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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

By the REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

SINCE it is more than six months since my last article on the above subject appeared, I fear some of the peals mentioned this time will not be quite as recent as usual.

Firstly, referring to last time, I was grateful to Mr. Gilbert for comparing notes on Handsworth, Yorkshire, 150th peal. I had not noticed the withdrawal of the peal of Forward Major in 1951, so that put us right with each other.

Now for landmarks. The 750th peal at Loughborough Bell Foundry was noted last time. Now, the 800th has been rung in August. In the last 12 months 65 peals have been rung there—the most ever. The end of 1962 should see the 1,000th peal there at this rate. The only other tower which has passed a 'large' milestone recently is St. Stephen's, Bristol, which has had its 250th peal—May 30th I make the day.

Two towers have reached the century mark—Shirley, Warwicks, and St. John's, Croydon. In the latter case, my figures did not quite agree with the claim for the 100th peal in April—I made that the 99th. The one in July was the 100th by my reckoning. I wonder if, inadvertently, a false peal rung in 1927 was included? However, congratulations to both on reaching three figures.

Several towers have reached the 50 mark, some claimed and some not. They are Blewbury, Stanmore, Wombourne, Dore and Langleybury. The claim of the 50th peal at Whickham on July 3rd does not agree with my figures. I made it the 49th. I should be pleased to compare notes on this. The next peals at North Muskham and Willesborough are the 50th, I think. Among the 5-bell towers, I confirm the 30th peal at Marston. This tower will soon be leading in the 5-bell tower field. Alderton, Ockham and Black Notley all reached double figures with their last peals.

There are not many 8-bell towers in the country which have not had a peal rung at them, so it isn't often we have to mention a first peal on that number of bells. But we have to do so this time, for Witheridge, Devon, has at last been 'conquered.' Only about 20 of the 1,500-odd 8-bell towers remain virgin territory, and most of these are unringable either physically or for some other reason. On 6 and 5 bells I confirm the following 'first on the bells': Grittleton, Tytherington, Mildenhall, Alderney, Guernsey (St. Michael's), Wapley, North Wheatley (which makes Ossington the only unpealed 6-bell tower in Nottinghamshire now), Minety, St. Martin, St. Winnow, Winchester College and Barton. The peal at Clipston, although not claimed as the first peal on the bells, is the first to appear in the peal columns of the ringing press. So we have quite a list of firsts this time.

We have one or two very infrequent visitors to mention this time. One tower doesn't appear to have had a peal this century before its recent one! This is St. Werburgh's, Derby, where the last peal was rung in 1897. Up till then it had appeared quite often in the peal lists, for 20 peals were rung from 1882 to 1897—six of them in 1895. There was a claim that Huntley, Glos, had its last peal in 1888, but actually this was not so. There was one there in 1922, but it is a pretty good silence all the same. I have recorded peals there in 1887, 1888, 1889 and 1922. I confirm that the peal at High Ercall was the first for nearly 50 years (1910 the last one). Before that, the only two I have there were in 1812! The Belfry Gossip note to the peal at Llangattock-juxta-Crickhowell was only partly right. The last peal

there was certainly Mr. Wilfred Williams' first peal, and on December 10th, 1922, but it was not the only previous peal on the bells as suggested. Actually there were eight from 1901 to 1922—all of Grandsire (Doubles, Minor and Triples). Nowadays, the 1921 peal of Triples would not be counted, for the footnote says: 'Owing to the heavy going of the tenor, Mr. Allbutt kindly relieved the tenor man for the last 20 minutes of the peal.'

Holt's (Denbighs) last peal was in 1923. There have been six here in all now. It is 35 years (1924) since the only previous peal was rung at Petham (Kent). That was of Minor in four methods. The following year saw the only time that Tysoe has appeared in these columns, when a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on June 20th. Frinsted and Lubenham both had their previous peals in 1927. At the former, this was the only previous peal to the recent one. Lubenham had had three, in 1922, 1925 and 1927. It is 30 years since Denton's last peal—Doubles in two methods on August 31st, 1929. There had been a peal of Minor here before that in 1913. Bickleigh likewise has now had three peals in all—the last was in 1930 and the first peal on the bells was in 1927. The year 1933 heard the last peals at Kirby Wiske and Collingtree. It was the only peal previously rung at the former, but Collingtree had also had peals of Grandsire Doubles in 1919 and 1923.

I confirm that the peal rung at Newburn-on-Tyne in the spring was the first for 24 years. The first peal here was rung in 1889, and there have been 11 in all, five in 1928. The year 1935 also saw the last peal at Kingsbury. This was, up to now, the only peal rung on those bells since they were removed from St. Andrew's, Wells Street. Both Belton and Wainfleet had their last peals in 1936, but whereas the former had several peals commencing in 1911 (actually 12), the latter had its one and only in 1936. The last peal on the old bells at Bourton-on-the-Water was in 1937. There were six bells here at first, on which one peal was rung in 1908. They were augmented just before the first world war, and peals of Grandsire Triples were rung in 1914 and 1915. The next peal was also in this method in 1929, and finally came the 1937 peal—Cambridge Major. Finally, the last towers previously heard before the second world war are Nynhead and Sampford Arundel. Both had their only previous peals in 1939.

Then for a few corrections to footnote claims, etc. The last peal at Llanelly, Brecons, was not 25 years ago but on February 6th, 1946, conducted by A. P. C. Similarly, the peal at Broadway, Worcs, was not the first for over 25 years. The last was in 1953, and two before that were in 1933 and 1936. The peal at Eastwood, Yorkshire, of Yorkshire Major, was not the first peal in the method on the bells. In fact the first peal of Surprise Major there was in that method on April 30th, 1932. A first peal of Yorkshire Major was also claimed for Blackburn Cathedral on May 20th. But I fear one was rung there as recently as November 12th, 1955. Finally, the footnote to the peal of Cambridge Major at Putney on May 30th seemed to suggest that it was the only peal of Surprise rung there, even before the restoration of the bells. It is certainly a very long time since Surprise Major was rung at Putney, but I have recorded the following: Superlative in 1894, 1897, 1904 and 1906; Cambridge in 1897; London in 1898, 1900 (three peals), 1904 and 1905; Westminster (!) in 1897 and 1899.

One or two final points of interest noticed when recording the peals. Stokesay has had 33 peals, 30 of them have been Grandsire Doubles! The first on the bells, in 1908, was of Minor in three methods, then came 26 of Grandsire Doubles from 1920 to 1950, in which year there was the other peal of Minor, this time in seven methods. After four

more peals of Grandsire came the last peal of all, on May 9th last—Doubles in two methods! Mapledurham also had only Grandsire Doubles to show before the recent peal of Minor in eight methods—six of them from 1907 to 1951. Mr. T. Myers waited a long time to 'complete the circle' at Bridgerule! The first peal on the bells was in 1928, and Mr. Myers did not take part in that. He has been in all since then—nine—and actually only wanted one bell to 'complete the circle' after the peal in 1939, so he has been waiting for 20 years! There was only one peal until the previous one since 1939—in 1949, and Mr. Myers rang the 7th for the second time then. By the way, all but one of the ten peals here have been Grandsire Triples. The odd man out was Bob Major in 1937.

MR. T. J. LOCK'S YORKSHIRE TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALICK CUTLER Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS 5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	RICHARD E. PRICE 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	DENNIS KNOX 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Arthur on the occasion of their wedding anniversary, also to welcome their son and heir, Adrian Kenneth (born July 5th).

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

*RUTH M. FOREMAN .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (21).

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

* First peal.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

On Tues., Sept. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR 6
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS 7
RONALD J. SHARP 3	*DENNIS KNOX 8
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

On Tues., Sept. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

E. WINIFRED KEYS Treble	ERIC E. SPEAKE 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	RICHARD E. PRICE 7
DENNIS KNOX 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

First peal of London on the bells. Rung on the middle eight.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	DENNIS KNOX 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
GORDON A. HALLS 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
RONALD J. SHARP 4	THOMAS J. LOCK 9
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 5	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
*RUTH M. FOREMAN .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

* First Surprise peal 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 20 lb.

E. WINIFRED KEYS Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR 5
RONALD J. SHARP 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
GORDON A. HALLS 3	ERIC E. SPEAKE 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb.

E. WINIFRED KEYS Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 6
RONALD J. SHARP 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7
RICHARD E. PRICE 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
*RUTH M. FOREMAN .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
GORDON A. HALLS 3	ERIC E. SPEAKE 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	DENNIS KNOX Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal in the method.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

RONALD J. SHARP Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

On Fri., Sept. 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	DENNIS KNOX 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
RICHARD E. PRICE 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 8
E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
KENNETH ARTHUR 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,536 Cambridge, 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London and 1,024 Superlative, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY Treble	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	J. HENRY FIELDEN 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Morris, mother of the ringers of the third; also in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. Oliver Forshaw (Vicar of Heptonstall) and Mrs. Forshaw.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 5
*RUTH M. FOREMAN .. 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	DENNIS KNOX 7
KENNETH ARTHUR 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal in the method.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

ALL PEALS FOR THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STURRY, KENT.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

JOHN R. COOPER Treble	IAN H. ORAM 4
*TREVOR A. CROSS 2	RALPH BIRD 5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 175th peal. First in seven methods on the bells.

WICKHAMBEAUX, KENT.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN R. COOPER Treble	RALPH BIRD 4
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
IAN H. ORAM 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal in eight methods on the bells.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER 4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2	IAN H. ORAM 5
TREVOR A. CROSS 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

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

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5280 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Being a 5 course block rep.

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	EDWARD JENKINS 8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	PETER LAFLIN 9
BASIL JONES 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	ROBERT B. SMITH 11
JOHN WORTH 6	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild. Rung without previous practice.

TEN BELL PEALS

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 32 cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
*MICHAEL C. AUSTIN .. 2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 7
†IVAN COOPER 3	WALTER ARNOLD 8
*WILLIAM J. BRUNT 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE 9
*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 5	HERBERT G. JILLINGS .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Grandsire.

The composition is in exactly four equal parts, starting changes at backstroke and finishing at handstroke.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

PAUL J. RIGBY Treble	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 6
MURIEL REAY 2	MICHAEL ELSON 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	JOHN McDONALD 8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* 200th peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS Treble	*ERNEST J. LADD 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 8
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 4	WILLIAM ROGERS 9
E. WINIFRID KEYS 5	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Composed by NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

In memoriam Herbert Markwell, of Tunbridge Wells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*JILL M. LANE Treble	FREDERICK OLOYED 6
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 2	E. JOHN WELLS 7
†MONICA E. COLLINS .. 3	*STANLEY G. PONTING .. 8
*ANN M. COX 4	HAROLD A. MAY 9
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 5	*DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Caters. † First of Caters 'inside.' First of Caters as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. William Goddard, and Mrs. Goddard.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DESBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

ALAN J. FROST Treble	*ERIC BILLINGS 5
BERNARD E. FROST 2	†DAVID LOAKE 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 7
*GEORGE WRIGHT 4	BARRIE HENDRY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First on the bells since being rehung in November, 1958.

A compliment to Ivor J. Dickin and Jean M. Packwood, who were married this day at Earls Barton Parish Church, Northants.

FELMERSHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

JAMES G. NEWMAN .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 5
AVRIL THACKRAY 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal of London. First of London on the bells.

An engagement compliment to Anne E. Amor and Derek Stainsby.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

*GEORGE E. CRISP .. Treble	R. FRANK BAKER .. 5
†DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON .. 2	DONALD F. MURET .. 6
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 7
†ALBERT J. DAVEY .. 4	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* 25th peal together. † First of Major.

Rung to mark the engagement of Paul E. Wells and Jacqueline Underwood, both members of this tower.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble	F. LEWIS HEMSTOCK .. 5
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 6
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 3	*MARK W. LEWIS .. 7
HAROLD STEVENSON .. 4	JOHN R. PRATCHETT .. Tenor

Composed by E. TAYLOR.

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled in memory of William Stevenson, father of the ringer of the fourth, who learnt to ring in this tower and was later a ringer at Newark Parish Church for 35 years, and who died July 28th, 1959, aged 74.

BREWOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Sept. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*JUNE M. KEY .. Treble	ROBERT G. W. BROUGHTON .. 5
HOWARD HOWELL .. 2	ROY K. MOWFORTH .. 6
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH .. 7
DAVID W. FRIEND .. 4	ARTHUR J. ALLSOP .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH.

* First peal on eight bells.

A compliment to the Rev. S. D. Austerberry, R.D., on being made Archdeacon of Salop. Rung on the eve of his departure from Brewod to his new living at Great Ness.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
†A. JAMES POYNOR .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 38).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 150th peal on the bells. † First in the method 'inside.'

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

RALPH BIRD .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 5
ROBERT COLLINS .. 2	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 6
JOHN O. WELLER .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY .. 7
*PAUL J. DYE .. 4	DORIS E. COLGATE .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First 8-bell peal.

IRCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*PATRICIA F. CURTIS .. Treble	DENNIS C. BOWEN .. 5
*MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. 7
ALAN J. FROST .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ERIC ROBERTS .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
HAROLD F. WHITE .. 2	THOMAS PRICE .. 6
RICHARD O. LANGFORD .. 3	WILLIAM H. TYLER .. 7
BERNARD MADELEY .. 4	FREDERICK PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. TYLER.

Rung to celebrate the wedding this day of Kenneth Stalker to Pat Hickman, the daughter of a local ringer. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
*ALICK CUTLER .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
*ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* 200th peal together. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (second observation).

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN H. HUNT .. Treble	ALAN H. STURGESS .. 5
RENEE STURGESS .. 2	†ROBERT C. BEAL .. 6
JOHN A. G. BALL .. 3	MORGAN MARSHALL .. 7
*MICHAEL H. JOHNSON .. 4	*MARTIN WALKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal. † First of Triples.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	JOHN ANDERSON .. 5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	MICHAEL ELSON .. 6
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. 7
JOHN G. PUSEY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble	PETER F. BORER .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD .. 6
*MARGARET A. LADD .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. 7
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method, and 25th peal. 100th peal as conductor.

A 29th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Collison.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

DENNIS R. CARLISLE .. Treble	MICHAEL BLORE .. 5
PATRICIA A. M. HALLS .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. 6
VIVIEN CARLISLE .. 3	CLIVE W. WALKLATE .. 7
CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. 4	JAMES PAILING .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIVE W. WALKLATE.

First peal as conductor.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F.

JOHN D. ROCK .. Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY .. 7
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 4	FREDDIE SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*MURIEL REAY Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	JOHN McDONALD .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	JOHN ANDERSON .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* 500th peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's variation.

ARTHUR G. MASON Treble	JOHN O. WELLER 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 6
ERNEST J. LADD 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4	HUBERT H. FURMINGER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

The conductor's 100th peal of Stedman.

Rung as a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason.

BRISTOL

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON Treble	†PATRICK J. BIRD 5
DAVID HEIGHTON 2	†ALBERT M. TYLER 6
†DAVID J. PURNELL .. 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 7
†D. JOHN HUNT 4	P. BORDER Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by P. BORDER.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. First of Surprise on the bells.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

LOUIS WILLDERS Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
NORA M. BIBBY 2	PETER A. SHARP 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
JOHN F. PEARSON 4	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithin.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	*RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
*JOHN E. ALLEN 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. 7
*LOUIS WILLDERS 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE..

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

On Wed., Sept. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 6
PAUL J. RIGBY 3	JOHN McDONALD .. 7
MICHAEL ELSON 4	JOHN ANDERSON Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5024 DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
B. CLARE WEBSTER 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
ELSIE K. HART 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

250th peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

A compliment to Mr. Alick Cutler on the birth of a grand-daughter.

LITTLEHAM, S. DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., Sept. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Cave's variation of Washbrook's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*CYRIL SAVAGE Treble	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 5
†LESLEY HAWES 2	*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 6
BRIAN BLADON 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 4	FRANK D. MACK Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First odd-bell peal.

Rung by members of the Society of Friends of the Exercise to mark the births of Albert Charles Savage (September 4th) and Peter John Mack (July 5th).

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE WILKINSON .. Treble	J. GEOFFREY BURTON .. 5
*PHILIP S. WHALLEY .. 2	*CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 6
*K. PETER JONES 3	*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 7
OWEN WILLIAMS 4	ARTHUR W. HALL Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

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

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. Treble	CYRIL RUSBY 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 6
CYRIL WRIGHT 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. 7
H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

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KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. Treble	V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 5
P. RUTH HOSKEN .. 2	ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. 6
*ALISON H. INCE .. 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 7
*MARY CARVETH .. 4	ALAN CARVETH .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung to mark the 700th anniversary of the dedication of Kenwyn Church.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HAROLD HAMER .. Treble	HAROLD PARKINSON .. 5
IVAN KAY .. 2	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 6
GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 3	*COLIN TAYLOR .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PHILIP J. H. HUDSON.

* First peal other than on a covering bell.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. Wilfrid Bamford, of this tower. Also a birthday compliment to Eithne, daughter of the Vicar of Rochdale.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

*BRIAN DAWSON .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
†DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL .. 6
†ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 7
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob, and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. in G sharp.

FRANK HALL .. Treble	*ROBIN ROGERS .. 3
*JAMES LINNELL .. 2	GEORGE ATKINS .. 4

WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal of Doubles 'inside.'

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

RONALD W. DENNISON .. Treble	BARRY PICKUP .. 4
ALLAN SMITH, JUN. .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. 5
NORMAN SMITH .. 3	DEREK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 THIRD'S PLACE DELIGHT MINOR

(1) Barham, (2) Oswald, (3) Donottar, (4) Carisbrooke, (5) Pontefract, (6) Wath, (7) Disley. Tenor 7 cwt. 11 lb.

MARY DOWSETT .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5
PETER J. EVES .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Treble	RONALD G. RUSSELL .. 4
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 2	WALTER WESTON .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Double Court Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK G. OLIVER .. Treble	A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. 4
*DOREEN A. FAIRHEAD .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
BERNARD C. FAIRHEAD .. 3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Sept. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

DAVID W. BRUNNING .. Treble	JOHN K. SMITH .. 4
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 2	ERIC EDGINGTON .. 5
*ADRIAN C. WEDGEWOOD .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

* First peal.

A 21st birthday compliment to Michael Dukes, of Burton.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

F. CECIL MOGFORD .. Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 4
MARJORIE LEGG .. 2	SIDNEY SMITH .. 5
HOWARD COLLINGS .. 3	JOHN BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GORDON SHARPE .. Treble	TONY GRANT .. 4
WILLIAM HOLLAND .. 2	†LESLIE SMITH .. 5
RONALD BIRCH .. 3	DENNIS HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS HOLLAND.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung on the wedding day of Maureen Hill and Terence Fullwood, the bride being the grand-daughter of Mr. A. Percival Knights, of Sheffield.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY RUDD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one extent of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

FRANCIS R. LOWE .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, one of Childwall Bob and two each of St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES L. TOWLER Treble	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 4
*ANNE EDWARDS 2	IAN R. PANTON 5
ARTHUR HUBBLE 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD E. CLAYTON .. Treble	DEREK E. SIBSON 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON 5
ROBIN G. LEALE 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Wigan Branch.)

On Mon., Sept. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents April Day, ten of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN MAWDESLEY .. Treble	DAVID ASPDEN 4
KENNETH EDWARDS .. 2	JOHN ASHCROFT 5
*EDWIN FLINT 3	*RONALD LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal.

Rung by the local band to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. D. D. Roberts.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 BERKELEY DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720, with all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in A.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	*JOHN F. PEARSON 4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	*LOUIS WILLDERS Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 50th peal together. First in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

BRAYWOOD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 36 methods, viz.: Shipway, Tandridge, Colnbrook, Westminster II, Chesham, Knapton, St. Hilary, Ockham, Intwood, Blackburn, Broughton, Lyng, Reverse Canterbury, Dorton, Raveningham, St. Nicholas', Longford, Fundenhall, St. Remigius', Hascombe, Harpley, Winchendon, Thornborough, Haddiscoe, Plain Bob, Candlesby, Boxford, St. Simon's, Rugby, Braywood, St. Osmund, Merton, Longworth, St. Martin's, Slapton, Welford: 270 changes of method, and no bobs used. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*ANTHONY E. COX .. Treble	MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 3
*SUSAN J. SLADE 2	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4

WILLIAM BUTLER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal in 36 methods.

Rung for the parish harvest festival.

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

PETER HANDLEY .. Treble	FRANK ANDERTON 4
JAMES DICKINSON .. 2	WILLIAM G. WILSON .. 5
LAWRENCE CLEMENTS .. 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

The conductor's 25th peal in Westmorland.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 4
ANDREW D. GRANT .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 5
ROBIN G. LEALE 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

VICTOR ROBERTS .. Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 4
REGINALD WOODYATT .. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
MARJORIE LEGG 3	GWILYM SALMON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

MARSTON TRUSSELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 changes each of Stedman, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in A flat.

CECIL A. SWANN .. Treble	EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 3
ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 2	DEREK E. GRIFFIN .. 4

ARTHUR J. MILLWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

STUDLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*THOMAS H. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	*MAURICE C. HUGHES .. 4
†JUDITH M. GWILT 2	PETER S. BENNETT 5
*ROGER E. TALLIS 3	JOHN W. PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First as conductor. First of Minor on the bells.

TARVIN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Fulbeck, Double, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt., approx.

*JOHN PARSONAGE .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	GEOFFREY PARTING 5
JOHN S. DEAN 3	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in seven methods.

This peal is dedicated to Miss Mary Pearson, ringer at this church and daughter of Canon Pearson (Vicar of Tarvin), who has departed to Ghana as a missionary.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN BRANCH.

On Sun., Sept. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Double and Single Court, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Double Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4
*LOUIS WILLDERS 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 200th peal.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven variations.

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*JANET TIDEY Treble	DAVID J. BARBER 4
†SHEILA A. SHACKELL .. 2	F. RICHARD VERRALL .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	CECIL R. LONGHURST .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

* First peal. † First 'inside'.

A wedding compliment to Daphne Payne (a member of the local band) and Anthony N. Hartley, who were married at this church on September 19th.

BINSTEAD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob combined, four different extents of Cambridge Surprise, and one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES W. DENYER .. Treble	TOM PAGE 4
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 2	EDWARD J. BRAGG 5
STANLEY G. PONTING 3	E. JOHN WELLS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BRAGG.

Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. R. S. P. Marrs to the parish.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 TEWKESBURY DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH 4
DENNIS LAUD 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 3	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

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

MARGARET A. WESTCOTT Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 4
*PAMELA M. JERVIS 2	DEREK E. SIBSON 5
GILLIAN NEAL SMITH .. 3	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the hand.

DUXFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*DAVID HARBIDGE Treble	HARRY F. CHURCHMAN .. 4
CHRIS. R. F. MUNCEY .. 2	MICHAEL E. STRACEY .. 5
†IAN G. STRACEY 3	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First of Minor as conductor and first in the method.

A wedding compliment to Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Miss June Stedmond, who were married at Huntingdon on September 21st. 1959.

HANDBELL PEAL

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF 5092 SPLICED ROYAL

Being Plain, Gainsborough and Little Bob; 144 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

REV. MICHAEL FREEMAN .. 1—2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5—6
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 3—4	FRANK LORD 7—8
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 9—10	

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Emery 1, P. N. Tubbs 2, E. H. Langley 3, E. Chapman 4, C. L. H. May 5, H. Churchill 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 1, C. T. Burge 8. Rung in honour of the Freedom of the Borough being conferred on the Vicar (Preb. E. H. Hughes Davies) on his retirement; also a birthday and wedding anniversary compliment to E. H. Langley.

BROUGHTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. R. Crosswaite 1, Miss B. Fauch 2, D. Lawson 3, Mrs. M. Crosswaite 4, C. Crosswaite (cond.) 5, J. Jolleys 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4.

CADOXTON, GLAM.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. R. Lewis 1, J. Matthews 2, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 3, L. Jenkins 4, D. J. Lewis 5, A. Thomas 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. For harvest festival.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Cott 1, Jenny Parker 2, N. Martin (cond.) 3, J. Parker 4, D. Manger 5, A. Smith 6. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): E. Moore 1, Jenny Parker 2, D. Manger 3, N. Martin (cond.) 4, J. Parker 5, A. Smith 6. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles in eight methods (Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jenny Parker 1, J. Parker 2, N. Martin (cond.) 3, D. Parker 4, D. Manger 5, A. Smith 6. First in eight methods by all the band and by any local band at the church. For harvest festival.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,259 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Eames (14) 1, W. F. Woodward 2, W. G. Hair 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, J. W. Cotton 5. First in three methods on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding this day at Christ Church, Linton, of M. Howard Jones and Margaret Harvey, teaching colleagues of the conductor.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Stiffall 1, S. Delve 2, Mrs. G. Simmonds 3, C. M. Bennett 4, C. G. Edwards 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Gentleman (cond.) 3, J. R. Webb 4, A. R. Mann 5. For Evensong.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 1, Christine Fox (first quarter) 2, Eileen J. Osborne 3, W. H. Taylor 4, P. Coote 5, J. Seager 6, C. Rusby 7. A compliment to Christine Fox on her 16th birthday.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ashdown 1, R. P. Wood (cond.) 2, R. Wilson 3, H. Weaver 4, M. Fromm 5, J. Reed 6, L. Stilwell 7, S. White 8. For harvest festival.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6-8 covering): A. Crabtree 1, G. Rothwell 2, Mrs. G. S. Mills 3, R. Maher (cond.) 4, K. Abbott 5, B. Cole 6, J. P. Partington 7, G. S. Mills 8. A compliment to Mr. J. Barry Maher, a former ringer at this church, and Miss Renee Thompson, on their marriage the previous day.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Beasley (first quarter) 1, Judith M. Hooper (first 'inside') 2, A. Ballard (cond.) 3, Elizabeth A. Wilcox 4, M. C. Faulkes 5, C. R. Hayward 6, E. A. Sowman 7, F. T. Long 8. Rung by members of the local Sunday service band as a farewell compliment to Judith Hooper, who is leaving for training at Derby.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob): S. Meredith and R. Blackshaw 1, D. Armstrong 2, R. Blackshaw and J. Meredith 3, J. Meredith and M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong. For evening service, and in honour of Miss P. Tinsley, daughter of the Rector, returning to missionary service in India after furlough.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. H. Hill 1, K. Waples 2, Miss G. Graney 3, Miss M. Erik 4, R. V. Wallis 5, D. J. Goodman 6, B. M. Barker (cond.) 7, G. E. Hazlewood 8. First of Bob Triples by all. For Evensong.

