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THE YORKSHIRE DINNER

A PILGRIMAGE to the ancient and most beautiful City of York is always worth while if only to stand in wonder and almost awe to admire the glorious lines of the Minster, that wonderful church built on the site of the Holy Well where King Edwin of Northumbria was baptised by Paulinus over 1,300 years ago.

It is one of the finest examples of pure Gothic architecture in the world, and Yorkshiremen are justly proud of their heritage. Unfortunately, to-day, the west front is shrouded, as it has been for several years, in a mass of ugly scaffolding, which prevents those who view the building for the first time from appreciating its true beauty.

In spite of the 'splints,' however, the bells can still be rung, and on the occasion of the Yorkshire Association's Annual Dinner many visitors availed themselves of the opportunity to try their skill in ringing on this, not by any means the easiest ring of twelve in the country. It is sad to reflect that since their restoration by that great bell lover, Canon Nolloth, these bells have not yet been rung to a full peal. Local conditions, surely not insurmountable, have prevented this.

As the writer stood in the precincts, listening to the stately tones of this noble ring, he dreamed of the happy day when the restoration of the stonework was completed, the scaffolding removed, and the successful accomplishment of a peal of Stedman Cinques. Too much to hope for? The Yorkshire spirit which produced such a building is surely big enough to overcome present difficulties. So we shall go on hoping that the happy day will arrive, and soon.

Typical Yorkshire warm-heartedness was in evidence at the dinner at the Windmill Hotel, where a company of about 120 enjoyed an excellent meal. The 'Windmill' has been the scene of many such occasions—indeed, the first ever of the Yorkshire Association dinners was held there. President Archdeacon Ellison, bedecked with what he described wittily as 'hardware' (the President's badge), controlled the proceedings in fine style. He is a powerfully built man, and is so able to carry the weight of metal he has to wear. It was noted that it had been suitably polished for this important function!

Mr. Gorden Benfield, of Pudsey, Treasurer to the Association, made a very clever and witty speech when he proposed the toast of 'The Church,' and his stories, particularly the one about B.A.I.K., were well received. The Bishop of Pontefract, who replied, impressed all by his sincerity and appreciation of the work of ringers. So, too, did Canon Tardrew, a faithful stalwart who never fails to attend the Yorkshire dinner. His words made a profound impression, particularly when he quoted the words, 'He maketh the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.' He was referring to the silent towers up and down the country. The toast to 'The Memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association,' was suitably honoured in silence.

Miss Iris Lemare, making her début as a speaker at ringers' gatherings, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and proved to be a most entertaining and clever speaker. We shall hope to hear much more from her in the future, for she dealt with her subject in quite a new and attractive style.

During the handbell ringing an almighty crash occurred somewhere in the building, which brought the ringing to an untimely end. Investigation having proved that the roof had not fallen in as was feared, a fresh start was made, and a successful conclusion was reached.

The work of organising functions of this kind is not easy, but Mr. Harold Walker, ably assisted by Miss Margaret Wilkinson, made the arrangements, and both are to be congratulated for their efforts, which resulted in a most successful and enjoyable function.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

RICHARD GRANT Treble	ALAN J. FROST 7
AVRIL THACKRAY 2	JOHN A. ACRES 8
S. ANTHONY JESSON 3	WILLIAM A. LACEY 9
BRIAN MARTIN 4	ALAN E. JACQUES 10
HERRICK B. BOWLEY 5	STEPHEN IVIN 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Anthony Jesson and Miss Peta Cole, who were married at the Cathedral on September 11th. Also a wedding compliment to Mr. Harry Poyner and Miss Mary C. Payne, and Mr. Derek Goodman and Miss Margaret Carr.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
DIANA J. PERRINS 2	*GEORGE E. FEARN 7
RUTH M. BORDER 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 8
MICHAEL ELSON 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
JOHN McDONALD 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 250th peal on the bells.

LONDON, S.E.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 48 cwt.

WILFRID G. WILSON .. Treble	ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER .. 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	*C. MONTAGU MEYER .. 7
FRANK E. HAWTHORN .. 3	LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. 8
*DAVID CORNWALL 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE 9
*VICTOR GRIFFIN 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

An 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. Emily Grainger, mother of Mr. William D. Grainger.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 35½ cwt.

GORDON BENFIELD .. Treble	*DAVID ATKINS 6
*HOWARD SCOTT 2	*†GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 7
*PETER WOODWARD 3	*†KENNETH PARK 8
*DAVID CUBITT 4	*JOHN E. KIRBY 9
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method. † First of Royal.

