewart, daughter of the Rev. Canon Ewart, incumbent of Earls Barton, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandire): P. Butcher 1, J. Stone 2, G. Hadlow 3, R. Juckes 4, D. A. Cornford (cond.) 5, Mrs. P. Butcher 6. For harvest festival, and as a 12th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Butcher.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.—On October 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Ale (cond.) 1, Miss J. Bailey 2, R. Hayden 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Wheeler 5, S. Clark 6, J. Ale 7, E. Rochester 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Mrs. C. Cruttenden 1, F. E. Cruttenden 2, C. R. Longhurst 3, F. Godsmark 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Vera Packham (daughter of Mr. E. F. Packham, vice-captain of this tower) and Mr. Denis Grant on their wedding day.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Hanlon (14, first quarter) 1, Mary Garley 2, E. G. Johnson 3, A. Garley 4, T. Garley 5, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandire, 480 Plain Bob): J. Goodchild (13, first quarter) 1, A. Free 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, R. Hazell 4, C. Hagger 5, W. Avery 6. For Confirmation service.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss P. J. Welch (first quarter) 1, G. Stickland (first of Triples) 2, Miss M. Way (first quarter) 3, T. Lewis 4, J. Daniels 5, G. Marchant 6, W. Dare 7, J. Woodman 8. Rung to celebrate the enthronement, on October 5th, of the new Lord Bishop of Llandaff.

LONDON, E.C.—On Oct. 6th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, Miss D. Deverell 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, R. Newman 5, W. Prockson 6, G. Parsons 7, H. Barnard 8. For Matins.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, P. Abbott 1, A. Best 2, R. Horne (first quarter) 3, P. Hamlin 4, A. Robinson (cond.) 5, W. England 6.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. McKie 1, B. Greenwood (first quarter) 2, N. Clark 3, A. Bull 4, W. Foote (cond.) 5, J. Roberts 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Joan Garnet 1, R. Seeley 2, Mrs. G. Reece 3, R. Barnes 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: A. Terry 1, Miss K. Walsh 2, Miss E. Wyles 3, B. Jemmett 4, W. Palin 5, F. Farnsworth 6, E. Eades (cond.) 7, N. Tumber 8. For harvest festival.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Elizabeth Lyndon 1, Sylvia Sims (first 'inside') 2, A. Weatherley 3, F. R. Hocking 4, H. H. Thomas 5, R. J. Bowden 6, J. P. Sims (cond.) 7, A. E. Perkin 8. Rung as a 57th birthday compliment to H. H. Thomas (ringers' secretary), whose birthday it was.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—At St. Laurence-in-Thamet, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: R. Sheppard 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, L. Peters 3, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 4, G. C. Durham 5, S. J. Gee 6, T. W. Edwards 7, R. S. Weekes 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 2nd, and for the 46th wedding anniversary (Oct. 15th) of Mr. A. E. Jarman, for many years ringer and captain at this tower (now retired).

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Penn 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, L. H. Jones 3, A. Williams 4, Howard Meek 5, T. Wilce 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, Harold Meek 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rita M. Stratford 1, E. J. Jelly 2, A. M. Lindsey 3, M. E. Brown (cond.) 4, J. Vernon 5, J. M. Jelly 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George H. Brown, churchwarden for 12 years and chorister for 60 years.

SEATON, DEVON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: J. Ayres 1, E. Hawker 2, K. Clarke 3, C. Webb 4, C. Turner (cond.) 5, E. Sumners 6, C. Deem 7, W. Webb 8.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: W. Martin (first quarter) 1, P. Corby 2, Mrs. L. Corby 3, L. Turley 4, R. Fuller (cond.) 5, D. Colgate 6, R. Collins 7, B. Sutton 8.

SOHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): F. Talbot 1, C. Graves (first 'inside') 2, M. Whitehead 3, R. Waller (first 'inside') 4, D. Pollard 5, P. Graves 6, H. Ball 7, A. Pollard 8. Conducted by M. Whitehead and D. Pollard. For the visit of the Bishop for harvest festival, and to welcome Timothy Waller.

STEPNEY, E.—On Oct. 12th, 1,258 Stedman Caters: B. Lunn 1, G. J. Boomsma 2, H. G. Weedon 3, L. J. Fox 4, A. Thirst 5, W. T. Cook 6, J. G. A. Prior 7, M. Moreton 8, J. Chilcott (cond.) 9, C. J. Watts 10. First of Stedman Caters 2 and 3. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (10 callings): W. Wong (first quarter) 1, R. W. Sumner 2, L. J. Fox (cond.) 3, G. J. Boomsma 4, H. G. Weedon 5, Miss E. Edwards (first in method) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: W. Wong (first on eight) 1, Miss B. Tester 2, G. J. Boomsma 3, H. W. Knauss 4, A. Lewry 5, H. G. Weedon 6, L. J. Fox (cond.) 7, R. W. Sumner 8. Rung for the annual cricket service of Hackney Deancry League (preacher, the Rev. D. Sheppard).

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. Gray (cond.) 1, Miss E. Brocklehurst 2, M. Hill 3, W. Naylor 4, J. Lavers 5, Mrs. J. Gray 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): R. Carr 1, A. E. Bissatt 2, H. Heard 3, J. Sangwin 4, H. Stacey 5, S. Stacey 6, E. Sangwin (cond.) 7, F. Pearce 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Goodman on their recent marriage.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: A. Tomlinson 1, Miss B. Cooke 2, N. Tompkins (cond.) 3, D. Young 4, S. D. James 5, A. Sharples 6, J. Thornley 7, J. F. Wood 8. Rung to celebrate the 88th birthday of the Parish Church, and as a wedding compliment to Brian N. Cooper and Miss Anne Crouch, married at St. Cuthbert's Church, Seascale, Cumberland, on September 21st.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. A. Mills 1, Heather Stewart 2, Marian H. Mills 3, F. Harvey 4, P. W. Mills 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: P. R. Young 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, R. O. Fry (cond.) 3, B. Davis (first quarter) 4, D. E. Cobb 5, A. F. Lee 6, W. E. Wilkinson 7, T. J. Milsom 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

ULVERSTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Newby 1, V. Forshaw 2, J. Askew 3, W. T. Turner 4, J. E. Burles 5, N. M. Newby (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Raymond Suart and Miss Brenda Fairer.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Oct. 13th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, M. Williamson 2, G. Parsons 3, A. Leary (cond.) 4, C. Nichols 5, J. Bell 6, J. Euston 7, L. Bell (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Wells 1, J. Berry 2, J. Godman 3, R. Tuckwell 4, W. Fulkner 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss N. M. Harvey (first quarter) 1, W. G. Paul (cond.) 2, S. F. Dolley 3, P. E. Pratt 4, S. H. Hoare 5, D. Laud 6, E. Durrant 7, G. W. Scaman 8.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lawrence 1, Miss J. M. Price (first quarter) 2, F. Lawrence 2, L. Dovey (first 'inside') 4, D. Price (first as cond.) 5, R. G. Morris 6. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. C. J. Kay (first quarter) 1, A. Davies (first quarter) 2, Miss J. M. Price 3, L. Dovey 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, F. Lawrence 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

WHITLESEY, CAMBS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6, 8 behind): G. Cowlin 1, H. Gookes 2, F. Newman 3, J. M. Roffe 4, R. F. Patrick 5, W. Smith 6, R. W. Morant (cond.) 7, M. J. Massendew (first quarter) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to M. J. Massendew, also to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Thomas Palmer (churchwarden), and for the wedding of Mr. John Edwards and Miss Audrey Sewell, both ringers at this church.

WARWICKSHIRE RINGERS VISIT THE PEAK

On October 5th ringers from Coleshill, Coventry and Kingsbury, accompanied by Miss I. B. Thompson, of Nottingham, had a day tour of the Peak District of Derbyshire.

Meeting at Winster at 9.15 a.m., the awkward anti-clockwise five were raised in peal and a six-score rung, but poor ropes marred any pleasure that might have been had from ringing here. The musical five at Elton were a pleasure to ring. At Great Longstone we were pleasurably surprised to find a musical six with a perfect 'go,' and despite the cramped quarters of the small ringing chamber several good touches were rung.