KING'S NORTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Tonie Critchley 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Mary Funnell 3, Veronica Miles 4, Susan Funnell (first of Triples) 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, B. J. Woodruffe (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, R. L. Gay 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4. For morning service.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Surprise, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Osmund's, Plain and April Day Bob and 180 Grandsire): Miss N. Bond 1, K. Kirk 2, K. Goldthorpe 3, D. Johnson 4, J. S. Rank (cond.) 5, I. N. Goldthorpe 6. For Evensong.

LELAND, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 12th, 1,500 Stedman Doubles: M. Peters 1, Alison H. Ince 2, Marion L. Lidger 3, L. B. P. Whitty 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, A. J. Willis 6. First in method for 2 and 4. A farewell to the Rev. E. T. Davies-Freme on the eve of his last Sunday as Vicar of Leland.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Walmsley (cond.) 1, Miss D. Crook 2, D. Lawson 3, J. Humble (first quarter) 4, J. Nelson 5, J. Summer 6. For the engagement of J. H. Owens and Miss D. Crook, both ringers at Leyland St. Andrew's.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Smith (first quarter) 1, A. W. Stenning 2, Anne Stenning (first on a working bell) 3, E. Jarrett 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, P. Edwards (first quarter) 6. Also on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Smith 1, Gillian Piper 2, A. W. Stenning 3, B. Piper 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, E. Jarrett 6. For evening service.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church, on June 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Palmer 1, G. Harvey 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, J. Dugran 5, F. Shorter 6, W. Wilson 7, A. Mann 8. A birthday compliment to Albert W. Coles. Also on July 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Deverell 1, J. Tomsett 2, James Hales 3, H. Andrews 4, F. Shorter 5, John Hales 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Peet 8. A birthday compliment to J. Hawkins. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hawkins 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, Miss D. Deverell 3, D. Sibson 4, R. Newman 5, G. Parsons 6, A. Queen 7, H. Andrews 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Major: J. Nelson 1, N. Smith 2, B. A. Tomlinson 3, D. Butterworth 4, N. Bennett 5, D. Taylor 6, D. Osden 7, F. W. Groot (cond.) 8. A farewell to the Rev. P. T. Robbins, who is leaving for Kent.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Christine Cobbold 1, Sonia Davies 2, Mrs. W. Bridges 3, P. Page 4, R. Dadds 5, P. L. J. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, L. Twyman 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dadds on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Edwards 1, C. W. Cooper 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, F. G. Handley 4, M. D. Fellows (first as cond.) 5, A. D. Fellows 6.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss R. J. Seabrook (cond.) 1, Miss D. J. Perrins 2, J. A. Acres 3, S. J. Twitchett 4, R. Palmer 5, A. R. Mann 6. A farewell to the Rector (the Rev. M. C. Russell), who has moved to St. Matthew's, Ipswich; also a 25th wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Mann, parents of the tenor ringer.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Brunsell 1, E. B. McKie (cond.) 2, Mikaela Erik 3, A. Bull 4, B. Greenwood 5. Also on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. B. McKie 1, A. Bull 2, N. Clark 3, L. Dale 4, B. Greenwood (cond.) 5, A. Boyd 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Muriel Clarke 1, D. Woodward 2, H. Badger 3, J. Cruickshank 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Bagnall 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a baby to Mr. and Mrs. David Simms.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 27th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Crosswaite (first in method) 1, Betty Fauch (first in method) 2, E. R. Martin (cond.) 3, W. K. Martin 4, G. A. Dimmock 5, C. Crosswaite 6, E. Cowperthwaite 7, A. Gardner (first quarter) 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to the Ven. W. G. Fallows (Vicar), now principal of Ripon Hall, Oxford.

PRITTELEWELL, ESSEX.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Rowe 1, B. C. Sadler 2, W. A. Smith 3, P. J. King (cond.) 4, J. Belcham 5, P. A. Sadler 6, D. Belcham 7, P. Sloman 8. For Evensong, and in honour of the visit of the Right Rev. E. L. Evans, Bishop of Kingston, Jamaica, a former member of the staff of Prittlewell Parish Church.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 9th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: J. R. Perrett (Sheffield) 1, W. F. Moreton (Oxford, cond.) 2, M. J. Moreton (Reading) 3, F. E. Roberts (Cambridge) 4, A. R. Pocklington (Nottingham) 5, J. G. Pusey (Oxford) 6, D. J. Roaf (Oxford) 7, B. D. Threlfall (Cambridge) 8. By the Universities Association for Evensong.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Carpenter 1, A. Bishop 2, C. Mew (first 'inside') 3, A. Clayton 4, B. Coatsworth (first as cond.) 5, B. Bull 6. For harvest festival.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. K. Sadler (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, R. Tomlin 3, G. Sandwell 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, A. Cooke 2, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 3, G. Hutchings 4, F. Taylor 5, E. Brice (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, R. Trickey (cond.) 2, A. Cooke 3, A. Chapman 4, H. Taylor 5, E. Brice 6. For Corpus Christi. Also on June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Brice 1, W. Stevens 2, Miss G. Stevens (first quarter) 3, R. Trickey 4, F. Taylor 5, K. Thorne 6.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June E. Wright 1, L. Wright 2, Anthea M. Graves 3, J. H. Sutton 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. R. Nice 6. For morning service and as a welcome to the Rev. Paul Graves as Rector.

RUISLIP, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Charlton (first quarter) 1, Elsie Savory 2, W. Bunce 3, J. Bunce 4, A. Newell 5, H. Ive 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, W. Pitchall 8. For harvest thanksgiving and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. B. Wright, one of the local band.

THORNHILL, YORKS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): J. Lynch 1, H. Wood 2, D. Seargill (cond.) 3, F. Shaw 4, F. Hewitt 5, Herbert Wood 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Burt (first of Triples) 1, C. Barrabe (first of Triples) 2, B. Davis 3, D. J. Barnett (first of Triples 'inside') 4, T. J. Milsom 5, J. J. Jefferies 6, A. F. Lee (cond.) 7, R. W. Stapleford 8. First quarter of Triples by an all local band, average age 17½ years.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Selina Stephens 1, Sheila Howard 2, Monica Barrett 3, B. Evans 4, A. Hammond (cond.) 5, W. Lee 6. For the induction of the Rev. G. Milroy.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Elkins 1, P. Newman 2, F. Phelps 3, K. Harrison 4, H. Newman (cond.) 5, T. Elkins 6. A silver wedding compliment to the ringers of 1 and 6.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. Haw 1, Miss M. Haw 2, T. Bush 3, F. Wigmore (cond.) 4, R. Reed 5, W. Storey 6, W. Freeman 7, G. Mann 8, L. Bush 9, W. Rose 10.

WOOD GREEN, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Whitaker (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Spreadbury 2, Miss P. Miller 3, A. Spreadbury (first of Plain Bob 'inside') 4, W. Vince 5, C. Aldridge (cond.) 6. For the first Evensong of the patronal festival.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. W. Franklin 1, H. P. Floyd (cond.) 2, Miss D. Holley 3, W. J. Butler 4, A. W. Franklin (first 'inside') 5, E. Boves (first quarter) 6.

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After reading 'Westward with Wratten,' it may be of interest to the Exercise to learn that Wratten made a further, though rather more furtive, journey westward in mid-August. At last this pillar of campanological bachelorhood has been proved to have feet of clay!

A second edition of 'The Beginners' Handbook' is now in the press as very few copies remain of the first edition of 5,000.

Five present employees and one pensioner of W. D. and H. O. Wills, Bristol, rang a quarter peal at Easton-in-Gordano, Somerset, on September 7th.

Correspondence concerning Woburn bells should be addressed to Mr. K. G. Spavins and not to the Vicar who, we regret to state, is very ill and at the time of writing in hospital.

We are pleased to see that Mr. William Beeson, of Cranleigh, is back again in the peal columns and looking very fit and well after his illness.

Mr. T. Arthur Palmer, the hon. secretary of the Marlborough Branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, has completed 21 years in office. Appreciation of his services was voiced during the Branch's annual outing on September 26th, when he was presented with an illuminated scroll recording a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung in his honour at Mildenhall last August.

The bells at St. Paul's, Bournemouth, consist of eight plus two half tones (tenor approximately 4 cwt.). They are operated by a clavier installed in the chancel behind the choir stalls. The carillon is a memorial to the present Vicar's late wife. Mr. A. V. Davis 'rang' some changes and hymn tunes on the bells to 'open' them at the time of dedication and also after the service. The spire would not be considered safe for the installation of bells for change-ringing, writes a correspondent.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. T. Cooke has succeeded Mr. Kenneth Arthur, who has completed his maximum term of office as president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. The Association has now a new office—Ringing Master, who will be responsible for the general direction of ringing instruction. Mr. Arthur was the only nominee for the post.

Members of the Ladies' Guild will wish to congratulate Miss Muriel Reay on ringing her 500th peal.

Mr. George E. Fearn's party have just concluded a successful week in South Devon with 11 peals out of 12 attempts.

Mr. K. G. Spavins, secretary of the Luton District, has had a very narrow escape from blindness. A large piece of steel was removed from one of his eyes after passing through the iris. He is now able to ring.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Cecil V. Ebberson, Ringing Master of the Western Branch, Norwich Diocesan Association, which occurred on October 1st at his home at Snettisham.

Following the rededication of Kimpton bells on October 31st, a ringing competition for individual Hertfordshire towers will be held. The test will be 360 Minor (own choice of method). Messrs. W. Ayre and A. P. Cannon will be the judges. A silver cup will be awarded to the winning team, to be held for one year.

The seventh bell at Preston Parish Church, Lancs, which was cracked, has been replaced. The Sunday service band have rung a quarter of Stedman, the first in Preston for many years, as a farewell to the Vicar (Ven. W. G. Fallows), who is now Principal of Ripon Hall, Oxford. Mrs. Crossthwaite and Miss Betty Faunch are congratulated on being the first ladies to ring a quarter of Stedman in this area.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT DINNER

FIRMLY established in the calendar of the Kent County Association is the annual dinner, and this year the function was held at the Corn Exchange, Rochester, on September 26th. All the six Districts were represented in the gathering of over 100 ringers, Mr. John Willis (vice-president), who presided, making the journey from Folkestone. The guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochester and the Dean of Rochester and Mrs. Standard. A presentation was made to Mr. Terry Barton, who accepted responsibility for local arrangements, working in conjunction with Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, the hon. secretary of the Association. A cheque for £3 15s. was also presented to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' as a gesture towards meeting the rising costs of producing the journal.

The chairman, after proposing the loyal toast submitted the toast of 'The Church.' He said among ringers there was a very great spirit of unity and brotherhood, and it had always surprised him that the clergy had not realised how strong that spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood was. 'Where we go we are practically sure of a welcome in the tower we visit.'

LONDON'S HEARTY WELCOME

Mr. Willis recalled some years ago when he was a member of a county education committee being a member of a deputation to the president of the Board of Education. At the conclusion of the interview their leader, Lord Sandwich, asked him if he was going home. Mr. Willis replied that he was staying up in London for a time. Lord Sandwich said: 'Going to a show?'. He replied: 'No, I am going to ring at St. Clement Danes' Church.' His Lordship was astounded, and said: 'Do you mean that you will be permitted to ring on these bells in London?'. Mr. Willis replied: 'I expect I shall be greeted in a hearty way because London ringers are noted for their welcome to their poor brothers from the country.'

'We want a great deal more from the clergy than we get at the present time. I know many clergy do much for their ringers, but how much better it would be if they could meet their ringers for a minute or two when they assemble for service ringing.'

The Dean of Rochester (Rt. Rev. R. W. Stannard), who replied, said such a friendly brotherly and sisterly gathering as they had that evening set an example to the rest of the Church.

ROCHESTER BELLS

'I feel very sad that the first time I met you the bells were silent. When I was instituted at Rochester Cathedral there were no bells. I am happy to say that it will not be long before they are ringing again. I hope some of you will come up to the tower, and there will be a welcome for you.'

Bishop Stannard mentioned the traditional saying that the number of times an incumbent rang the bell at his induction represented the number of years he would remain in the parish. 'In my first parish,' said the Bishop, 'I rang the bell seven times, and on the seventh anniversary there was a meeting of the Church Council and I was able to tell them I was leaving the parish.'

'At the end of the war I was vicar of a small parish, and the first time after the war that we had a death I went into the belfry and tolled the bell. I must have pulled too hard because the rope came down upon me. Later it was found that the undertaker had no straps to lower the coffin into the grave. I told him to get a bell rope and this he did, and the coffin was lowered into the ground.'