Rung on the eve of the 12th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	JOHN McDONALD 6
*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 2	ANTHONY AGER 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	PETER BERESFORD 9
MICHAEL ELSON 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* 250th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

RUTH M. BORDER Treble	†JOHN McDONALD 6
*DIANA J. PERRINS 2	*TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 4	*JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
†MICHAEL ELSON 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of London Royal. † First of London. First of London Royal for the Guild, and in the diocese.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*G. ARTHUR BELL Treble	*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 6
†GRAHAM T. BALL 2	†JAMES DRAYCOTT 7
†BERYL E. CAWSE 3	†JOHN VERNON 8
†W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 4	†ALFRED BALLARD 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE 5	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal on ten bells and in the method. † First in the method.

† First of Royal in the method.

Rung to mark the reconsecration of the church after rebuilding.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

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

*MONICA E. COLLINS .. Treble	FREDERICK OLDROYD .. 6
*JILL M. LANE 2	*DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3	*CHARLES W. DENVER .. 8
*STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4	*ROY COLLINS 9
GEORGE TALBOT 5	E. JOHN WELLS Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to Monica E. Collins, who is leaving the country to go to Australia.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	EDWARD COWPERTHWAIT .. 7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK 3	*W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT .. 8
THOMAS BARKER 4	WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 9
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 5	ERNEST J. GOWER Tenor

Arranged by E. ROGER MARTIN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. E. Roger Martin.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*JOHN E. WARNER .. Treble	EDWARD J. JENNER .. 5
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 2	GEORGE FRY .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	MAURICE E. DOWNS .. 7
STANLEY JENNER .. 4	COLIN A. TESTER .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal on eight bells.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.
PAMELA CLARKE .. Treble	*PETER HAWCOCK .. 5
BRIAN BUSWELL .. 2	PETER M. GILES .. 6
*THOMAS G. GOODWIN .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. 7
J. DAVID CLARKE .. 4	†ROBERT PRESTON .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.

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

Rung half-muffled in memory of Colin and Valerie Hammond, ringers and church workers of St. Leonard's, Wollaton, who lost their lives on August 19th, 1959, in the Barcelona air accident.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

PAUL MARTIN .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 2	*TERRY I. ROPER .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.

* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor. First in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (David George) to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hebborn. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 5
ROGER MAHER .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 6
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3	GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 7
GORDON ROTHWELL .. 4	NEIL D. LOMAS .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by GEOFFREY S. MILLS.

Rung to commemorate the centenary of the building of St. Luke's day and Sunday schools on their present site.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5040 COURT BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-part.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
*COLIN CHAPPELLE .. Treble	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 5
HENRY C. WEAVER .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 6
RICHARD WILSON .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL .. 7
LESLIE W. WELLER .. 4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal on eight bells. First in the method for all except ringers of second and fifth.

A welcome to Dawn, daughter of the treble ringer. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pamela Randle, of Leicestershire.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON Treble	*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
*ERIC J. HITCHINS .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 8

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal in the method. An engagement compliment to Cyril A. Wratten and Margery A. Birch.

SALFORD-PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.
VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK .. 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 6
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 3	PAUL J. RIGBY .. 7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HAROLD A. NOBES .. Treble	VALERIE WILLARD .. 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	REGINALD T. JONES .. 6
JOHN A. G. BALL .. 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 7
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 4	JOHN H. HUNT .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN E. WARNER .. Treble	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 5
*ANN GEORGE .. 2	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 6
†PETER M. ADcock .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. 7
MARGARET A. LADD .. 4	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 25th peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*MICHAEL A. PAULSON .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5
HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in the method.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Mon., Oct. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN .. 6
JOHN McDONALD .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	PETER COXALL .. 5
RONALD KENRICK .. 2	THOMAS HESKETH .. 6
*BRIAN S. BUSWELL .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
CYRIL LOW .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in memoriam Mr. Roger E. Martin, of Preston.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Oct. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

JOHN PINFOLD .. Treble	JOHN McDONALD .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 6
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* 700th peal.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE TALBOT Treble	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. 5
ROY COLLINS 2	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 6
DAVID G. WRIGHT 3	DENNIS G. BLOWS 7
*SALLIE BUCHANAN 4	E. JOHN WELLS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Major. The ringer of the second has now 'completed the circle.' 25th peal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar (Rev. O. R. Ackworth, M.A.), after five months in America; also as a farewell to George Talbot, who is leaving the district.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	WALTER W. MILLER 6
*HUBERT MITSON 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
JOHN L. GIRT 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal on eight bells.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Parker's Twelve-part. .. Treble	WILFRED C. BOUCHER .. 5
H. FREDERICK MYERS 2	HARRY STACEY 6
REV. A. S. ROBERTS 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
A. WILLIAM MYERS 4	*JOHN W. SANGWIN Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* 25th peal.