As the towerkeeper at Eyam, on his own admission, was not conversant with the art of rope splicing, he had knotted the rope of the tenor just where it passed through the pulley block! However, after the surplus ends at the knife the bell became ringable, and several touches, including a good course of Cambridge Minor, were rung. Tideswell, the 'Cathedral of the Peak,' had a long climb to the ringing chamber and the octave in this handsome tower was rung to Bob Major and Grandsire. Wormhill has the lightest known ring of bells in a church tower and some time was taken in getting used to them in rounds before trying anything else. A memorable tower indeed for the writer's 2,300th!

At Fairfield Brian Woodroffe had very kindly raised the bells in readiness and this musical Taylor octave was soon pouring forth Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire. Two ringers who had only been told by their Vicar the day before of our impending visit, kindly met us at Burbage. The six are rather loud in the ringing chamber, but Minor and Doubles went well. At Chapel-en-le-Frith we had the un-

usual spectacle of ringers queueing up cafeteria fashion to take their stool from a pile in the corner to reach the unusually high ropes, but some good ringing followed. The drive through the clouds and down the steep, winding road to Castleton will not be easily forgotten. The striking on the indifferent eight improved as we obtained mastery over the 'elastic' ropes. The treble rope at Hope, with its tufted end, was the butt of many jokes by the wags of the party, but we enjoyed this musical octave so much that we sneaked an extra touch of Bob Major before falling in peal.

Before ringing at Hathersage some of our party visited the grave of 'Little John,' reputed tall friend of Robin Hood, of Sherwood Forest fame. The grave is now maintained by the Ancient Order of Foresters. Fifteen minutes sufficed on the rough-going six, and we set off on the 12-mile journey to Youlgreave. Half an hour on the majestic eight brought our tour to an end. Our best thanks are due to those ringers who met us at the various towers.

W. A. S.

PAKENHAM, SUFF.—On Oct. 11th. 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): H. Ivings 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, L. Pierce 3, R. Rose 4, L. N. Melton (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 13th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ivings 1, L. Pierce 2, M. Sharpe 3, E. Bishop 4, N. Melton (cond.) 5. Both for harvest festival.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Oct. 6th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wilkinson 1, S. Stone 2, N. Bishop 3, G. Brewin 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5. P. Plowright 6. Also 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: M. Bishop 1, N. Bishop 2, G. Brewin 3, R. Brewin 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5. P. Plowright 6. For harvest festival.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The autumn quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Highworth on October 12th and visitors were welcomed from Bedford, Faringdon, Gloucester and Moreton-in-Marsh. There were a number of beginners present and it is hoped they will benefit from the instruction they received. The usual service was conducted by the Rev. B. H. Cooper, and tea followed at a local café.

The Branch chairman (Dr. H. Craig) presided at the business meeting, and various tributes were paid to the late Mr. C. J. Gardner, among them a letter received from Miss M. R. Cross, secretary of the Oxford Guild. Six new members were elected and congratulations were extended to Tony Peake and band on ringing a peal of Doubles in 42 methods. Meetings for November and December were provisionally arranged for Wanborough and Christ Church, Swindon. Ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Major.

W. B. K.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

Members of the Guild had a cycling tour of the district in and around the Meon Valley on October 12th. The weather was ideal for cycling and some 60 miles were covered by the end of the day. Towers visited were Soberton, Catherington, Hambledon, Buriton, East Meon and West Meon, and methods rung included Grandsire, Kent, Cambridge, London and Bristol.

The Guild was pleased to welcome ringers from St. Michael's, Southampton, who joined the party at Soberton and without whom many of the methods rung could not have been attempted.

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After the farewell peal for Miss Kathleen Yeo at Hellingly, one ringer was heard to remark that he would rather not have gone for the peal it it would have kept Kathleen in Sussex. The band were most hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Yeo after the peal. We hope Kathleen's duties at Tenterden, Kent, will permit of her scoring an occasional peal.

The name of the fourth ringer in the peal at Ashby-de-la-Zouch (page 635) was J. Frederick Milner and not Frederick J. Milner.

Will the London ringer living in S.E.15 who sent a quarter's subscription to 'The Ringing World' and did not sign his name kindly forward it to Mr. J. E. Jeater.

The band who rang the peal at Brightwalton on October 5th extend their grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sayers for their kind hospitality afterwards.

A recent publication is 'Lord Grimthorpe,' by Peter Ferriday (John Murray, 21s. net), who lived from 1816 to 1905, and was much occupied with bells, horology and architecture.

For the first time for 28 years, Suffolk, bells were rung for Evensong on Sunday, October 13th, by ringers from Starston, Hardwick and Shimpling. The bells, a pleasant five, tenor 8 cwt. in A flat, were rung to Plain Bob Doubles, using ropes from Dickleburgh Church.

After 22 years Fred Bailey (late of Leiston) enters the peal list with his first peal of Grand-sire Triples, at Colleshill, Warwickshire. His previous peal, in August, 1935, was a 'silent' Cambridge Maximus at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

The peal of Doubles at Ockham, Surrey, by five first-pealers, was not without its difficulties. Due to rain clouds the light decreased rapidly in the belfry, which is without electricity, and the last four 120's were rung with the ropes scarcely visible.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In spite of the Asian 'flu, about 90 members attended the autumn general meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at High Wycombe on October 12th. It was decided that the Guild subscription remain at 2s. 6d. as at present but that any member requiring a report should notify his Branch secretary before the end of the year and should pay for it on receipt of same.

Owing to two of the original band being victims of 'flu, a peal of Major was substituted for Royal at Duffield.

With the peal of Plain Bob Major at Ross-on-Wye on October 12th, Mr. Leslie Evans has now rung a peal in every 8- and 10-bell tower in Herefordshire.

The young ringers from St. Peter's, Derby, who were ringing their first peal of Treble Bob at Breadsall are to be congratulated, especially in view of the absence of stays from the treble and second bells. Neither has been ringing for a year, and one promptly followed this with a peal of Killamarsh Treble Bob Minor 'inside' at Ockbrook.

Ringers in the Bristol area will be pleased to know that the floor of the ringing chamber at St. Thomas' (City) has now been repaired. The University of Bristol Society were pleased to be invited to ring a 'quarter' there for harvest thanksgiving service. St. Thomas' is the industrial church of the city and the 'harvest' included products from local firms.

The ringers who took part in the first peal at Balderton, Notts, for 46 years would like to thank the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Johnson) for kindly granting them permission to make the attempt. The bells are not readily available owing to their proximity to many houses and a bus terminus, and are also rather noisy outside.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD LOOK BACK 50 YEARS

MEMORABLE ANNIVERSARY DINNER

THE Coventry Diocesan Guild held their 50th anniversary dinner on October 12th in a setting that really made the occasion—St. Mary's Guildhall, Coventry—that historical building in centre of the city, next to the ruins of the old Cathedral and near the new Cathedral which is to take its place.

Amongst the principal guests were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Coventry, the Lord Bishop of Coventry, supported by Canon Noel Prentice, of Stratford-on-Avon, Canon Startin, of Wootton Wawen, Canon Carew Cox (Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), the Revs. M. C. C. Melville, A. W. Dodds and D. M. Davies, Mr. F. Sharpe (president of the Central Council), Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, and all officers of the Guild with the exception of the Ringing Master who was unfortunately ill. Mr. J. Pinfold (Master of the St. Martin's Guild) and his wife were also present. The company of 175 was representative of most towers in the diocese, and it was gratifying to see so many young ringers amongst the old stagers. Three founder members were present—Messrs. W. Collett of Warwick, J. F. Smallwood and J. Pinfold. Mr. E. Adams and Mr. T. Male were unable to be present. Mr. F. Pervin was able to join the company in time for the speeches, and the president gave him a cordial welcome.