The Dean said while the number of ordinands had risen the number of clergy was still going down. On the other hand the number of laity was increasing and the number of Easter communicants was going up quite steadily although they were not so great as they would like.

The toast of 'The Kent County Association' was proposed by Ald. H. Wilson, Mayor of Rochester. He said he had read with pleasure their annual report. Their ancient city, with its charter going back as far as 1190, had always been closely associated with the Mother Church. The K.C.A. was somewhat left out in the cold from the many organisations that got grants, but it was one of the oldest and he felt that something should be done to preserve the art of change-ringing.

To his mind, there was no sweeter music than church bells ringing over the English countryside. He would like to accompany the Dean to the belfry of Rochester Cathedral when he welcomed the ringers after the restoration had been completed. He noticed that the County Association was divided into six Districts, and that two of the District secretaries—Mr. Luck, of Canterbury, and Mr. Hill, of Lewisham—had both served for over 20 years. 'May your belfry prayer be said in many new towers,' concluded the Mayor.

Mr. P. A. Corby, who replied on behalf of the Association, said that gathering was something that could only take place in England. Sometimes when they attended ringers' gatherings they were told of the beautiful bells on the Continent, and those remarks invariably came from people who did not understand change-ringing. One of the objects of the Kent County Association was to encourage the old English art of change-ringing. Except for Australia, the United States and Canada both in a small degree, the art was not practised outside these islands.

The suggestion had been made that change-ringing should be organised on the basis of dioceses of the Church of England; but if they tried to apply that to the Kent County Association they would have a problem. Their Association covered most of the Diocese of Canterbury and the whole of the Diocese of Rochester. There was also a little part of their area within the boundary of the London County Council. It was a happy thought that Bishop Stannard, in his capacity as Bishop of Woolwich, was a vice-president of the Association, and now as Dean of Rochester he was still a vice-president.

The Kent County Association had been built by some very great men, Canon Helmore was the chief architect, and they had still with them one founder member in Ted Ruck. He hoped that young people would come forward and see that the towers of Kent were never silent.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXERCISE

Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, hon. secretary of the K.C.A., proposed the toast of 'The Exercise.' What was the organisation which knitted the Exercise together?, he asked. This had its beginnings several centuries ago and was preserved even to this day by the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. The territorial Guilds and Associations came into being in the last century and rapidly extended their influence throughout the country. Their Association dated from 1880, and it was linked with all kindred Societies, who were honoured by the toast, in the Central Council. How glad and proud they were that coinciding with their 80th birthday the Central Council were coming to Kent.

In the 20th century, with the territorial Associations mostly in full swing, the Exercise of

ringing had benefited tremendously by the organisational efforts of their 19th century forbears, for by them it had been possible to weather the storms of two great world wars, and to withstand the changing social habits of the nation with churchgoing no longer the duty of the many but the active Christian worship of the few.

The main contribution of the first half of the present century was the establishment of various channels of recruitment for new ringers. One of these was a direct consequence of the 1914-18 war, when ladies first appeared in the belfries to keep the bells ringing while the menfolk were fighting battles. The Ladies' Guild had grown into a national organisation. Meanwhile, at the old universities of Oxford and Cambridge ringing Societies were already in action, a movement which since the last war had spread in the first instance through the formation of the Universities' Association, but today there were ringing Societies in the majority of universities. Surely this recruitment at university level must prove a growing and rich investment, not only because university graduates went out to their jobs in all parts of the country, but a goodly number of them taught.

'OCCUPATIONAL' GUILDS

They also today had 'occupational' Guilds in the Clerical Guild, the Police Guild, the Railwaymen's Guild, the Medical Guild and the R.A.F. Guild. In their respective spheres each contributed to the general health and activity of the Exercise, and when they thought of kindred Societies they also thought of them. To complete the above, there were groups of young ringers, groups of rather light-hearted enthusiasts who dashed along the countryside during holidays on bicycles and so on, stayed in youth hostels and rang to their hearts content. Good ringing, too, for among their numbers were the budding leaders of the future.

This great and varied flow of new blood into the Ringing Exercise was, he felt, the contribution of the present century. In some respects it paralleled the more genuine progress of education, and it was a great thing to be thankful for that the Exercise had moved with the times. Nor was it surprising that with such broadening of educative interest the theories of ringing had advanced so rapidly and far in the last 50 years.

Dr. Hatcher coupled with the toast the name of the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

In his reply, Mr. White took a favourable view of the progress of the Exercise, and announced that over 4,500 copies of 'The Beginners' Handbook' had been sold since the beginning of last April, and a second edition would soon be on the press.

During the evening a well-struck course of Grandire Caters was rung by Mrs. Corby 1-2, W. Dobbie (conductor) 3-4, E. A. Barnett 5-6, P. A. Corby 7-8, Mrs. Walter Dobbie 9-10. The youthful Frindsbury handbell ringers, under the leadership of Mr. Cyril Jarrett, also received a great reception for their tune ringing.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gordon Turner 1, W. Cannings 2, F. Watkinson 3, H. Barnes 4, K. Durdy 5, A. Hulley (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. G. T. S. Cook) on completing 21 years as Vicar.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: P. G. King 1, Myra J. Wilkins (first 'inside') 2, Sheila C. Matthews (first in method) 3, E. Cooksley (first 'inside') 4, Rita M. Webb 5, C. J. Turner 6. Conducted by 3 and 5 alternate 120s. Rung half-muffled before memorial service to Dr. John Chilcott, local G.P. for 27 years.

MR. T. J. LOCK'S YORKSHIRE TOUR

A WEEK among the Yorkshire hills and dales; town and countryside; abbeys, cathedrals and churches; forest fires; the moorland with its straying sheep; dried up waterways and reservoirs at low level; the 'tykes,' whose own sons had just won the county cricket championship; and, of course, tufted ends to some of the bell ropes and the attendant boxes on which to stand because the ropes are not adjustable: all these were the destiny of a touring party, arranged once again by Mr. Tom Lock.

To enable the programme to commence on the first day, those of the party living south of London travelled by train and met others at Hemsworth, where the initial effort—a 5,184 Rutland Surprise Major—was successful. Those not engaged in this peal journeyed on to headquarters at Ilkley, where a refreshing wash and evening meal was some reward for the day's travels.

On Sunday, our rest day, we were welcomed to ring for Matins at Ilkley, a very pleasant octave, and after the service we inspected the stained-glass window dedicated to Jasper W. Snowdon, historian and expositor of change-ringing. This window is a beautiful memorial, and shows bells in different sectors of their swing as its border.

In the afternoon a leisurely drive via Bolton Abbey (where we had the unexpected pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Watts, also sight-seeing) brought us to the Spa at Harrogate, and we visited nearby Knaresborough in the hopes of a pull on the eight with 18 cwt. tenor, but it was not to be as the bells had been chimed only for several years.

YORKSHIRE GLORY

Starting in earnest on Monday morning, no one realised what a pleasant and successful week was in store for us. Although the first peal attempt proved non-conclusive through a broken rope, Cambridge Surprise Major at Birstall being prematurely halted after 40 minutes, another band in the afternoon completed an extent of Superlative Surprise Major at Batley, when Miss Ruth Foreman scored her 'first.' This must be an ancient, if not historic, parish, as displayed on a board is a list of vicars since 1252. The 'spares' were very kindly taken by Mr. Marsden to one of t'other Heatons, in this case St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, where, among other methods, we rang a course of Yorkshire Glory.

It became known that well before breakfast the following morning several courageous members of the party climbed up to the Cow and Calf Rocks and visited the Tarn—they voluntarily chatted of the grandeur of the view. A little later the transport set off for Marsden—and what a worth while visit! As one enters the church one is quietly seized with inspiration and admiration. All the fabric, furnishings and fittings seem fresh and new (through an un-sparing effort of labour and love), and the condition of the ringing chamber and belfry are just as good—a credit to all. A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal was rung here, without fear or favour, particularly as this was the first peal rung with the complete set of ropes having tufted ends. In the afternoon we journeyed on to Wakefield Cathedral, where Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Moreton and baby were awaiting us.

We rang on all 13 bells in this tower, though not at the same time, as we had no desire to upset the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council. It was agreed that London Surprise Major be rung on the middle eight, and a good peal was the result, it being the first peal in the method on the bells.

WEDNESDAY'S TRIO

On Wednesday we were all required to take a rope, and although one of the optimistic members of the party recalled that this was our bleakest day during past tours, it turned out that nothing could dampen our spirits—there was still no sign of rain, and liquid refreshment did not penetrate so far as to the spirits, wherever they may be in the human body. Cambridge Surprise Royal was the method chosen to ring on the splendid ten at Bradford Cathedral, and in the afternoon the mighty atoms were split into two forces going in opposite directions, both being successful and thus completing a trio for the day. Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Otley and Cambridge Surprise Major at Rothwell.

The next morning was also a busy one for those who were potentially on holiday. A peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Skipton, while another eight scored with Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Keighley. 'One Hundred Years,' the title of an interesting and well-illustrated book, published to mark the centenary of the opening of the present Church of St. Andrew, Keighley, contains the details of a notice which is in the tower, as follows:—

'On Monday, June 21st, 1813, the Society of Change Ringers, belonging to this steeple, conducted by Mr. David Smith, rung an harmonious peal of new Treble Bob, containing 10,000 changes, composed by the justly celebrated Mr. Joseph Tebbs. The Bells were struck into changes at nine minutes past nine in the morning, and were brought round in a masterly style at 12 minutes past three in the afternoon by Thomas Midgley (treble), George Hattersley, Thomas Fox, John Blakey (Junnr.), Jos. Bradley, Samuel Clapham, Jas. Inman (Tenor), John Blakey. The performance delighted and astonished connoisseurs. The English under Wellington beat the French at Vittoria in Spain, and slew 10,000 men, while the peal was ringing.'

After lunch a visit was made to Guiseley, where a 5,000-odd of Bristol Surprise Major was accomplished. An unhappy omission in the tour's programme was made this day when the 'spares' failed to go to Birstwith for a short ring, and the organiser's apologies are extended to Mr. Ewbank, the local correspondent.

TENORS' HANDSTROKES 'IN'

Friday's efforts were in some respects similarly rewarded as to those on Monday, i.e., one peal rung and one lost. The very-well-going ring of ten at Ripon Cathedral was the attraction for the morning, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was never in doubt of being recorded. The ringing was not hurried but a few minutes were undoubtedly saved and the treble's task made that much easier by the persistence of the two tenor men in keeping their hand-strokes 'in,' an admirable rule for ringing, which we shall hear about again on future tours. In the Cathedral ringing chamber is a stained-

glass window recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung on August 28th, 1886, to mark the 1,000th anniversary of the town's civic charter. There is, apparently, another 'ringing' window, executed by the same craftsman, in nearby Sharow Church, and together with other examples at St. Peter's, St. Albans, and at Ilkley, might form the subject of an interesting publication (but please forward all information to Mr. Ernest Morris!). The unsuccessful attempt was made at Tadcaster, where 6-Spliced Surprise Major was halted through a rope breaking after a little more than one-and-a-quarter hours' ringing.

The last day arrived, but good fortune and good friends were still to be with us. By many a winding road, going up and going down, we arrived at Heptonstall, the largest parish in the country, about 25,000 acres in area. Here was rung a peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major, and messages of felicitation were sent to young and old—a welcome to the newly-born son of the Vicar of Heptonstall and his wife, and a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Morris, mother of Leslie W. G. While the final peal, one of Yorkshire Surprise Major, was being rung at Sowerby, the remaining ringers attended a meeting at Ripponden, where they were warmly welcomed.

So concluded a very happy and successful tour, during which time 13 peals were rung from 15 attempts, in a part of the country where the towers are strong and robust enough to take the weight of the bell metal, where a good variety of rings of bells is obtainable, where visiting ringers are expected to maintain local tradition by raising and lowering in peal, and where all ringers are welcomed.

Our thanks are due to provosts, deans, incumbents, officers of the Yorkshire Association, tower secretaries and captains, and others who assisted in any way to ensure the satisfactory conduct of a tour in which ringers representing towers as far apart as Newcastle and Worthing took part.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Coleshill on September 19th. The fine crocketed spire of Coleshill Parish Church is a landmark for miles around, and contains a left-handed ring of eight bells. The Master (Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd) presided at the meeting and welcomed two visitors—Mr. John Acres, of Leicester, and Mr. Hugh Neill, of Worcester. The tower election, as a life member, of Mr. Frederick R. Scott, of Slough, was ratified.

Mr. R. C. Ingram reported on the condition of Henry Johnson's tombstone, which was leaning badly and needed a concrete base. This tombstone, which was subscribed for by ringers in all parts of England, is the only stone in Aston Churchyard which has not been laid flat.

The meeting decided to meet the cost of making the stone secure.

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner on the first Saturday in March.

Thanks were extended to the Rev. E. F. A. Morgan for officiating at the service, to his daughter Rosemary, who played the organ, and to Mr. W. C. Rhodes and the ladies for arranging tea.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL FEES

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to reply to the correspondence on the matter of peal fees?