Rung to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the dedication of the church on October 25th, 1259.

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

GEORGE H. PAULSON .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS 6
PATRICIA A. M. HALLS .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON 7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*MARTIN B. FISHER .. Treble	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 5
†ROBIN J. ELLIOTT 2	†DAVID T. DARBY 6
†JEAN M. ADDICOTT 3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS .. 7
†JOHN G. PUSEY 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal on eight. † First in the method.

WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 FINSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 300th peal for the Association. The conductor's 100th peal on these bells. First peal in the method, which is Verulam with 8ths place lead-end. Fourths place bobs were used.

Rung as a compliment to the Hertford County Association on its 75th birthday.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,440 London, 1,088 Bristol, 960 Yorkshire, 736 Cambridge, 644 Superlative, 320 Rutland and 123 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
*ARTHUR G. MASON 3	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
RALPH BIRD 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Six-spiced.

Rung as a compliment to Alfred G. Hill, on his retirement after 35 years as secretary of the Lewisham District of the Association.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

WILLIAM LOVE Treble	NORAH M. BIBBY 5
STANLEY W. GALL 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5088 ST. FRANCIS' IMPERIAL MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

JOHN PARSONAGE Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
JOHN S. DEAN 3	GEOFFREY PARTING 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. No. 225).

Rung immediately before the opening of Family Week Service, attended by the Bishop of Asaph and the team of missionaries led by Father Selyn.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

IAN H. ORAM Treble	ROBERT COLLINS 5
*ISOBEL INMAN 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 6
JOHN R. COOPER 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
RALPH BIRD 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the dedication festival.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. Treble	PHILIP H. TOCOCK 5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	ERIC SUTTON 6
MICHAEL HATCHETT 3	CHARLES COLES 7
*CHARLES G. JONES 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* 50th peal. First in the method by all the band except the conductor, and on the bells.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of All Saints; also as an 82nd birthday compliment to Herbert Barlow, of Oldham.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

MARY ROAST Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 6
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
*RICHARD J. HARRISON .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal of Major.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt, 3 lb.

*ERIC G. SILVEY Treble	*EVELYN MEAD 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	E. DENNIS POOLE 6
JAMES T. CLAY 3	L. JOSEPH YOUNG 7
RICHARD E. DEAN 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.
* First peal of Major. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)

On Mon., Nov. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 15 cwt, 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.
HARRY SEAR Treble	FREDERICK VICKERS 5
HERBERT C. EDWARDS .. 2	GEORGE E. GREEN 6
ROGER CADAMY 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
WILLIAM A. YATES 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

Rung to celebrate the dedication of a stained glass window and stone tablet as a thank-offering for the Sear family, who have been bell-masters and bell-ringers of this church for 111 years.

SIX BELL PEALS

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 10 cwt, 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.
*GILLIAN TAVENER Treble	ROBIN WILSON 4
ERNEST G. ORLAND 2	EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 5
MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 3	†PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † 250th peal.

HOLME-PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*MRS. M. I. PAILING Treble	*J. DAVID CLARKE 4
ERNEST M. BUSWELL 2	JOHN G. UNDERWOOD .. 5
*F. NEVILLE PAILING .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First of Surprise on the bells.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-OF-BEVERLEY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 15 cwt, 2 qr. 6 lb.
J. DAVID CLARKE Treble	*THOMAS G. GOODWIN .. 4
*MRS. J. D. CLARKE 2	JAMES H. PAILING 5
BRIAN M. BUSWELL 3	*THOMAS O. GREASLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal in three methods.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*T. ALAN GILBERT Treble	*CHARLES H. BAKER 4
*DELIA E. SMITH 2	*JOHN M. BLAICKIE 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

* First peal in seven methods.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHILDWALL BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 11 cwt, 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.
ROGER A. BREWIN Treble	DEREK M. SAWYER 4
ROYSTON WILMORE 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	E. ALAN JACQUES Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

First peal of Childwall Minor by all the band, for the Guild, and on the bells.