LORD MAYOR'S HOPES

The Lord Mayor of Coventry (Ald. Mrs. Pearl Hyde), in welcoming the Guild to Coventry, said how delighted she was to be with them on this historic occasion, and in particular in St. Mary's Guildhall. She could not think of any setting more fitting, and it was her privilege to be here with them. She had just heard what bellringers get up to—she was told they 'hunt,' 'dodge,' and—she thought—'made faces,' but she had been corrected and told they 'made places.' She was sorry to learn that so many had not been able to attend because of the limited accommodation, and suggested that perhaps next year they might use the new police station, which had a grand hall and was very modern—but 'could anything take the place of St. Mary's Guildhall?' Coventry was of Anglo-Saxon origin, and its churches were steeped in history. Dick Whittington was a freeman of the city before he went to London to become Lord Mayor. The present Coventry was so new, and the new Cathedral would take its place in the reconstructed city. She wished them a very happy evening and every success in their endeavours to keep the church bells ringing, and hoped that in the not-too-distant future a ringing peal of bells would be heard in the centre of the city of Coventry.

Mr. F. Sharpe said that he felt unqualified to propose the toast of 'Church and State.' This was surely one toast not two, as all that was best in the State came from the teachings of the Church. If there was no Church we should not hear the teachings of Christ, there would be no bells and no ringers, and we should not have half the blessings of this life. Ringers were loyal to the Church and to the State. Church and State should always work in close co-operation, but had not always done so, and illustrated this by a story of happenings in some village communities. He thanked God for a good Christian queen. In his travels up and down the country he had found a far greater spiritual interest in all matters connected with the Church and State, and in proposing the toast he coupled with it the name of the Lord Bishop of Coventry, Dr. Cuthbert Bardsley.

The Lord Bishop in his reply, said it was a privilege to be with them on such an historic occasion. When the Guild was founded he was about three months old. For 21 of those years he had lived under the shadow of a great and glorious tower, Lancaster Priory, one of the most lovely parish churches in the country, and they would understand what bellringing meant to him. This, he said, was a great and historic moment—50 years of service to the Church and State. It was one of the glorious things about our country that the Church and State worked so closely together. Century after century, the Church had done its job, and was now handing over its main welfare work to those more competent to do it, leaving them to do the real job of bringing peace to the community. Bellringers called them to the true way of living, and he thanked God for their work—long might they live to do it. He assured them that he had them very much in his heart, and would do all in his power to make this Diocesan Guild a living thing. Might they go from strength to strength.

THE PRIME MOVER

In proposing 'The Coventry Diocesan Guild,' Mr. J. F. Smallwood said it was a great honour to propose this toast on the Guild's 50th anniversary. He was the prime mover in the formation of the Guild, and was very proud of it. The first meeting was held in Warwick, although in fact the idea was born in Coventry. He mentioned A. Coleman, their first secretary, Tom Chapman, Harry Argyle, Canon Back, Joe White, Joe Fenton, James George, Abraham Wilkinson—all of whom made a great contribution to the development of the Guild. They should also remember how well the Guild had been served by Dorothy Beamish, Bob Roberts, Frank Pervin, Tom Male and many others too numerous to mention. How fortunate the Guild was in its present officers.

Mr. Smallwood went on to say: 'I have known your president for many years. He is destined for higher office than he has yet attained in ringing circles, and I hope he will be spared to guide your Guild for many years to come. Your secretary—what are we to say about him? He is here, there and everywhere in his keenness to serve the Guild. He will, without a doubt, take the Guild along to greater things—how fortunate you are in your choice!'

The new Cathedral, he learned, should be finished in about five years, and he hoped that before that time there would have been such a furore by the Lord Mayor and the Bishop that something would have been done to get the bells in the old Cathedral tower ringing again. It was a tragedy when the old bells of St. Michael's were broken up, and he hoped that he had said something that would stir up discontent and enable them to get them ringing again. He coupled the name of their president (Mr. Frank Perrens) with the toast.

The president, in his reply, said Warwickshire was one of the last counties to form a Guild, and looking back over some of the earliest records he had found that the first Ringing Master was Mr. Ted Adams; he was sorry he was not with them that evening. The first annual general meeting was held in the same place as the foundation meeting. A founder member (Mr. J. F. Smallwood) had called the first peal for the Guild in 1908, and a few years later Stedman Caters was rung and called by Canon Carew Cox, who was with them that evening. Five of that band were still alive—the four founder members and Bob Roberts, who was now 87 years young. At the second

A.G.M. the membership was 120; in 1915 it was 270, so there was obviously a need for the Guild. Their membership had rarely passed that figure.

During those 50 years Mrs. Beamish had served the Guild as secretary for nearly half that time. Their District secretaries were doing a good job of work, and he paid special tribute to Harry Windsor, who was doing very good work in the Southern Branch, and appealed to those in that area to support his efforts. During the last few years no less than 14 restorations had been carried out—none in Coventry, he regretted to say—but things were moving and he hoped that in the future they would have a ringing peal in the city. He appealed to everyone to do all they could to get more young people interested in the Art, and said that only by keeping a constant supply of new members could they hope to keep the bells ringing. All towers must play their part.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. A. Beamish in the absence of the Ringing Master, and replied to by Canon Carew Cox, who said how delighted he was that he had been invited to do so; what a pleasure it was to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. What memories it brought to mind! It would take far too long to relate them all. Although it was over 40 years since he had taken an active part, he followed the doings of the Guild with tremendous interest as he felt he was still a part of it, and wished them success in the future.

Tunes were rendered on the handbells by members of the Guild from Chilvers Coton and Allesley. A touch of Stedman Cinques was ably brought round by F. W. Perrens, P. K. Williamson, Miss M. Beamish, J. F. Smallwood, P. Border and E. Sibley.

A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by an omnibus vote of thanks, proposed by the hon. general secretary (Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward).

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Western Branch at Gressenhall

An interim meeting of the West Norfolk Branch was held at Gressenhall on October 5th. Twenty members were present at tea, and several others, including members of the North Norfolk Branch, arrived during the evening.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. G. E. Dodson), who is chairman of the Branch, and as the church was decorated in readiness for the harvest thanksgiving services to be held the following day, harvest hymns were sung instead of the usual ringers' hymns.

The Rector, in welcoming the visitors, said that he was especially pleased that the Branch was holding this meeting at Gressenhall as it was just two years ago since two new trebles were added to the ring of six, thus completing the octave. The day following this present meeting, the Rector said, was another very special occasion for Gressenhall in that a 450-years-old carved oak roof in the south transept of the church had just been completely restored and repainted to its original style, and this was being dedicated at the harvest festival service by Bishop J. R. S. Taylor, former Bishop of Sodor and Man. All present had an opportunity of seeing this roof floodlit.

Thanks are due to the Rector, the organist, the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. C. Ebberson) and to the ladies for providing tea.

After tea ringing was resumed until 9 o'clock to a variety of methods.

GUILDFORD GUILD RECALL OLD STALWARTS

At Annual Dinner

A COMPANY of 140 attended the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the Stoke Hotel, Guildford, on October 19th. The tables were beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, provided by the Master (Mr. A. Harman), who presided. It was a happy gathering, with Mr. F. E. Collins as toastmaster.

Proposing the toast of 'The memory of John S. Goldsmith and other officers and members of the Guildford Guild,' Mr. C. W. Denyer said the toast had been extended this year to other officers and members because those who knew Mr. Goldsmith were few. He had been going through some old reports and among the names he would like to bring to their attention was that of Mr. Walter Harrison; although not a ringer, he was their first chairman and did a lot for ringing. Then there was Major John Hesse and Admiral Walker, of Woking, a real old diehard, who did not start ringing until he was 60, and when he died he was in training for his first quarter peal! Charlie Burdock was first secretary of the Guildford District and was also Guild auditor. Another old stalwart was Bill Melville. From Farnham there was Dick Hasted and Fred Nye, and at Bagshot John Corbett, known as 'the Bishop of Bagshot'; Tom and George Upshall, and latterly Wilkins Massey, who was known to many as 'Onion.'

Recently they had lost Bob Whittington, a vice-president of the Guild, Jim Dodson, whose death at an early age was a great loss to the Chertsey District, and Reg Lashbury. They all did quite a lot for the Guild and helped to build it up.

The toast was drunk in silence.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow proposed the toast of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise.' He said, as they knew, in the 17th and 18th centuries bells were not rung for the service of the Church; in fact they were banned and ringing was a sport. Today they rang for services and relationships had improved.