Mr. Denyer may be assured that the matter was fully discussed before the adoption of the rule and that the seven points he makes came before the meeting in one form or another. It was reported to the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, held at Southampton in 1958, that the rule had worked well in its first year and that all fees were paid.

Mr. Tom Chapman rather contradicts himself by describing a 'closed shop' (as he calls it) as ridiculous and then going on to recommend a *National Guild* in which, surely, a 'closed shop' would be automatic in such circumstances. Had we a *National Guild* in existence, undoubtedly the 'necessary machinery' would have been put into action and, who knows, Robin, Pat and their friends on their way to Siberia by now!

I am glad Mr. Leale has written at some length to try to justify his action. I am not alone in thinking that he rather 'cocked a snook' at the Guild when replying to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's letter concerning the Channel Island peals. The smaller questions as to whether the peals are recorded or deleted or whether the fees are paid or not do not really concern me. I am concerned, however, about the *breaking of the rule*, and I feel that this matter concerns every Guild and Association in the Exercise. How can a society, guild, club or any group run its affairs efficiently if its rules are not respected by its members? The rules may be bad, need revision from time to time or even need deletion of certain items, but they must be kept *while they are in force* by all members. From this standpoint I say that Mr. Leale, excellent change-ringer though he may be, has not justified his action and has proved to be a poor Guildsman.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

P.S.—I believe it was Mr. Colin Harrison who championed the cause of a *National Guild* and urged its formation some 20 years ago, and not Mr. Charles Kippin.—A. V. D.

CORK'S TENOR

Dear Sir,—Come, come, 'P. A. C.', 'Finbarre's' tenor in Cork is a masterpiece of retuning by Taylor. There is a difference! After all, the old metal spoiler of Gloucester has had some 200 years of uncritical praise. Had the family name been Hemony, there may have been some justification for it.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

P.S.—Even an 1861 Cripplegate sixth was more than successfully overcame by retuning. What a ring!—W. E. B.

FIRST PEAL OF SURPRISE OUT OF ENGLAND

Dear Sir,—The first peal of Superlative at Bray, Ireland, was rung on May 28th, 1901, conducted by J. S. Goldsmith; also it was the first of Surprise out of England.—Yours, etc.,

E. JENKINS.

Oldham, Lancs.

IGNORING RULES CHAOS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Leale's long letter is quite irrelevant. Many societies have rules which some members find irksome or with which they do not agree. But if they are loyal they will observe them. At the last Central Council meeting I proposed a 'levy' of all the Associations according to membership (perhaps 6d. a head) to help put 'The Ringing World' on its feet. It was heavily defeated, and the idea of making a levy on peal ringers found more favour. I do not agree with this myself (of course, no decision was made), but if it were passed by the Council I would loyally accept it. Mr. Leale apparently would not if he didn't agree with it. He only wants to keep the rules he agrees with. If we all only kept the rules we liked and refused to observe those we didn't like the result would be chaos. The rules of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild were properly made and accepted by a general meeting. Therefore they are to be observed by all loyal members. On his own showing, Mr. Leale admits his disloyalty, and all for the sake of a shilling or two. Can our Guild do anything but condemn him after giving him every opportunity of coming into line first?—

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

GREAT YARMOUTH

Dear Sir,—Will you please permit the use of your columns to amplify the announcement elsewhere in this issue of the opening of the new ring of 13 at St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Great Yarmouth, on Saturday, October 31st. So that intending ringers are not disappointed, it is essential that we know not only the numbers we can anticipate but also their ringing preferences; in fact, those who can organise themselves into complete bands beforehand will greatly assist.

As Yarmouth has heard no bells for nearly 20 years, each should only attempt what they know they can ring.

The general physical layout and access to the tower somewhat dictate the number of ringers that can be conveniently and comfortably accommodated in the ringing chamber at any one time, and for the opening we have decided on 24, which number will be replaced at frequent intervals. This seems quite the fairest means to try and ensure that everyone has a ring, and provided all co-operate with those controlling things on the spot, there is no reason why everything should not work smoothly. May I appeal to all competent 12-bell ringers to hold themselves in readiness to assist those less proficient?

Admission to the Priory School Hall nearby for a buffet tea (2s. 6d.), which will be available between 4 and 6 p.m., will be by ticket obtainable from a steward at the ground entrance to the tower. By having a buffet there will obviously be no need to stop ringing for the tea period.

May I say we look forward to welcoming all ringers able to make the journey, and again emphasise the necessity of letting us know early that they are coming.—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Great Yarmouth.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. E. A. Barnett, I would assure him that the aim behind the composition to which he refers was not only to keep the *second* out of 5-6, but at the same time contained as far as possible in fourths place. I am aware of compositions conforming to the first condition, but of no other conforming to both. I may add that I was not aware of Mr. Carter's peal, but it is evident from Mr. Barnett's description that it was purely designed to retain the fourth in fourths place only. I may say that some years have elapsed since I worked out the figures, and before publishing the composition I discussed it with such eminent persons as Messrs. C. W. Roberts, C. K. Lewis and F. E. Darby, to mention a few.

While on the subject, will Mr. Barnett please tell us the author of the appended peal of Pudsey Surprise Major:—

2	3	4	5	6	B	M	W	H
3	5	2	6	4	X			
5	6	3	4	2	X			
2	4	3	6	5				
3	2	4	6	5				
4	3	2	6	5				
5	6	2	3	4				
2	5	6	3	4				
6	2	5	3	4				
2	3	6	4	5	X			

Twice repeated.

Could it possibly be the late A. Craven? I hope Mr. Barnett will not mind my saying that Pudsey Surprise Major is another method in which true originality is, in my opinion, not possible on this plan.—Yours truly,

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Heaton, Bradford, 9.

DON'T FORGET WALES

Dear Sir,—Reading between the lines of the rather aggressive letter by Mr. Williams ('R.W.' of October 2nd), it seems to me that he has been in contact with too many of the British schoolboys he mentioned.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Loughborough.

NOT FIRST PEALS

Dear Sir,—I am asked to point out that the peal of York Surprise Minor rung at Blunsdon, Wilts, on February 22nd and reported on page 169 was not the first in the method for this Association. The first was rung at Minchinhampton on November 11th, 1932, conducted by F. Ponting.

Also, the first peal of London Surprise Minor for this Association was rung on March 1st, 1932, again at Minchinhampton and conducted by F. Ponting. The peal reported on page 381 of 'The Ringing World' of June 12th was therefore not the first for the Association.

I trust that all those who keep records will suitably amend them. The error in the current report of the Gloucester and Bristol Association is regretted.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES ROUSE.

Hon. Secretary,
Gloucester and Bristol Association.

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PRESENTATION TO MR. FREDERICK G. LEAKER AT BRISTOL

AN interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on September 24th where, in the presence of a good representative company of his fellow ringers, Mr. Frederick G. Leaker was presented with a portable radio set.

The presentation was made by the Vicar (Rev. R. F. Cartwright), who said Mr. Leaker had been associated with St. Mary Redcliffe since the beginning of this century, and had rung many peals there. The first of Stedman Cinques, was on Easter Monday, 1907, the 50th anniversary of which was marked by a similar peal on Easter Monday, 1957 — an achievement.

He (the Vicar) added that he hoped Mr. Leaker would enjoy years with his radio and be spared to ring at Redcliffe as long.

Mr. Leaker in his reply said he wished to thank the Vicar and all those who had made the presentation possible, and he was sure he would get full enjoyment from the radio. The circumstances surrounding the gift would never be forgotten by him.

To conclude the ceremony, Mr. Leaker conducted Cinques, made up from a band of his friends, in his usual style.



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RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

The autumn meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild was held on September 26th at Newport (Mon) and was attended by members from the Midland and Western Regions, Eastern and Southern Regions and the L.T.E. Among the members present were Messrs. A. J. Pitman and Frank Stenson, the late general secretary.

The Dean of Monmouth, when visiting the ringers in the belfry at the Cathedral, apologised for being unable to accept the invitation to tea, but wished the meeting every success. Mr. J. H. Kirk, president of the B.R.S.A. Club and Institute, Newport, showed much interest in the ringing at the Cathedral, which he was seeing for the first time. Later, at the Tudor Restaurant, Mr. Kirk was given a warm welcome.

During the day, under the guidance of Mr. Bert Kynaston (the Master), ringing took place at All Saints' (8) and St. Woolos' Cathedral (12), and the last touch of the day was a delightful rendering of Little Bob Royal.

At the business meeting, with the Master in the chair, apologies were read from 18 members who were unable to attend. The general secretary then explained the correct procedure when applying for free travel facilities. A written resignation was read from Mr. N. Bland, the Eastern Region representative, who at the meeting nominated Mr. Ron Meadows to take his place.

Mr. Syd Foskett asked if we should accept the offer made by Mr. Fearn, of Birmingham, to make all arrangements for the A.G.M. in 1960, and this was agreed.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Jack James, the Dean and Mr. Chas. Greedy. The latter, in reply, stated that he had every praise for the kind of ringing he had heard during the day.

J. A. H.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS East Devon Branch

A quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Kilmington on September 19th, and about 45 ringers and friends attended.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. H. Callard, who also very kindly provided tea at the Vicarage and allowed the business meeting to be held on the lawn. At this meeting Mr. G. C. Woodley took the chair.

Certificates were presented by the president of the Guild (Preb. E. V. Cox) to Miss Sandra Webb and Mr. Thomas Cloutson, from Honiton, and Mr. Brian Gardener, from Shute. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Cotleigh on January 9th.

Methods rung were Grandshire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

C. D. J. W.

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TOWER-GRABBERS AND SKITTLES

The N.S.T.G. (Bridgwater Branch) arranged another ringing and skittles day on September 5th, the fourth in the series. Eight ringers travelled from the Bristol area at an early hour to arrive at Moorlinch (a heavy six) at 9.45 a.m. A few minutes after the time appointed nine ringers were available for a quarter of Cambridge Minor; the three who stood down apparently spent their time picking blackberries! The quarter was successfully conducted by the ringers of 4 and 5; the band was Mary Powell 1, Monica Horseman 2, M. J. Horseman 3, D. E. Cobb 4, J. H. Gilbert 5, J. Brain 6.

Another successful quarter followed shortly thereafter at Westonzoyle (another heavy six) rung by Mary Powell 1, Audrey Bailey 2, C. Clarke 3, R. D. Short 4, J. Hunt 5, M. J. Horseman (conductor) 6. This time the method was St. Clement's Minor.

Unfortunately we were rather behind time when we arrived at 61, Kendale Road, where Mrs. Stone, and Mike (!), had kindly provided a marvellous lunch for the hungry ringers. With a considerably augmented band we visited Chilton Trinity (5) after lunch, and thence to Cannington, where the ringers seemed more interested in basking outside in the sunshine. We also visited Stogursey before tea—another fine, heavy six; in fact all the sixes were between 19–24 cwt.!

After tea we pressed on to Spaxton, where the ringing was not really up to standard (no many sore hands?), and finally to Enmore where, allegedly, the bells do not go too well.

As a change from ringing, a large company gathered at the Enmore Inn for the skittles contest. There is little of note to say about this except that we all enjoyed it (as usual), and that Jim was obviously very thrilled when presented with a horseshoe as consolation prize! Also, that we are all very grateful to Cecil, Ron, Mike and Mrs. Stone for their efforts on our behalf.

STORIES OF OLD LONDON RINGERS

By MR. E. BARNETT
(Continued from page 553)

A 'CHARACTER' who might be called a rough diamond with a heart of gold was Harry Flanders, of West Ham. He rang the treble to the 15,072 of Double Norwich at Brill in 1899. He also was a good ringer on all numbers. By occupation he was a carman for a firm of soap makers at Bow and his job was to collect offal from butchers' shops and slaughterhouses in the East End.

Harry Springhall, a fine ringer and conductor, rang either at Stepney or 'Bow-in-the-Road' (Stratford). A prominent College Youth, he died suddenly in Cornhill belfry while ringing for a special occasion during the 1914-18 war.

Another to die suddenly in the belfry was Walter Prime, a good heavy-bell man and a member of the Sunday band at St. Paul's. At the time of his death, about 1930, he was ringing at the Imperial Institute.

Of heavy-bell ringers, Henry R. Newton must be mentioned. About 55 years ago he rang the old Southwark tenor to Superlative Major and, perhaps 10 years later, the Bow tenor to a peal of London. I believe he called both peals. Anyone who did not know these bells at that time cannot begin to appreciate these performances.

Another prominent man in London ringing circles whom Mr. Symonds must have known was Arthur Jacob. A Cumberland Youth, he was a coppersmith until he lost two fingers in a cutting machine. Afterwards he worked for Warners. He collapsed and died in Liverpool about 45 years ago while rehanging a ring of bells.

Of those who came from East Anglia to London mentioned by Mr. Symonds, Henry Dains' name will always live as a composer. He was in the top class as a practical ringer and I rang several peals with him. I am told he was a very clever carpenter.

WRONG LETTERS

I always remember a very awkward situation Dains once got himself into. It was at the time William Willson published his short-lived but excellent paper 'The Bellringer.' Dains wrote two letters—one to Harvey Reeves and the other to Mr. Willson. In the one to Reeves he condemned 'The Bellringer' and I conclude the one to Mr. Willson was in the same strain about 'The Bell News.' Unfortunately for him he put the letters in the wrong envelopes. I have forgotten what Reeves had to say in 'The Bell News,' but Mr. Willson dealt with Mr. Dains in the following issue as only Mr. Willson could.

George Newson, another East Anglian, succeeded John Cox as the Cumberlands' conductor and he, too, was a carpenter.

Edwin Gibbs was a ringer of a very high standard and a member of the Sunday band at St. Paul's. He was a plumber by trade. During the last years of his life he was bedridden in a nursing home, and I seldom missed going to see him on Sunday afternoons. He was a most interesting man to talk to, and died about 25 years ago.

REMEMBERED WITH GRATITUDE

Mr. Trollope will be remembered with gratitude as long as ringing lasts as the historian of the Exercise. But for him, we should know little or nothing about ringers or ringing in the 17th, 18th and early 19th centuries. He was responsible for the editorials in this journal during the absence of Mr. Goldsmith on the Australian tour, and took charge during his last illness and after his death.

Mr. Brighton was, I believe, a photographer whose business for some years took him to beauty spots and seaside resorts all over the

country, during which time he rang and conducted many peals.

'Tich' Symonds was, I believe, one of the Lavenham Symonds and at one time a prominent College Youth. In his latter years he was a Cumberland Youth and one of the band at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. He was a personal clerk to one of the High Court judges.

TOLLED FOR EXECUTIONS

I will conclude my memories with the steeple keeper of St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill—Dan Lovetts. A 'colourful character,' he was parish beadle, and held one or two ancient offices which are associated with London parishes. One day I was standing outside St. Sepulchre's looking across at Newgate Prison, then in the process of demolition to make way for the present Old Bailey. I said to Dan: 'There goes a bit of old London.' He replied: 'Yes. That makes a difference to my income. I used to get 10s. for tolling the ninth every time there was an execution!'

These men were a wonderful generation who learned their ringing and practised it the hard way. They were perfectionists and had no time for anyone who was not. In their day the art of bell-hanging had advanced very little since the Middle Ages. There were no refinements such as ball-bearings and iron frames, which we have enjoyed for the last 30 or 40 years; and for bad-going bells most London towers were notorious, which all goes to make the perfect peals they rang more remarkable.

A SYSTON DISTRICT WEDDING

Two well-known members of the Syston District, Leicester Diocesan Guild—Mr. F. Kevon Thompson, of Barrow-on-Soar, and Miss A. Mary Carpenter, of Cossington—were married at All Saints', Cossington, on September 19th. The bridegroom called a 120 of Grandsire, with his best man (Mr. Geoffrey Lowe) and three of his wedding guests making up the band, before the service to steady his nerves!

The ringing after the wedding was interrupted for the ringers to be photographed with the bridal couple.

After the reception a quarter peal was rung at Barrow-on-Soar, where the couple are to make their home.

With all these weddings in the District Jean Brooks must be spending a fortune on cables from Australia! B. S. P.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Society was held at St. Andrew's Church, Middleton-on-the-Wolds, on September 19th, and was the first meeting to be held there since October, 1948.

Seventeen members attended, together with visitors from Thorne and Barnby Dun, and full use was made of the six bells during the afternoon and evening to a variety of Doubles and Minor methods.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. W. Winter), who welcomed the Society and expressed the wish that the next visit would not be so long delayed. The Rector gave an interesting address, in which he outlined the history of his ancient church.

An excellent tea was served in the Robin Hood Inn by Mrs. Hotham, to whom thanks were accorded at the short business meeting which followed.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich: G. W. Holland 1, J. Underwood 2, A. Cozens 3, W. A. Yates 4, F. C. Case 5, R. Gibbons 6, S. G. Osborne 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8.

VETERANS IN THE CITY OF LONDON

Large numbers of people visit St. Clement Danes' Church in the Strand every day, and on September 26th those who inspected the lovely building were able to hear the bells being rung by veterans who had gathered from many parts. The ringers did not fail the public, for they displayed their skill by touches of Caters and Royal, which brought forth favourable comments, especially from those inside the church.

At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, short touches of Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were also rung, the outside listeners being mostly veterans enjoying the gardens adjoining, where the annual photograph was taken. Tea was tastefully arranged in the Fanmakers' Hall and full justice was done by the assembly of 50.

After tea came announcements and votes of thanks, which told us firstly that 45 veterans present averaged 72½ years, comprising one of 94, five over 80, 24 over 70 and 15 over 60. These 45 made up a total of 3,265 years.

The attendance register recorded the following names: Messrs. A. W. Coles, H. Statham, R. Sanders, F. Sinkin (94), F. W. Goodfellow, J. S. Hawkins, R. F. Deal, A. H. Winch, G. Marriner, H. J. Eldred, N. A. Tomlinson, S. Day, G. R. Spun, R. Newman, A. Turner, B. Baker, W. A. J. Knight, C. E. J. Norris, P. H. Avey, E. D. Smith, E. W. Furbank, C. A. Hughes, J. W. Chapman, P. J. Spice, A. B. Peck, W. J. Rawlings, G. E. Symonds, G. R. Goodship, E. V. Blake, H. Belcher, J. Marks, A. D. Barker, H. W. Clark, A. G. Mason, W. Welling, L. Stilwell, S. H. Hoare, W. Wenban, W. Shepherd, J. Brackley, W. H. Hewett, C. J. Sedgley, J. R. Sharman, F. W. Elliott, F. W. Brinklow, A. Cutler and J. E. Rootes.

Silent tribute was paid to the memory of E. Gladman, G. H. Head, G. N. Price, A. H. Pulling, T. J. Fowler, G. Pidwell and H. Baldwin.

The organiser (Mr. A. W. Coles) read apologies from the Rev. H. H. Treacher, Dr. F. S. Poole, Dr. E. L. Taylor, Canon C. C. Cox, Messrs. B. Aldridge, J. Bennett, W. Bottrell, W. Bowden, T. R. Dennis, C. W. R. Grimwood, F. I. Hairs, W. Hibbert, E. E. Holman, J. T. Kentish, H. Langdon, F. C. Maynard, E. Morris, F. W. Perrens, H. Rumens, J. F. Smallwood, S. H. Symonds, W. W. Webb, T. W. White, L. W. Wiffen, A. A. Hughes, E. Fenn, F. W. Housden and G. Gilbert.

For many kindnesses on this our one and only meeting of the year we included quite a number in our vote of thanks, and Mr. C. J. Sedgley ably voiced thanks to the Rev. H. H. Treacher for the use of St. Botolph's bells and the use of the Fanmakers' Hall, to the Rev. L. O. Rees (chaplain) for the use of St. Clement Danes' bells, to Mesdames E. E. Davis, E. Deal, P. Tomlinson, A. Deeley and Miss C. Moore for their services in connection with the tea, also to Mesdames D. Holland, M. Colville, K. Lock, G. Goodfellow and R. Coles for their gifts of cakes and other eatables. To those who provided transport—Messrs. J. W. Euston, F. W. Goodfellow, G. A. Spencer, J. R. Sharman and A. G. Mason—the meeting was also grateful. The usual informal social followed, and we all felt a deep appreciation of the efficient way our esteemed organiser (Mr. A. W. Coles) had made another happy and successful gathering. W. S.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, G. Oliver 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evenson.

SPONDON, DERBYS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob): E. Walklate 1, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 2, Miss R. M. Bull 3, S. Walklate 4, M. Blore 5.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION TOUR OF SUSSEX

DESPITE a somewhat damp week in this phenomenal summer, the U.A. tour of Sussex was once more a great success. The year 1959 will be remembered for the large number of towers visited and also the plentiful supply of members attending during the week. About 48 ringers were with us, and the abundance of cars prevented unnecessary driver-fatigue.

The tour opened on August 8th. During the sunny afternoon Cowfold, West Grinstead, Thakeham and Storrington were visited. After tea we started off towards headquarters, whose address had been given as Lodge Hill, Pulborough. It proved to be delightfully situated at the top of a wooded hill, 100 feet above the main road, but about three miles from Pulborough! There were two very narrow approaches, one a steep second-gear gradient, and another rather less severe marked 'Dangerous.'

ALL BRIEFED FOR SUNDAY RINGING

Once signed in and suppered we spent the evening in nattering, walking and drinking, and one or two even rang handbells. Someone still had to organise Sunday service ringing, and Marie Cross soon briefed us all.

Next morning we all went our ways to the appointed towers, and map readers had their first real opportunity for leading drivers on to golf courses, over innumerable level crossings and along 'short cuts' which proved to be muddy farm tracks. On Sunday afternoon three carloads of ringers, led by one who was heard to remark rather smugly: 'Well, I have grabbed one or two before,' set off to see what towers could be found that were not included in the programme.

At Rogate we were pleased to meet an old friend, Jack Munday, who joined us in a non-conducted extent of Grandsire Doubles, whose 'silence' was marred only by Jumbo's chortles! Stedham bells were rather tricky, and after we finished it took time to reproduce exactly a knot we found in the tenor rope. Apart from these two, eight towers were manned during the day, and an energetic quarter peal of Bristol was rung at Pulborough.

The highlight of Monday's ringing was a peal of Kent at Ditchling. The two first-pealers can be justly proud, for to add to their difficulties this is an anti-clockwise ring and the bells' weights bear no recognisable relation to their notes. The peal band joined the rest of the tour at Burgess Hill, but the U.A. did not do these bells justice. Ringing was also below standard at Lindfield, but it improved at Cuckfield, and our president (E. H. Lewis), who was again with us, called a touch of Double Oxford Triples. Three good leads of Bristol closed the day's ringing.

IN AND AROUND BRIGHTON

Brighton and its environs were covered the next day. Steyning, the church of 'Boy with a Cart' fame, was noted for its intriguing collecting box—a scale model of the church, it chimed each time a coin was inserted! At the Church of the Good Shepherd the pleasing bells were recorded by Roger Savory, and the best ringing was 4-Spliced and Bristol. At the beautiful white St. Peter's we launched Geoffrey Dodds' Ashford Little Bob Caters with a nice touch, the first on tower bells. We were joined at St. Nicholas' by a ringer from Christchurch, New Zealand, who rang Grandsire Triples, with us. Spliced Kent and Oxford Minor at Aldrington, and so to the last official tower of the day, St. Mary-de-Haura's, Shoreham, where we were met by that old stalwart, Len Stilwell. Here Dick Speed joined us and Wilf. Moreton called some spliced Plain Major.

Roger Savory then sped off towards Lewes to ask Mr. and Mrs. Elphick about their practice. These kind folk immediately invited all

Roger's carload to a wonderful tea in their home. Soon more U.A. ringers arrived and the practice was begun with an excellent touch of Grandsire Caters called by Roger. Although this high standard was not maintained, good Kent Royal and Grandsire Triples were rung during the evening.

Wednesday began with sunshine. A band which lost a peal of London Major at Slaugham missed no towers due to this, owing to an early trip to Shipley, where the well-kept church was much admired. Spliced Triples was called by Wilf. Moreton at Bolney, and the peal band arrived in time for some 3-spliced. At Lower Beeding a good course of Yorkshire was rung, but we heard more of this later. Our lunch for this day, eaten outside a pub on pine-cone-strewn grass, degenerated into a brawl when one or two with famous names discovered what cones were for! The ensuing feud was settled ultimately with a ping-pong ball gun.

EXPERTS BEATEN

At Warnham is an eight where the late Alfred Pulling rang many peals, and here we managed Pudsey best. Our heaviest eight of the week, Horsham, proved enjoyable. Double Norwich, Bristol, and the notice 'Somebody must always be last,' are all remembered. The one and only 5-bell tower, Itchingfield (dubbed Itchingwhats-it), provided some amusement. Five very famous ringers demonstrated their inability to master a method called Itchingfield Slow Course Doubles, which a weaker U.A. band had spliced successfully with New Bob on the Sunday! The old priest's house was examined with interest.

The A.G.M. that evening was lively. Dermot Roaf was welcomed as the new secretary by the president, who at the conclusion of business commented on style and action in ringing as perpetrated by the band who rang Yorkshire at Lower Beeding. During the rest of the week many members seemed worried about their tail-ends.

Thursday's ringing started with good London Minor at Wisborough Green. A tape-recording here proved conclusively that the tenor, or its ringers, was slightly odd-struck. The fine singing tone of Chiddingfold bells was appreciated, and we set up at the hint of any bad striking. Phil. Corby, Mrs. Corby and their son joined us at Haslemere, where we rang a memorable course of Cambridge Royal. After lunch, Easebourne, whose tenor had a lingering note, and then Midhurst with its very old clock. The last tower was the fine eight at Petworth, heard at their best in a course of Bristol. The evening was spent in visits to nearby practices. On the return from Felpham, our bulky but intrepid driver 'dabbed' his brakes and the result was a sweet sound as someone ran into Brian Threlfall's vehicle with a Dormobile. Only slight damage.