To what extent was the ringing of church bells a service of the Church? They rang their bells to call people to church for Sunday service, although he knew the cynics would say that the majority of people who went would go whether the bells were rung or not; but there were a few who were inspired by the sound of the bells. There were also those who could not attend for some reason or other, and possibly the bells stirred some thoughts in their hearts. To the sick the bells conveyed a special message.

At a meeting at Epsom a few years ago the Vicar told how he had just come from visiting a parishioner who was lying very ill and knew she was near her end. She said: 'I am glad you have come because I was very worried and had things on my mind, but I heard the bells ringing just now and my mind is at peace.'

FASCINATING, FUN AND ENJOYMENT

'Bellringing is a fascinating hobby and we get our fun and enjoyment from it, but we must not forget that the primary purpose of ringing is for the service of the Church. Some of us ring quarters and peals; we realise that

we can only get near-perfect striking by peals. But peal-ringing is a fascinating hobby and the fascination grows with our progress in the art, and if we are not careful we may forget that our primary purpose is to ring for service.'

There was another side of the toast—the extent the Church could help the ringers. In the majority of towers today ringers were encouraged by their incumbent to ring, and he took an interest; but there were a few towers where that was not the case, where the incumbent did not care. Then there were some towers where there were bells and no ringers. Here the incumbent could help because most churches had their youth group or fellowship, and where there were young people it should not be difficult to persuade them to take up ringing. He knew the first thing was to get instructors, but if approached the Guild would endeavour to provide instructors. An outstanding example was Stoke D'Abernon, where there were five bells. About two years ago they started from scratch with instructors from Leatherhead and Cobham. The previous Saturday one of the youngest members of that band was ringing in his tower Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

SIX DAYS A WEEK

The Rev. J. B. Rowsell, of St. Mark's, Reading, who replied, said as a boy he learnt to ring at Aldershot. When he was at Cambridge there was an old gentleman who said: 'Ringing requires your attention six days a week and twice on Sundays.' Ringing required discipline and self-control—to do anything properly required discipline and self-control—and doing so made a man or woman, boy or girl, a complete personality, just as God made them for. In that way they were performing a service for God.

He agreed with Mr. Pitstow that they got a tremendous lot of fun and enjoyment out of ringing. Looking back, as a young boy at Aldershot and afterwards at Cambridge, he remembered many happy and enjoyable occasions, not only at ringing practices, but the few peals he had rung, the ringing meetings, the outings on bicycles and also quite a few ringing weeks on holidays. It was all very good fun and he was looking forward to the time when his ringing would not be inactive as it was today.

The Rev. P. Wilkins, of St. Michael's, Aldershot, proposed the toast of 'The Ladies.' He said his task that evening was not to praise the wonderful bells that hung in their towers but the belles they took to church or who took them, and those with whom they rang and, alas, occasionally had their hearts wrung by them.

Miss W. R. Hide (Farnham) replied, and said apart from ringing they did a lot of work in the background, arranging for teas at meetings, refreshments at socials and helping in rummage sales. They enjoyed their ringing.

The toast 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. C. J. Beadle, secretary of the Farnham District. He welcomed the Rev. John and Mrs. Rowsell, the Rev. and Mrs. B. Wilkins, the Rev. G. S. Cheetham, Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr.,

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A LANCASHIRE WORTHY

Presentations to Mr. James Marsh

Recently a presentation was made to Mr. James Marsh, captain of the Christ Church, Aughton, Lancs. ringers, to celebrate his 65 years as a ringer at the church. This church is well known to residents in the north of England, being situated on the highest point in South West Lancashire, and is the first building one observes when coming into the port of Liverpool.

Mr. Marsh was born on October 8th, 1877, and commenced ringing at Christ Church at the age of 15. He rang his first peal in 1897. He joined the Liverpool Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers in 1894 and later on the formation of the Lancashire Association became one of its early members.

He has rung about 120 peals, of which 100 were for the Lancashire Association. His favourite method is Stedman, and he is one of the best conductors of this method in Lancashire. On the Sunday before his 80th birthday he called a quarter peal (Carter's Odd Bob) and on the Monday following a peal of Stedman was lost in the last course after ringing 2 hours and 50 minutes.

Mr. Marsh has rung the bells at Christ Church, Aughton, for all royal occasions since 1897, and is the only living ringer who had in 1897 rung the bells at Aughton, Ormskirk, the blitzed church of St. Luke, Liverpool, St. Nicholas', Liverpool, and the Pro-Cathedral. He has also rung on the rehung bells of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, and last year conducted a touch of Stedman on the front eight of Liverpool Cathedral.

A cheque was given by the Parochial Church Council and a smoking outfit was presented by Mr. E. Ashcroft on behalf of his fellow ringers. It was pointed out that, in addition to his ringing activities, Mr. Marsh had been a sidesman for nearly 50 years. Mr. Marsh, in thanking the parishioners and ringers for their kind gifts, said he thanked God for the health and strength he had, and could not have done it but for the support given him by his wife. Mrs. Marsh was presented with a handbag given by members of the Mothers' Union.

Mr. Marsh is still a regular ringer attending all Sunday services and practices, and is one of the oldest active conductors in the country.

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Mrs. and Miss Petter, Miss Betts and Mr. Wilfred Wilson, of the London Counties Association.

The Rev. G. S. Cheetham (Farnham), in reply, said when he first came to Farnham he was honoured by a quarter peal being rung as a welcome, and he supposed when his time came to leave Farnham he would get a muffled peal.

The entertainment included Grandsire Caters rung by Farnham District ringers; piano solos and songs by Julia and Diana Beeken; entertainment by Harold Cole; tune-ringing on handbells by Sidney Joyce and William Wright; trumpet solo by Brian Hale; and topical verse by C. W. Denyer, W. Viggers and E. Bragg.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NYLON BELL-ROPE

Dear Sir,—In answer to the inquiry regarding the use of nylon for bell-ropes, I am at present using nylon rope-ends on the 11th and tenor at Croydon Parish Church.

It is a common occurrence for ropes of large bells to wear below the sally where they strike the floor, and when this happened to mine I decided to try nylon. I obtained two 15ft. lengths of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " circ. white nylon rope at a cost of 1s. 5d. per foot from The Great Grimsby Tanning Co., Harbour Road, Newlyn, Penzance, Cornwall. $1\frac{1}{2}$ " rope is the correct size for bells of 25 cwt. and over, $1\frac{1}{4}$ " at 1s. 3d. per foot for bells of 12 to 25 cwt., and $1\frac{1}{8}$ " at 1s. 1d. per foot for bells under 12 cwt.

Being optimistic enough to believe that these nylon rope-ends would outlast several ordinary ropes, I double-eye-spliced them in immediately below the sally in order that it would be possible to refit them to other ropes later on.

These two rope-ends have been in use since March, and in that time have been used for service ringing twice every Sunday, one practice night per week, one ringers' meeting and two peals, and do not so far show the least sign of wear. I personally have used each of them through a peal and have found them soft and comfortable to handle. There is a slight suspicion of 'stretch,' not enough to matter but enough to prove that a complete 60ft. nylon bellrope would be too springy to be a practical proposition.

I am quite happy with nylon for rope-ends and shall, no doubt, later on, when necessity arises experiment by fitting a short piece in to the rope at the position where it passes through the garter hole in the wheel.

My only grouse is that where my rope-ends started off a lovely white they have become impregnated with dust and are now a dingy grey.

Anyone sufficiently interested is welcome to come along to Croydon Parish Church any Tuesday evening practice and try these ropes themselves.—Yours, etc.,

F. E. COLLINS.

Croydon, Surrey.

APPRECIATION, 1s. 7½d.

Dear Sir,—I take rather a dim view of the activities of the ringers in 'A game of chance.' If a tower is wanted, surely the right and proper thing to do is to write for the bells. There are far too many ringers who do the Exercise no good at all by dashing from one tower to another grabbing as many as possible in the shortest passage of time. Surely one's approach to a church should be as reverent as those who go to worship.