'SERMON COMPOSING'

Eight towers covered on the Friday included five sixes, which made hard work of the morning. At Arundel, the eight were soon turning to Stedman, Yorkshire and Double Norwich. During three leads of Bristol our diminutive tenor man forgot to call 'That's all' while composing a sermon on good striking! Dick Blackman met us at Chichester Cathedral, and those who had not rung there before soon discovered that these bells are not easy to ring. Final tower of the week was Bosham, the famous beauty spot and mecca of small-boat sailors, where the fine six sound so well to those afloat.

Much feverish organisation by the redoubtable York resulted in a delightful social evening back at Lodge Hill. The various items included amusing reminiscences by E. H. Lewis, piano

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OBITUARY

MR. G. N. BLAKE

A member of the St. Albans Cathedral Society for 19 years, Mr. George Nelson Blake died in the St. Albans County Hospital on September 15th after two operations. His remains were cremated at West Herts Crematorium on September 22nd.

A quarter peal of 1,299 Stedman Caters was rung half-muffled the same evening by B. A. Cornell 1, W. J. Arnold (conductor) 2, G. Dodds 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, T. J. Southam 5, R. F. Ewer 6, W. Little 7, J. Ewer 8, G. Penney 9, W. A. Nicholls 10.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

On September 5th the East Grinstead Guild had an excursion into North Kent. At Borden, where the clerical ringers gave up in despair, we put up a good show on the lumpy eight. After the pleasant five at Lynsted we sampled Boughton-under-Blean: easy-going bells, but rather inaudible. On to Canterbury, where lunch was had before going to St. Stephen's. Some enjoyed listening to the local band ringing Grandsire Caters for a wedding at the Cathedral. After St. Stephen's a move was made to Whitstable, but not for oysters. Back to Canterbury for tea, then on to the last tower of the day, Chilham, whose grand eight were the best of the day, and we did them justice, especially with the final course of Superlative and the lower in peal. C. A. B.

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH OUTING

Five towers (three anti-clockwise) in the Stow area was the order of the day for two coach-loads of ringers and friends from the Marlborough area on September 29th.

Ringing started at Bourton-on-the-Hill (6, 14 cwt.), where the tenor, although tucked away behind the treble, was turned in to Plain Bob. At Longborough (6, 12 cwt.) the first Kent was rung before adjourning to Stow for lunch. After the meal, a presentation of an illuminated scroll was made to Mr. T. A. Palmer, the popular secretary, by Mr. W. A. Edwards to commemorate the former's 21 years' devoted service to the Branch.

Back then to ringing at the anti-clockwise five of Broadwell (6½ cwt.) which had not been rung during the previous 12 months. At Lower Slaughter (6, 8 cwt.) a bob touch of Kent came round before tea at Bourton-on-the-Water.

After a look at the model village and a cricket match, the last tower, Great Rissington, was reached. Before ringing these seldom-heard six, ropes had to be removed from three of the clappers.

An enjoyable day amidst wonderful scenery, where unfortunately the bells and ringing were not quite as good. R. J. J.

UNIVERSITIES' TOUR—Continued

duets by the Hudsons, mathematical dissertations by Jumbo and Dermot, a piano solo from Roger Savory, and handbell ringing under difficulties by many different bands. Extracts from the ringing recorded during the week were played back.

On the Saturday we dispersed at the close of a very successful week, those of us who were going Geoff. Dodds' way ringing at a few towers on the road north. Our thanks are due to all who worked for this success: Marie Cross, A. York-Bramble, Wilfrid Moreton, and especially to Dermot Roaf, who never spares himself in his enthusiasm for making the organisation tick and everyone happy.

J. R. T.

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ENGAGEMENT

WRATTEN—BIRCH. — The engagement is announced between Cyril A. Wratten, of Darley House, Carlton Street, Cheltenham, Glos., and Margery A. Birch, of 14, Kenwyn Road, Truro, Cornwall. 5005

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

WILLIAMSON—CROWE. — The marriage between H. Michael Williamson and Doreen F. Crowe will take place at Immanuel Church, Streatham, S.W.16, on Saturday, Oct. 24th, at 3 p.m. All ringing friends welcome at the church. 5042

DEATH

ROLFE. — On Sunday, Oct. 4th, 1959, suddenly, at her home, High View, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds, Millie Rolfe, wife of A. W. Rolfe, aged 75 years. 5041

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN BASS, of Wollaston, Stourbridge, who passed away October 6th, 1958. 5013

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The temporary address of Philip G. K. Davies is now 64, Bassett Street, Woodgate, Leicester. 5022

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

Forestalling further written enquiries—yes, the new Bellringer's Car Badge could adorn a scooter. Your car, scooter—even your pushbike—couldn't help looking smarter wearing one: 34s, post free from William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 5030

HERSHAM, SURREY. — Practice night will now be on Wednesdays at 7.30, until further notice.—P. J. King, Hon. Sec. 5001

TEWKESBURY ABBEY GUILD OF RINGERS wish to assist financially in the restoration of the Abbey bells. They do not wish to make only an appeal for subscriptions and have prepared for sale CHRISTMAS CARDS—one type showing a bell-ringing scene appropriate to ringers and another the Nativity. Price 5s. per dozen, including envelopes. Obtainable from E. W. Penn, 1, Somerset Place, Tewkesbury. Your support and generosity will be gratefully received. 5009

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY — General meeting, St. Olave's Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3, Saturday, Oct. 17th, 6 p.m. Ringing: St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2 p.m.; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 3.30. Weekly practices recommence at St. Olave's, Monday, Oct. 12th, 6.30 p.m. Freshers welcome. Station: Tower Hill. 4926

WHITTINGTON HANDBELL RINGERS. — Practice meeting. Carols and other tunes played on handbells in the Guildhall, London, E.C., each Wednesday, 12.30 to 1 p.m. Practice in the crypt when the main hall is not available. 4999

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting. Doultling (6), Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4972

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — Meeting, Tempsford, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods, Ipswich and Double Oxford. Enjoyable ringing for everyone.—A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5036

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Saturday, Oct. 10th, ringing and tea at Biggin Hill (6). Westerham in evening. 4971

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Ely District, Cambridge University Guild, and Cambridge District, Longstanton, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Mufet, Dis. Sec. 4973

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner on Saturday, Oct. 10th, Shirehall, Chelmsford, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 4912

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual dinner, Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, Saturday, Oct. 10th, 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Holy Trinity bells, 2.30 to 3.45; St. Mary's, 3.30 to 5 p.m. 5034

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-District members on receipt of S.A.E.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4935

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Annual meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 4958

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Oct. 10th, 2.45 p.m., All Hallows', Twickenham (10). Tea and business, 4.30 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Twickenham. Ringing, St. Mary's (8), 6 p.m. Names for tea, please. Practice, Lambeth, Monday, Oct. 19th, 7.30. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth (ISL 3921). 4985

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — N. and E. District. — Meeting, St. Clement Danes', Strand, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Ringing: 2 to 2.30 p.m., 3 to 4.30 and 5 to 6 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4964

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Garsington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 7th to Mr. A. J. Adams, 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 4988

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Watlington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 4988

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS. — Practice meeting, Market Drayton, Saturday, Oct. 10th, 6 to 8 p.m. Look up Bristol.—F. Cattell, Hon. Sec. 5038

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Notts District. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 10th, Laxton (6). Cups of tea—please take own food. Lincolnshire bus from East Retford Church at 1.30.—H. Denman. 5006

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Halesworth, Beccles and Saxmundham Districts. — Meeting at Halesworth, Saturday, Oct. 10th, for election of officers for new district. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4994

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Practice meeting, Steyning (8), Saturday, Oct. 10th, 3 p.m. 4978

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Practice, Tuesday, Oct. 13th, 7.30 p.m., Sacred Trinity, Salford. All freshers welcome.—Patricia J. Walker, Sec., 9, Firethorn Avenue, Burnage, Manchester, 19. 5031

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting (including nomination of officers) at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Oct. 17th, 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. Anne's, Stamford Hill.—John Chilcott. 4949

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Notify for tea before Tuesday, 13th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 5004

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District. — Quarterly meeting, Toddington, on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Woburn bells 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 5000

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Nantwich, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Oct. 14th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5012

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Saltburn, Saturday, Oct. 17th, 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 5028

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, St. Andrew's, Rugby, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 at Co-op Restaurant. Business meeting in ringing chamber. Bells available after. Arrangements are being made for other towers to be open from 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. See next week's notice for details.—J. L. S. H. 5020

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Buckfast Abbey. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 14th to D. Roberts, Branch Sec., 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 5029

DEVON GUILD. — S.W. Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Newton Ferrers, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Oct. 12th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4975

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Joint meeting with Ladies' Guild, Saturday, Oct. 17th. 2.30 p.m., Lanchester. All Saints', Consett, available in evening for ringing. Names to Mr. H. P. Thompson, Hallgarth Terrace, Lanchester. 5002

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Leigh. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Cotgrove, 94, Blenheim Chase, Leigh-on-Sea. 4980

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting, Great Bardfield, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at café 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is essential that names for tea be sent by Wednesday, Oct. 14th, to Mr. J. Jennings, 1, Pant Place, Bridge Street, Great Bardfield. 4928

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Combined meeting of North and South Forest Branches at Redmarley, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Wilson, Redmarley. 5035

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, St. Paul's, Chippenham. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and service. Names for tea to R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 5016

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Stow-on-the-Wold Branch. — Meeting, Great Rissington, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 14th.—F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham. 5014

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Ranmore bells available from 2.30 until 4 p.m., when there will be a service in Ranmore Church. Tea 5 p.m., Dorking Church Hall, numbers for which should be sent by Oct. 15th to Miss Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking. Dorking bells available after tea until 9 p.m. 4970

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Horsmonden. Please bring own tea.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 5024

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting, Sittingbourne, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. G. Kenward, Cemetery Lodge, Bell Road, Sittingbourne. 4986

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Oakham. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Oct. 15th, to Miss J. Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham, Rutland. 5021

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Crewe Branch. Chester Diocesan Guild, Nantwich, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea (free of charge) 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 14th to Mr. W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 5007

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting, Northenden (6), Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5. Business 6 p.m.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 5037

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Hamer (Rochdale), with celebrations for 90th anniversary of casting of bells. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea, by ticket only, to be obtained from G. Dyson, 6, Kentmere Avenue, Smallbridge, Rochdale: price 3s., or 5s. 6d., including dance. Numbers limited—please apply early.—Hudson, Sec. 4965

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Arnesby, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 14th, please, to the Rev. N. L. Hewitt, The Vicarage, Arnesby, Leicester. 4995

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Thurmaston, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by 14th to J. Barnacle, 23, West-down Drive, Thurmaston. 4996

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Rumney, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. King. 5033

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Jubilee dinner.—The bells of the Cathedral and other city churches will be available during the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 17th, from 2.30 p.m. 5027

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Biddulph, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 14th, to J. Stanway, School House, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 4998

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Coltishall, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 14th to Mr. W. Stibbons, The Limes, Coltishall, please. Special method, Killamarsch.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4945

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District.—Autumn meeting, Cropredy (6), Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 14th to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 4976

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Autumn meeting at Kingham (8), Saturday, Oct. 17th.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 5010

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield on Saturday, Oct. 17th, at 6 p.m. Special method, Superlative Surprise Major.—B. C. Castle. 5025

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Meeting, Kidlington (8), Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Also Hanborough (6), 2.15, and Bladon (6), 7.30 p.m. Tea names by Oct. 13th to David Smith, Merryfield House, Witney. 5011

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chacombe, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Service 4 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 5023

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Irthlingborough, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Skerritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 5019

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SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington (6), Saturday, Oct. 17th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—W. Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne, Wilts. 5015

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 5032

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Damerham. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names by Tuesday, 13th. Martin also available in evening.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5003

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Dundee on Oct. 17th. Ringing at St. Paul's 2 p.m., afterwards at Old Steeple. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. Anderson, 1, Blackness Avenue, Dundee. 5039

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Shedfield, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Reading Room. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Miss B. Daysh, Woodmans Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton. 5026

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest, Ripponden, Saturday, Oct. 24th. For teas please notify by Oct. 22nd Mr. F. Rhodes, 15, Lane Head, Soyland, Halifax.—A. Farrand, Sec. 4997

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, Christ Church, Erith, Saturday, Oct. 24th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 19th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5008

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 24th, St. Mary's, Liss (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, Oct. 22nd, to Mrs. R. E. May, Craiglea, St. Mary's Road, Liss. Transport available (small charge) to SS. Peter and Paul's, Hawley (8), at 6.15 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5018

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Practice meeting at Llanover, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. All ringers welcome, especially learners.—D. P. 4968

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern and Eastern Divisions.—A combined meeting will be held at Southover on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.14. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 21st, direct to Mrs. G. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Lewes. 5017

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Snowdon dinner, Windmill Hotel, York, Saturday, Oct. 24th. 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 14s. each, from Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Ringing: Minster (12), 2 to 3.55 and 4.45 to 6 p.m.; Acomb (6), 2 to 5.30; Institute of Architectural Study (6), 4 to 6 p.m. 4982

KIMPTON, HERTS.—Service of rededication of the rehug bells on Saturday, Oct. 31st, 2 p.m., followed by Hertfordshire ringing competition for the Kimpton Cup. Details from J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Herts.