We have had, this summer, at my tower of All Saints', quite a large number of visitors. All were made welcome and, as far as I know, went away quite happy. We have on the table in the ringing chamber a visitors' book and a box labelled 'Belfry Repair Fund.' I have just opened it, after 12 months, and found in it the princely sum of 1s. 7½d. We do not expect anyone to pay for the privilege of ringing, but a penny in the box from each visitor would have made it possible for us to bring great joy to the heart of our steeple-keeper. He is in need of a new broom.—Yours truly,

C. ALFRED LEVETT.

Hastings.

Mr. Allan R. Jones informs us that the peal rung at Newnham, Northants, on October 5th ('The Ringing World,' page 669) was false, as six of the extents were conducted wrongly.

THE NEW BEAT

Dear Sir,—Change-ringing should *always* be practised with a slight 'hold up' of the leading bell at handstroke as opposed to this 'cartwheeling,' which as Peter Crook says is not enjoyable to listen to. But now let's get down to some details and find out why there should be this 'gap.' Surely during a peal one might get the change

6 5 8 7 1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8 2 1 4 3

Now if this was rung 'cartwheel' style one could take the two changes as the last part of one change, then rounds, and then start off the method again as in

-----6 5 8 7
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 -----

and the peal would appear false.—Yours, etc.,
ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Havant.

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. W. Ring's query concerning what has, perhaps mistakenly, been termed the 'new beat,' I can assure him that only in inexperienced hands does it sound like the touch of Grandsire he describes. Naturally, ringing with an irregular or syncopated rhythm is much more difficult than the 'strict tempo' usually aspired to, but it has, I gather, been perfected on handbells by two College Youths ringing Bob Minimus. This just goes to show that even in London it is difficult to find seven others of the same mind!

As for the accurate description required, I am afraid I can say nothing except that the regular beat must be broken up, but nevertheless into distinct rhythms, an infinite number of which are possible, and many of which have been tried. For an example, Tittums rung 1 x 52 x 63 x 74 x 8, where x represents a gap, sounds very effective on a heavy eight. I have heard this done perfectly by a band of learners.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. MORRIS.

Orpington, Kent.

MARTHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—The two recent accounts of ringing tours on the Norfolk Broads made no mention of the finest tower in that area—Martham, which stands splendidly on the skyline south of Candle Dyke and, according to Dove, contains six bells. Local enquiries made this summer did not suggest that the bells were unringable, and I would be interested to know whether there is, in fact, some good reason why neither touring party rang there.

With regard to the London University tour, might I enquire whether the transfixation of 'Merlin I' by a yacht's bows may have been at least partly due to the failure of the cruiser's helmsman to 'dodge' properly with the yacht, tacking down the narrow River Bure, a common trouble with cruiser people early in each week?—Yours faithfully,

AIDAN BOYACK.

Westcliff-on-Sea.

BRISTOL.—At St. Thomas' (City) Church, on Oct. 13th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Rothwell 1, B. J. Wyld 2, P. J. Bird 3, D. Heighon (cond.) 4, A. J. Smith 5, M. E. Downs 6, F. D. Mack 7, T. P. Edwards 8. Rung by members of the University of Bristol Society for harvest festival service.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 12th. 1,440 Spliced Treble Bob Minor (Kington, Sandal, London Scholars Pleasure, Capel, Oxford, Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, and Pontefract, Wath, Donnotar and Carisbrook Delight): W. H. Dowse 1, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 2, B. Groves 3, R. B. Smith 4, A. McFall 5, W. A. Smith 6.

HAMMERWOOD PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—In 1879 a ring of five bells, tenor $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., approx., was installed in Hammerwood Parish Church, Sussex.

These bells have done good service to the hamlet, having been rung regularly from the time of instalment until about 1936 when the local band faded out. However, the termination of World War II saw a revival at this tower, and once again a local band was formed. This hamlet of about 280 souls has no shop, post office or public house. The entire school staff (two) are ringers.

About two years ago it was found necessary to launch an appeal for major repairs to the church, £2,000 being the target. In this, £800 was included for rehanging the bells in an iron frame with new fittings, etc., for they have had no attention (except amateur bodging) since the day they were installed.

So far, £1,200 has been raised, and it now leaves only the bells to be restored.

I would like to appeal to the wholehearted generosity of our fellow ringers to help in this great struggle in getting a ring of bells into first-class order that had once been thought written off for ever by ringers in this area.

So far seven peals have been rung on the bells, this being the greatest amount on any Sussex five. This total includes a peal of Stedman Doubles by the College Youths in 1954.

Now if every ringer could cut down by one packet of cigarettes or perhaps a pint of beer per year and send the equivalent to the Rev. H. R. Smart, The Vicarage, Hammerwood, East Grinstead, Sussex, these bells would soon be in order once again.—Yours sincerely,

East Grinstead. FRANK H. HICKS.

P.S.—For the past six months four bells only have been rung, owing to the derelict condition of the fourth stock and wheel. This is, indeed, poor encouragement to the very keen band of nine young ringers.—F. H. H.

The Last Day of Freedom

The day before autumn term began meant escape into the country; this year into the Needwood Forest of Staffordshire.

A start was made with the light five at Newborough, hung in a tall, slender, octagonal tower. Rangemore, another light five, followed, but we found these difficult to ring until we got down on our hands and knees!

Newchurch (or Needwood) is unique! Here the five bells are 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of a ring of six: 1, 2 and 3 are old bells by Mears, but the story of 4 and 6 needs explaining. As to the tenor—Purdue's jewels and masterpieces aren't in the running.

The crowning glory of the day was Hoar Cross. No money was spared when Hoar Cross Church was built, and consequently the tower houses one of the finest rings in Staffordshire. Reinforcements, including the 'bright spark' of Aston, arrived in time for Little Bob and Kent before three miles cycling brought us to Abbot's Bromley. The heavy anti-clockwise five on plain bearings would be well described by one young eight-spliced conductor with 'Four hours dead, boy, four hours dead!'

Our visit coincided with the annual, well-known Abbot's Bromley horn dance, a custom connected with ancient hunting rights in the forest, which we saw before ringing at Blithfield. This remote church near a large, new reservoir has a six, much improved with the addition of a new floor some 16ft. above the ground floor ringing room.

A wet ride to Colwich (via Lord Bagot's 'back garden') dampened our spirits, and our ringing at this forlorn little church wasn't at all good. Spirits were, however, duly restored and cries of 'See you at Christmas' marked the end of activities for the time being. The true ringers cycled into Lichfield to join in the Cathedral practice; the same finished the day on a diesel.

S. H.

A WILTSHIRE PEAL TOUR

'OWER GIRT ZEPTEMBER VAIR

*Of ael naizes an zenes in tha country that are,
Ther's nuthen ta beat ower girt Zeptember Vair;
Now if ya da dout it, com an zee var yer-zelf,
An be here day avore, August tha thirty-first;
When about dinner time ya zure will begin,
Ta hear indycashions of tha vorth comin din.
Then on tha vair morn of tha clock about two,
Outsid a ya dwoor ye'll hear much ado;
That is, if you'm sleepen in tha nayberhood too,
An beant zunk too deep in a girt snorin stew.
You'll turn, an you'll twis, an mutter what's
this?*

*An agean try ta zink in slumberin bliss;
Then praps var a nower, ya may get a snooze,
Ael depens, ta wither much naize ya've been
used.'*

HAD we been early 19th century Wiltshire men and women on a ringing tour, the above words might well have been our thoughts as our coach rolled into the sleepy hollow of Aldbourne village. Before anyone can think that this is a mere flight of fancy I will say that our coach (motorised) did roll into Aldbourne village—well before the appointed time of 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 31st. Thus we were enabled to ring and explore the church before leaving a band to attempt the first peal of Tom Lock's tour for this year; and several of the party, who had rung London on those fine old bells a month before, were most pleased to renew acquaintance with Arthur Palmer. A name much in evidence in the church was that of Robert Wells, the bellfounder, who cast his bells in Aldbourne, and who was actively associated with the church in many ways. This was of particular interest to George, as his ringing career might be said to have had its earliest beginnings in Aldbourne—for it was there that Deritend bells were cast. We journeyed on to Bishopstone, first meeting George, Ralph and Stella at Swindon station. Cambridge came to grief at Bishopstone, from whence Stukeley (1722) saw 'three cities and three cathedrals at once, Wilton, Old and New Sarum.' Selecting what seemed a likely road, Ralph, George and Philip (closely followed by Gordon) found that after a couple of miles' interesting motoring across the Downs, further progress along the by then admirable grass track was barred by a ploughed field! Despite certain urges we turned back and found our way to Aldbourne in time to hear the last few courses of the peal. We arrived in good time for dinner at the 16th century Castle and Ball Hotel at Marlborough, this being our headquarters for the week.

A PLEASANT SUNDAY

Sunday morning breakfast was the more enjoyable for having rung for the early service at St. Mary's, and it was then but a short and pleasant walk under the famous college buildings and bridge to Presbute, where service was attended after the usual preliminaries. To prevent overcrowding, a splinter party of five drove to Purton, here being welcomed by Mr. Ralph Shailles, whose genial hospitality is well known to Wiltshire week-enders. At the invitation of the local band we journeyed to Bath, arriving there in golden sunshine which showed to advantage the warm stone of the fine Regency houses and the Abbey, which is being restored, and where we rang for an hour before the start of normal service ringing. After saying our goodbyes to Mr. Prestcott we drove through the city to Twerton-on-Avon, where we received another warm welcome from Roger Fry and his keen young band, whose ringing is of a high standard.

Chilmark stone delighted our eyes on Monday, both in Amesbury and Salisbury, for

this grand freestone is known as 'the empress among building materials.' The bells of Amesbury Abbey were rather oddstruck, and the attempt for the 'county' method was changed to Yorkshire, this proving successful. During some of the last few courses the Vicar was an interested spectator, and he later said how pleased he was to see us and to hear the ringing. Grandsire, Stedman, London and Spliced were accomplished on the fine eight at Downton, where there is an old Saxon earthwork moot — semi-circular raised grass seats round a little piece of water. Whilst Bill Rogers was listening to the peal at Britford, one of those meetings occurred which make one wonder whether coincidences are really more than notable concurrences. At the lychgate he met Mr. Penton, a neighbour from Rotherfield. Mr. and Mrs. Penton had returned to Britford to see the church in which they were married during that week, 50 years before! The other afternoon attempt, Pudsey, at St. Paul's, Salisbury, where the bells are not easy to hear, came to grief after an hour, due to a change course.

EIGHT SPICED AT WOOTTON BASSETT

Arriving at St. Mark's, Swindon, next morning, we found Brian waiting for us, he having already raised the bells. One band was left here for Yorkshire and the rest proceeded to Wootton Bassett, where Mr. Louis Wilson met us. Stephen was warmly congratulated at the end of the peal, he having ably called it at very short notice. On the one brief occasion when it was necessary he had no hesitation in proving his remarkable capabilities as a conductor, exhibiting near complete control of the ringing. We were somewhat too late for lunch at Cricklade, but found that the delay had in no way affected the excellent meal that awaited us. An early tea was possible in Swindon after a failure for Rutland at Stratton St. Margaret, and this enabled us all to meet at Christ Church promptly at 7.30 to join the local practice night.

GOLDEN WEDDING PEALS

The west of the county was visited on Wednesday, and as we were delayed at headquarters by the preparation of a packed picnic lunch, an advance party went by car to North Bradley. Here Fred Slatford, one of the 'vrends uv the Exercise,' met us and wished good fortune on the attempt. It was not long before the coach arrived and soon this lively ring, a Mears and Stainbank augmented six by Bilbie, of Yeovil fame, was sounding forth the satisfying first lead of Bristol. But on to Bradford-on-Avon, where Yorkshire was planned. Here the excellent bells, a light octave by Gilletts, inspired us to ring a very good peal, and the rich music caused almost permanent smiles and muted humming (particularly by one member) to accompany the roll ups.

In the afternoon we left a band to ring Cambridge Minor at Hilperton, and after a pleasant ride through Steeple Ashton and Edington, where the architecture was much admired, we returned to find that the peal had finished in two hours. Graham rejoined us here, having run from Trowbridge to arrive at the appointed tea time. And well worth it, too, for Mrs. Edwards and her daughter had prepared a most adequate and satisfying repast, for which she was heartily thanked. It was pleasing that the three peals were all completed, for that day was the golden wedding of Mrs. Lock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bradford, of Twickenham, and we wish to associate the peals with that event and wish them continued happiness.

Our towers on Thursday included Marshfield and Colerne. Mr. J. Beazer and another local ringer met the band at the first tower and heard the peal of two-spliced right through. Mr. and Mrs. Beazer had just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and the peal is recorded as a compliment to them. Mr. Beazer has also completed 68 years as a ringer, still performing this duty each Sunday—we wish him many more. After a detour, occasioned by road closure, we eventually found our way towards the impressive tower of Colerne, where a good peal of six-spliced resulted, certain changes again producing delighted response. An attempt for Trowbridge at Chippenham was modified to Rutland, but still failure came! Similarly, London at Melksham, with its fine ring, was changed to Cambridge and lost by a miscall.

Cambridge was the method for peals on Friday—Major at the 14th century church of Warminster on a ring which sounds lighter than its weight inside the tower; and Minor on the fine but slow-swinging six at Heytesbury, with its churchyard of unpremeditated beauty.

The afternoon was occupied by leisurely visits to Mere and Longbridge Deverill, where the usual complement of methods from Grandsire to Spliced was duly aired. In the lounge of the hotel that evening the thanks of the company were accorded to Kath and Tom for organising the tour, and a material expression of our appreciation and regard came when Mick presented to them a fine electric clock. One member from a well-known Midlands centre hoped that the clock would not be 'slow at hand'!

Our peal attempt at Urchfont on Saturday morning had to be cancelled due to local illness, and ringing was limited to a few short touches. A disappointment this, for the bells are a fine old ring with a mellow 21 cwt. tenor cast in the early 17th century by John Wallis, of Sarum. The third Rotherfield coincidence occurred here—for the postman, a local ringer, once lived there. Bratton Church was very elusive, causing a late arrival, and after two very short attempts for London Minor, we realised that we then had insufficient time for a peal.

FINE BELLS IN DEVIZES

In the afternoon we had a brief ring on the tuneful six at Southbroom, the fine 7½ cwt. tenor by James Wells, of Sarum, bearing a date of 1602. After this we saw, amongst other things, many old flags hanging from the walls of this garrison church of the Wiltshire Regiment, whose official song is 'The vly be on the turmut.' Mr. A. Weeks, who was our guide, accompanied most of the party to the local meeting and tea at Bromham, where the ringing on the grand six was much enjoyed. Eight of us were left at St. John's, Devizes, to attempt the final peal of the week—an 'omen' one of Lincolnshire. The very good peal on one of the most impressive rings of the week left little to be desired, and ensured that we waited for the rest of the party in a warm frame of mind.

The dissimilar memories among many that remain of this convivial week are of the exquisite carving of 'The Last Supper' at Steeple Ashton, and the numerous evening visits to the Post Office by the males in the party. The usual thanks are extended to all who contributed to the success of the tour, and helped provide a store of memories for the future.

'CALLIGRAPH.'

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,280 Spliced Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Penfold 1. A. J. Salisbury 2. J. Carrott 3. M. Blond 4. J. Fowler 5. D. M. Salisbury 6. T. East 7. F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. An 80th birthday quarter for A. J. Macdougall, and a welcome and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Pat Hutton, of Baldock.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting at West Hartlepool

A few years ago the rule of this Association governing the annual meeting was given some flexibility in timing and location, and West Hartlepool was chosen for the third experiment on new locations in the diocese of Durham. In spite of its situation near an edge of the territory, West Hartlepool attracted quite a good attendance for the annual meeting on September 28th.

Ringling took place on the two eights—St. Aidan's and All Saints', Stranton—before the service at All Saints', followed by tea at St. Matthew's Hall. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Stranton (the Rev. H. Hancock).

A company of 50 was present at tea. A list of some 12 apologies for absence was received, some of them victims of the influenza epidemic.

The president (Mr. K. Arthur) welcomed those present and expressed his feelings of pleasure on completion of a year as president. The year had been a happy one with the major emphasis on social functions rather than on ringing. He hoped to continue his policy of visiting all District meetings and attending practices throughout the area. He was grateful for the assistance of his fellow officers.