ST. NICHOLAS', GREAT YARMOUTH, COMPANY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Opening of new ring of 13 in Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Service 2.15 p.m. Bells available to visiting ringers (or ringing bands) immediately after service. Buffet tea, 4 to 6 p.m. (2s. 6d.). To enable all to have a ring, names and method preferences of intending visitors, also those requiring tea, must be received by Friday, Oct. 23rd. Visitors must state time they expect to leave Yarmouth.—P. G. W. Newstead, Sec., 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth. 4997

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 322nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20s.) are now available. Details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 4948

QUARTER PEALS

BROUGHTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Judy Moir 1, Maryl Crossthwaite (first 'inside') 2, D. Couperthwaite 3, Betty Faunch 4, D. Lawson 5, J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. Longest length for 1, 2 and 4. A farewell to Jim Cross, a local ringer, on his departure to Carmarthen Teachers' Training College.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. F. Baker 1, Miss D. Robinson 2, G. E. Crisp 3, D. F. Muflet 4, G. A. Lucas 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6, M. Ginn 7 (cover). Rung before the Battle of Britain service.

MANCHESTER, LANCS.—On Sept. 28th, at the Church of St. Wilfred, Northenden, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. B. Bagguley 1, Pamela M. Buzza 2, Enid Rowley 3, B. Rumney (first of Minor) 4, J. Robinson 5, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A welcome to the Rev. J. O. Jegede, of Nigeria.

REDDISH, LANCS.—On Sept. 20th, at 29, Leamington Road, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Robinson 1-2, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 3-4, B. Rumney 5-6. First quarter 'in hand' by all.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Atkinson 1, R. Woodward 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, Mrs. P. Burns 4, I. Tilling 5, Miss S. Chaddock 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, G. S. Lec 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, P. Walker 10. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock.

LATE NOTICE

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, N. Kilworth, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 5043

MID-ESSEX RINGERS TOUR THE WEST

ZERO hour, 5 a.m., on August 29th, and there were scenes of activity as the first car left Danbury on the westward road: 6.30 a.m., and the remaining six ringers left in hot pursuit with Dick junior at the helm. Just through Langport the two drivers drew level and lunch was served on the roadside. Into Devon and Tedburn St. Mary (6), our first tower of the week, was followed by Drewsteignton (6), a delightful village well known to buyers of Ilford films. The bells have majestic tone, but single rope ends and long draught make hard work of ringing. Fingal's Bridge and Post Bridge, both well-known beauty spots, were visited en route to Launceston, where we booked in at our H.Q., the White Hart Hotel. A typical Cornish welcome soon appeared in the form of Mr. W. Boucher, who put us wise on the merits and otherwise of our prospective programme.

Sunday dawned bright, and cheerful faces were predominant as we ascended the hill to St. Stephen's, a very pleasant eight just outside Launceston. The afternoon was spent at Lawhitton (6) and Lezant (6), with evening service ringing at St. Thomas', Launceston (6), where Mr. W. Moss, the District secretary, welcomed us. After Evensong, Mr. Boucher insisted we should ring at St. Mary's Launceston, and we offered no resistance to his kind offer. Handbell ringing at H.Q. rounded off the day.

Monday morning we followed the Tamar Valley north to Boyton (5) and North Tamerton (6), where we had to ring the back five as the treble clapper had broken in the crown and put the bell temporarily out of action. Whitstone, a pleasant Gillett six, followed, and after Poundstock (6), where the addition of a treble has spoilt an otherwise good five, we lunched at the Brockmoor Hotel, Widemouth Bay. Six of us journeyed to Week St. Mary (6, 8½ cwt.) in the afternoon and rang a peal in seven methods on these delightful Gillett bells, while the less fanatical snoozed in the afternoon sun at Widemouth Bay. After the peal, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers very kindly prepared a first-class tea, and leaving the others to their fate we ate in plenty and were duly satisfied. Joining forces again we spent the evening at North Petherwin, a fine six and an architectural gem of a church.

Tuesday we moved south, and thanks to Mr. Boucher the first tower was Stoke Climsland (a delightful eight), where most of the bells were recast by Taylors in 1952. Linkinhorne (6), with 60 feet of rope, was followed by Callington's, a rather unimpressive six. Thanks to the senior ladies, a picnic lunch was then taken at the Clapper Bridge, Pillaton, where the sun and scenery made us a bit late at St. Dominick (6), with its unusual tower and sluggish tenor. On to St. Mellion (6) and Landulph (6), where John Pennington left nothing to be desired except, perhaps, a bit more tone in the third. Botus Fleming (what a delightful name) was followed by St. Stephen-by-Saltash (6, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.), and I don't think Bob Southwood was far out when he said 'the finest six in Cornwall', even better than Perranwell or Stithians; sorry, Alan, but I think Bob's right. Tea was taken in Saltash before proceeding to St. Ives (6) and Pillaton (6), where Stan Dolley was rescued from the 'local', and Surfleet, etc., brought round on these musical bells.

GOOD PEAL AT HARTLAND

Northward again on Wednesday to Poughill ('Puffe' locally), a very fine six, where we were met by Mr. Ham. On through the Coombe Valley to Morwenstow (6), where the Rev. R. S. Hawker was at one time incumbent and is remembered mainly for his poetry and introduction of the harvest festival service into the Church of England. Attempting a short cut to Welcome, we soon came unstuck on the roads which all dwindle into cart tracks and don't seem to go anywhere. Needless to say, we were

late at Welcome (6, a rather pleasant light ring). Lunch was again prepared by the ladies and taken at Welcome Mouth before the peal ringers got busy at Hartland, a beautiful Taylor six (tenor 17½ cwt.). A good peal in three methods was brought round in 3 hours and 7 minutes, and on completion we were delighted to see Sam Everett and family on holiday at Stratton, who joined in for a ring. The evening was spent on Cornwall's finest eight at Stratton, where Harry Stacey and Co. gave us the usual hearty welcome, and Marhamchurch (a lovely six) where Mr. R. J. Hicks, the Stratton Branch secretary, welcomed us. We were pleased to meet Mr. Ernest Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, also on holiday at Stratton.

Liskeard (8) was the first stop on Thursday, followed by St. Germans, with its two west towers and pleasant light octave. A touch of Stedman containing Queen's, Whittington's and Tittums was brought round, much to Bert's delight. A pleasant run brought us to Antony (6), where the bells have recently been rehung and leave little room for improvement. Another picnic lunch was disposed of at Morval before ringing on this fine six. Winding lanes brought us to Talland (6), where Ernest Ladd and family joined us. More lanes, and we arrived at Lansallos (a fine eight), which is said to possess the prize call-change band of the district. Lanteglos-by-Fowey (6), with 70 feet of rope, and St. Veep (6), where it says on a board that John Pennington leaped with joy after hearing the tone of his bells, were both visited before tea was taken in Lostwithiel. At St. Clear (6) we departed from convention and rang rapid call-changes from a card, much to the delight of the local ringer, who assured us with a bit of time and practice he could make us into prize ringers. Lewannick (6) was the last of the day, and supper at Launceston brought the day to a close.

A NARROW SQUEAK

A narrow squeak for yours truly on Friday morning when a ladder perched against the wall at North Hill was dislodged by tower sway and crashed down beside him. Heartbeats returned to normal and we moved on to St. Neot (6), bells that go very well but are slightly out of tune. Cardinham, a Mears eight rehung by Gillett, was followed by Blisland and another female lunch on the picturesque village green, where the village policeman gave us his blessing. St. Tudy (6), a very pretty village with not such pretty bells, then St. Breward (6), where a fine view is obtained of Bodmin Moor, and on to St. Teath. Lanteglos-by-Camelford (6) was followed by tea and our evening ringing at Davidstow (6) and South Petherwin (6), the latter being very sluggish and not at all end-of-the-week bells. Following an unsuccessful attempt to ring at Laneast we returned to H.Q., where Mr. Boucher bade us farewell and wished us good luck on the return journey.

Saturday morning was as bright as ever, and 52 miles round the north of Dartmoor brought us to Tiverton (8), the finest bells of the week. Bampton's six were followed by lunch at Tarr Steps, an ancient clapper bridge over the River Barle. Hawkrice (6), Exton (6), Winsford (6) and Exford (6) were all combined with sightseeing in some of the finest countryside in England. A much-appreciated cream tea at Horner, then evening ringing at Luccombe (6) and Timberscombe (8) before leaving the heights of Exmoor to our last night's lodging at Watchet.

Sunday service ringing took place at Milverton (8) and Taunton St. Mary (12), the latter being our final ringing of the tour. Thus ended a grand tour in delightful surroundings and with good bells, where 30 different methods were brought round. Highlights of the week

GREAT BEDWYN'S FIRST QUARTER PEAL

The heavy ring of six at Great Bedwyn, Wilts, has always proved a challenge to peal ringers, and at least four attempts have been made to score the first peal on the bells. Broken clappers were the downfall of two of these attempts and the other two ended abruptly by ringers having to give up.

Although five 720's were rung on once occasion, no quarter peal had ever been scored on the bells, so that it was with this first in mind that four ringers from Andover and two others from Yattendon and Highclere met at Bedwyn to attempt the first quarter of Bob Minor on September 17th.

All the bells go badly and the fifth and tenor are odd-struck the wrong way; and after the first 720 the blistered hands of the ringers of four and tenor, through having to catch these bells above the sally, decided the conductor on ringing a 1,260 instead of the proposed 1,440.

This was a lucky decision, as at the conclusion of the quarter a plain course of Bob Minor was rung for other visitors, during which the fourth went completely dry and came out of its bearings.

Peals are already barred here because of broken clappers and bells running dry; it now appears that quarter peals will share a similar fate; but with a tenor of approximately 30 cwt. (the locals will tell you 35 cwt.), we are proud of our achievement which we feel is a quarter well earned.

It was rung to the memory of Oscar J. Smart, late Ringing Master of Andover, whose birthplace this is. The band was E. Woolgrove 1, Hazel White 2, O. G. Smart 3, B. Grainger 4, R. F. Crook 5, G. K. Dodd (conductor) 6.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly meeting of the North Wales Association was held at St. David's Church, Bangor, on September 5th. Members attended from Wrexham, Buckley, Hope, Portmadoc, Machynlleth, Abergele, Rhyl and Bangor. The ringing was controlled by Mr. Fred Evans (Ringing Master), from Wrexham.

The service was taken by the vice-president (Canon E. G. Wright), assisted by the Rev. I. V. Davies. The address was given by the Canon. Tea in the Schoolroom was served by the ladies of the church, assisted by the young lady probationer members.

Canon E. G. Wright presided at the business meeting. Mr. Albert J. Hughes, a founder member of the Association, was proposed as an honorary life member for his good work for over 56 years. This was carried with acclamation. Mr. Hughes acknowledged in a short speech.

Votes of thanks were passed to Canon E. G. Wright for conducting the service, and to the ladies for providing and serving the tea.

More ringing followed, and the general view was that it was a most successful meeting. Three new members from Bangor, the Misses Brenda Hughes and Dorothy Evans and Mr. Ian Palferman, were elected. The Machynlleth ringers stated they were prepared to welcome the Association for the annual meeting on the second Saturday after Whitsun, 1960.

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were narrow lanes, long single ropes, two peal attempts (both successful), picturesque villages, first-class accommodation and good food. Thanks are extended to Mr. W. Boucher and Mr. W. Moss, of Launceston, Mr. R. J. Hicks and Mr. H. Stacey, of Stratton, to all tower captains and incumbents for the use of their bells, to our navigators and drivers and all who helped to make our week such a success.

J. E. G. R.

QUARTER PEALS

ALFRETON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Bob Doubles: H. Painter 1, Dorothy Atrill 2, C. Hughes 3, E. Willows 4, R. Stretton (cond.) 5, H. Leggoe 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. Fletcher.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Grandsire): Judith Cox 1, Susan Nicholson 2, Brenda Foster 3, Mary Andrews 4, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 5, H. Williams 6. For Sunday evening service.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): R. L. K. Whittell 1, J. Munnings 2, K. Whittell 3, R. Pegg 4, W. Garrard 5, L. N. Melton (cond.) 6. For Evensong on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Dunwich.

BRISTOL.—On Sept. 12th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,403 Grandsire Caters: D. J. Hunt 1, Mrs. E. Bowden 2, R. J. Bowden 3, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 4, H. W. Woolven 5, B. Shackleton 6, R. G. Hooper 7, E. T. Hitchens 8, L. E. Hitchens 9, C. A. Wratten 10.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Hull 1, W. S. Butler 2, R. Dorking 3, B. Crook 4, J. Warner 5, C. Burton 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. For the reopening of St. Nicholas' Church.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Woodward (first quarter) 1, E. Leggett (cond.) 2, Miss M. Bloyce 3, B. Gibbons 4, D. Culham 5, D. Webber 6.

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