The general secretary's report, presented by Mr. D. A. Bayles, spoke of the outstanding event of the year as undoubtedly being the '80th birthday' celebrations in Durham. In a year that had been concerned with the heritage from the past it was sad that five very long service members had been lost through death, viz.: Canon H. S. Stephenson and Messrs. J. E. R. Keen, G. W. Peverell, F. Robson and J. Smith, with a combined service of over 250 years. Such stalwart and faithful service was part of the heritage in which we could rejoice and derive inspiration for the future. Work on the restoration of the bells of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, had been completed, and the re-opening would take place in November. The position of the bells of Durham Cathedral, however, gave much cause for anxiety. Anxiety was also felt on the financial side for rises in printing costs, and postal charges did not make things easier.

A FINANCIAL PROBLEM

The cash statement was presented by the treasurer (Mr. F. Ainsley). The balance in the general fund had declined from £56 10s. 5d. to £52 9s. 7d. The dinner at Durham had incurred a loss which more than accounted for the decline, but even so he had to issue to warning on the financial position. A current membership of 215 with some interest gave an income of £44 10s. per annum, whereas he outlined a budget running to £47 5s. for the forthcoming year. Measures must therefore be taken to prevent a running down of the funds.

The editorial secretary (Mr. J. Brewster) presented the peal report: 24 peals were the lowest total since 1950, but the number included several of the higher methods. No first pealer or first as conductor appeared in the list of ringers and conductors. J. A. Ainsworth had the highest individual total with 16, followed by D. A. Bayles and E. N. Harrison 12, and K. Lawson 10. In conducting, J. A. Ainsworth led with 6, followed by D. A. Bayles with 5.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, with the complete list reading: President, K. Arthur; general secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, F. Ainsley; editorial secretary, J. Brewster; hon. auditor, J. F. Bird. In the peal referees W. J. Davidson, R. and W. N. Park were re-elected, with the addition of D. A. Bayles in place of the late J. E. R. Keen.

District officers were confirmed, the only alteration being the retirement of Mr. S. Thompson as vice-president for the Western

District. The list, therefore, for 1957-58 reads: Northern District—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—K. W. Cheese-man and C. T. Lamb.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the incumbents who had allowed the use of their bells, and especially the Rev. H. Hancock for also conducting the service, to the organist (Mr. J. Brewster), to the ladies who prepared the tea and to the retiring officers.

Meetings for 1957-58 were arranged by the committee as follows: November 9th, Benfieldside (by special invitation, for the rededication of the bells); March 15th, J. W. Parker commemoration, St. Ignatius', Sunderland; half-yearly, May 17th, Stockton; annual meeting, Newcastle (date to be arranged).

Eight new members were elected—Misses B. and J. Cooke, Miss P. Dowse and D. Newton (St. Cuthbert's, Darlington), Miss E. Hodgson (Hurworth), J. Vickery (Tanfield), Miss E. Heckford and W. Shewan (South Shields).

A retiring collection of £1 10s. 7d. was placed in the Bell Restoration Fund.

St. Matthew's Hall reverted to its normal Saturday evening activity as badminton players moved in and bellringers moved out for more ringing on the ten of St. Oswald's. Perhaps some on each side thought what queer activities other people indulge in as the change-over took place!

D. A. B.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Banbury District Meeting

The autumn meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Steeple Aston, one-time home of Richard Duckworth, the famous campanologist and contemporary of Fabian Stedman, on October 19th. About 40 members and visitors from North Berks attended and took part in the ringing, which varied from rounds to Treble Bob.

The service was conducted by the Rector, and the Branch chairman presided at the tea and the business meeting: when he had to leave early his place was taken by the general secretary of the Guild (Miss M. R. Cross), who always seems to be on hand to help the Branch.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for January 4th at Tadmerton: the next monthly practice for November 9th at Bloxham when, in addition to standard methods, it is hoped to ring Wellington Little Court and Gainsborough Little Bob.

Among other business was the election of five new members, the rearrangement of the rota of towers for quarterly meetings, and the appointment of a small committee to plan a social evening during the coming winter.

On the way home after the meeting, some intrepid spirits 'grabbed' Steeple Barton, where the bells had not previously been rung up for a very long time.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Yorkshire District

At the quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire District, held at Bolsover on October 12th, one new member was elected, making the total present at the meeting up to 12.

During the evening the ladies rang a course of Grandsire Triples on the delightful bells in the old church, which was beautifully decorated for harvest festival.

The next meeting is being planned for November 16th at Thrybergh, near Rotherham, when all support will be welcome. E. A. W.

DEDICATION

Bitterne Park, Southampton

BEFORE a crowded congregation, including some 60 ringers, the Bishop of Southampton dedicated the new ring of eight bells at the Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park, Southampton, on October 18th. Ringers present included Mr. H. V. Young (Leatherhead) and Mr. Hatto (Henley-on-Thames); Mr. A. A. Hughes represented Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and with him were Messrs. W. Theobald and S. Sharland.

This is a modern church, and the brick tower has been added in recent years. The ringing floor is open to the church and contains the font. The bell-ropes hang in two arches along the walls and this is done in order not to obscure the view of the lovely west window. The result is a poor circle, for which the bell-founders are not responsible. Otherwise the bells are a very handy eight with a tenor of 8 cwt. in A flat.

In the procession to the tower for the dedication were the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. The opening rounds were rung by members of the Southampton University Guild and the opening touch by Ruth Carey 1, R. Reed 2, W. Theobald 3, A. Hughes 4, R. Finch 5, D. Jackson 6, C. Kippin 7, S. Sharland 8.

The Bishop took as his text for his address 'Ye shall speak into the air,' and said the ring of bells incorporated three things: (1) Town and country, as bells given by town and country parishes were cast into the new ring; Past and present, as the ring included old and new bells; (3) Love and loyalty, as bells had been given as memorials and gifts and the original bells had often been rung for victory and peace.

In a word to the ringers the Bishop said they needed three things in common with other Church workers—fitness, partnership and obedience. He mentioned the great work the ringers were doing for the Church and said that when he was working in the Fens he had on several occasions dedicated peal boards.

THE BELLS

Treble.—'The Hosanna Bell,' the gift of the children of Bitterne Park.

Second.—'The Alleluia Bell,' cast from bells given by the Churches of St. Lawrence and Holy Trinity, Southampton (bombed and demolished), and Nutley, Hants (redundant and demolished).

Third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, tenor.—Purchased from the Church of St. Maurice, Winchester, which is under the shadow of the Cathedral, found to be redundant and site sold.

The tenor has been recast and is now approximately 8 cwt. in A flat.

The University of Southampton Guild of Ringers have undertaken to carry out the Sunday service ringing and also to train a local band of ringers. After the service the bells were rung to a variety of methods and rounds until 8.45 p.m.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

In a hearty welcome to Christ Church, New Mill, for the Society's monthly meeting on October 12th, the Vicar (Rev. F. F. W. Frost) said this was the Society's first visit and he hoped it would not be the last. The next meeting was fixed for November 7th at Kirkthorpe, Wakefield.

Proposing a vote of thanks, the president (Mr. Noel F. Moxon) specially mentioned the vicar and churchwardens, Mr. Norman Tinker and the local company, for making the necessary arrangements, and Mrs. Ben Booth for the cups of tea.

Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening in methods to suit all tastes.

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DEATH

ROBERTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1957, at Rainhill Hospital, near Liverpool, David Paterson Roberts, priest, Vicar of Whiston, Lancs. Funeral Oct. 30th, 2 p.m., at St. Nicholas' Church, Whiston. 1259

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. J. Dafters, of St. Mary's, Lewisham, London, is now 15, Worsley House, Shackleton Close, Forest Hill, London, S.E.23. 1260

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. DENYS', ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—All ringing suspended from Nov. 4th, 1957, for approximately six weeks owing to the laying of a new floor.—W. Rogers, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield, Sussex. 1223

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 320th anniversary dinner will be held at Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 2nd, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 11-12; St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, 11-1; Southwark Cathedral, 1.30-2.30; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.30-3.30; St. Lawrence Jewry, 3-4; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3.15-4.15; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4.30-5.30.—A. B. Peck. 1122

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Tideswell (8) on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. own tea arrangements.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 1189

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Cottenham (6), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1192

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Widford (8), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 1170

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Capel, Nov. 2nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the King's Head. Numbers for tea should be sent as early as possible to Mrs. Penfold, 6, Greenside, Capel, Dorking. 1206

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the school. Special method: Rutland Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1187

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 1196

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—Meeting at Creton on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Please also note change of Spratton meeting to Nov. 30th.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 1239

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting. Bishop's Cannings (8), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne, Road, Melksham. 1226

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Handsworth, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. All welcome.—J. Seager, Sec. 1220

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells available (St. Michael's, 10) 2.30-4 and after tea. Service, in St. Michael's Church, 4, followed by general meeting in St. Michael's Hall at 4.30. Tea follows the meeting.—J. A. C. King, Gen. Sec. 1158

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper (8), Nov. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. 1211

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Nov. 4th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1228

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Nov. 6th. Bells (12) available 6.30-8 p.m. All very welcome.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1213

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Yaxham.—Dedication of new treble, Thursday, Nov. 7th, by the Bishop of Norwich. Service 7 p.m. Bells available after service. All welcome.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 1230

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 1252

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hessle, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 6th, to Mr. J. Pool, 6, Oaklands Drive, Hessle, Hull. 1257

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Whittaker, Hockley Cottages, Robin Lane, Macclesfield.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 1258

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth (8), Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 6th, to Mr. J. Scott, 54, High Street, Great Budworth. 1238

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Rededication of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Names to Mr. C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 1256

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—On Saturday, Nov. 9th: Buxted bells applied for, but not yet confirmed.—C. A. Bassett. 1251

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 1242

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wanborough (6), Saturday, Nov. 9th. Tea. Names to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 1233

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at Great Berkhamsted. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 6th, to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 1190

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Hertingfordbury, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bengoe after tea. Names for tea, please, to T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans.—T. J. S. 1247

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Saturday, Nov. 9th, at Barming. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 1186

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Woodchurch on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. D. J. Russell, 63, Front Road, Woodchurch.—C. T. H. 1203

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Hastings on Nov. 9th. All Saints' 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Christ Church, Blacklands, 6-8 p.m. Ladies please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 1191

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting at Liverpool Cathedral, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells 2 p.m. All welcome.—T. G. Radcliffe. 1241

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Please bring sandwiches. Cups of tea provided.—F. Pritchard. 1227

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Asfordby, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall. Names by Wednesday, Nov. 6th, to J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1225

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Lockington, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only provided.—Cecilia D. Cowley, Asst. Sec. 1254

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Southgate (near Cherry Tree), N.14, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—T. J. Lock and C. E. Willmington, Secs. 1229

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wellington, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) at 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Nov. 6th, to Mr. A. Pritchard, 51, Hadley Park Road, Hadley, Shropshire. 1214

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner at Castle Hotel, Tamworth, Nov. 9th at 6 p.m. Ringing at Tamworth Parish Church during the afternoon. Dinner tickets (11s. each) from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 1219

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Bawtry (6), Saturday, Nov. 9th. Names for tea by 6th to Mr. A. Wilson, Shady Nook, Doncaster Road, Bawtry, Doncaster.—H. Denman. 1240

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, Nov. 9th. St. Mary's (8) 2.30 to 5 p.m. Norman tower (10) 6.30 to 9 p.m. Meeting, Church Room, 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—K. G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 1224

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Washington, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 1253

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Alverstoke, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport. 1249

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchingfield, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to F. W. J. Roper, Crest Lodge, Finchingfield, Braintree. 1246

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, Saturday, Nov. 16th, in St. Dunstan's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Canterbury. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, from the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Nov. 13th. Enclose cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1232

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Tonbridge, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 12th, to Mrs. S. M. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1221

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pinchbeck, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. R. Withyman, Glenlivet, Spalding Road, Pinchbeck, Spalding. The meeting will be followed by a social at the Bull Inn, Pinchbeck.—M. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 1243

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by previous Tuesday Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton Lindsey; tel. 316.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 1248

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at Brant Broughton. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by Wednesday previous Mr. E. Brown, The Forge, Brant Broughton, Lincs.—C. Brown and M. Exton, Hon. Secs. 1255

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dereham. Rededication of recast tenor, Saturday, Nov. 16th, by the Bishop of Norwich. Service 3 p.m. Bells available after service. All ringers welcome. Special invitation is extended to Ely and Suffolk Associations. Buffet tea. Names by Wed., Nov. 13th, to G. Adams, 37, Sandy Lane, Dereham.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 1231

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—General meeting, Glaston, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 to 8 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. Please note change of address. 1244

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whittlesey St. Andrew's, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Nov. 12th, to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 1245

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1958, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn. 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 13s.) now available from Mr. J. L. Morris, 25, Lancing Road, Orpington, Kent. 1212

LATE NEWS

The Rev. D. P. Roberts, Vicar of St. Nicholas', Whiston, Liverpool, died on Friday, October 25th.

Mr. Ernest Morris has had a bad attack of Asian 'flu and has been warned by his doctor to lay off any strenuous work, including peal ringing, for several weeks.

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART

Mr. W. Birmingham writes that the end of the first quarter of J. J. Parker's One-part (see page 691) should read:—

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The 1274 from the last quarter is also untrue.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Hendry 1, Miss J. Blanchard (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Giles 3, R. Stretton 4, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 5. First of Doubles for 1 and 2. For Evensong.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Oct. 16th. 1,344 Plain Bob Major: T. White (first quarter, aged 13) 1, R. Hazeldine 2, H. White 3, B. Madeley 4, T. Price 5, A. Hickman 6, W. Tyler 7, F. Price (cond.) 8.

OBITUARY

MR. FRED GILES

The death occurred very suddenly at his home in Worcester, on October 12th, of Mr. Fred Giles, of the St. John's band. He had been present at the St. John's ringers' annual supper the previous evening and sang several songs.

Fred, who was 62 years of age, learned to handle a bell in St. John's tower over 30 years ago, and became a member of the old 6-bell band there, at that time, and remained a member until the time of his death. He was not very interested in peal ringing (he rang in one only) but preferred to ring for Sunday services, and an occasional quarter, always ringing the seventh. He was seldom absent on Sunday evenings. He assisted in the maintenance of the church clock for some years, and rendered a very useful service in this respect. A blacksmith by trade, employed by Mr. E. P. Thomas, at The Climax Works, Worcester, for many years, he was always a very hard and conscientious worker.

The funeral at St. John's on October 17th was conducted by the Rev. M. Richards (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. R. Hunter-Bailey (curate). Apart from the family mourners and representatives of The Climax Works, the congregation included many ringers, together with members of the St. John's band—Messrs. W. Lewis (Ringing Master), T. W. Lewis, J. Jefferies, W. Compton, W. Sidwell, R. Woodyatt, C. Tansell, W. Collins and F. Hyde; J. J. Stanier (Worcester Cathedral), E. Wilson (Claines), J. Ranford (Suckley), A. T. Hollis (Powick) and F. Pugh (Hallow).

In the course of an address the Vicar paid a fine tribute to deceased's memory, with particular reference to the work he had done for the church. Following the service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by the local ringers.

We at St. John's extend to the widow and family our sincere sympathy, and shall retain very happy memories of a good friend, who will be sadly missed. W. L.

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First rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry on October 9th, 1957, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Matthews 1, A. R. Gale 2, Miss R. Lund 3, A. Birch 4, W. Henley 5, D. K. Walters (cond.) 6.

HONILEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Faulks (first quarter) 1, A. C. Morris 2, H. Windsor 3, W. H. Male (cond.) 4, R. Andrews 5.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. F. Amos (cond.) 1, J. H. Williams 2, C. Green 3, A. Cooper 4, E. G. Orland 5. For harvest thanksgiving.

TAXAL, DERBYS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Double Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Kennett 1, W. H. Dowse 2, B. Groves 3, R. B. Smith 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5, A. McFall 6.

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