A 21st birthday compliment to Roger A. Brewin.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
MRS. G. A. HALLS Treble	CLIVE WALKLATE 4
VIVIAN CARLISLE 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE 5
GORDON A. HALLS 3	MICHAEL BLORE Tenor

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

A wedding compliment to Shirley L. Colson and Roy Stephenson, who were married at Bexley Heath, Kent, on this day.

STONE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, one of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, one of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.	
*FLORENCE C. BROWN .. Treble	†JAMES K. LAVER 4
†EDITH BROCKLEHURST .. 2	‡MICHAEL A. HILL 5
†JOAN GRAY 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal of Minor. † First in four methods. ‡ First peal.

Rung by a Stoke Bishop, Bristol, Sunday service band as a farewell to Florence Brown, who is shortly returning to Australia.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 10 cwt, 12 lb.
BARRY HOLLAND Treble	GEORGE R. HINER 4
DENIS HOLLAND 2	MICHAEL MEADOWS 5
FRANK BRUNT 3	HARRY MORTEMORE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Mr. King, who was inducted to the living this day.

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LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 4
*HOWARD HOWELL .. 2	CLIVE M. SMITH .. 5
†ANDREW J. STRATHDEE .. 3	‡E. PETER ELLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* 550th peal. † First in the method. ‡ First peal. First in the method on the bells.

Rung in thanksgiving to God for the recovery of the Vicar (Rev. H. H. Follis, M.A.) after a recent illness. Also as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Newbold, the local tower captain.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

*HARRY BALDWIN .. Treble	RICHARD HALL .. 4
RONALD CHAFER .. 2	HARRY HALL .. 5
JACK BRAY .. 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and 1,440 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*GERALD K. GOLDWIN .. Treble	COLIN M. TIFFIN .. 4
*JOHN L. FENNELL .. 2	ROY R. TIFFIN .. 5
*ROBERT J. ISGROVE .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell gesture to the Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Haynes, of Wilmington, Delaware, U.S.A., who are returning home after a four months' exchange of benefices with the Rector of Shenfield.

SIDCUP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Court, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (7) Plain Bob, Double Bob and Fulbeck. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*DEREK A. N. HOLLAND .. Treble	*IAN H. ORAM .. 4
JOHN R. COOPER .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 5
*ANDREW M. MACVE .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in 13 methods. First in more than seven methods on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. J. Palmer (local captain), on becoming a grandfather.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1959, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

At 66, MELTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3—4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 27, 1959, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. 1—2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5—6
ALFRED BALLARD .. 3—4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7—8

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.

The conductor's first peal of Triples 'in hand.'

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QUARTER PEALS

ABSON, GLOS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. G. Brown 1, C. J. Richards (first of Grandsire Doubles 'inside') 2, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 3, S. J. Burridge 4, E. Cooksley 5, B. K. Lewis 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, at St. Michael's with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Roberts (first quarter) 1, F. Mills 2, Miss B. Russell 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, J. G. Hobbs (cond.) 5, R. Mills 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Maureen Allen 2, Lucy Allen 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. A compliment to Carolyn Isabel Webb and Norman Jackson upon the occasion of their marriage.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Double Oxford Minor: W. Shute 1, Mrs. F. Vacher 2, A. Mogg 3, D. Reed 4, J. Foote 5, P. Mogg (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. Rhodda.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. King 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, Miss B. Jewell 3, Mrs. N. Bennett 4, C. J. A. Brown (cond.) 5, F. Battin 6. For Evensong on All Saints' Day.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): C. Speed (first quarter) 1, A. Thomas 2, A. Hutchings 3, J. Thomas 4, R. E. Coles 5, H. Blick 6, E. Carter 7, L. Groom 8. First in three methods for 2, 3 and 4. Conducting shared by 3 and 5. Rung for Evensong on the eve of the patronal festival. Also on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: 1. Paton (first quarter) 1, R. E. Coles (cond.) 2, H. Blick 3, A. Thomas 4, J. Thomas 5, C. Speed 6, L. Groom 7, E. Carter 8. For harvest festival.

CULMSTOCK, DEVON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy G. Taylor 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, M. Stone 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4, C. J. Stevens 5, C. Clarke 6, R. D. Short (cond.) 7, L. Morrell (first on 8 bells) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stevens on their silver wedding anniversary.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Oct. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Forshaw 1, W. Wall 2, W. T. Turner 3, K. Newby 4, J. E. Dickinson 5, J. E. Burles 6, F. Forshaw 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8, T. Metcalfe tenor. Rung for the wedding of Miss Doris Pearson (for some years a ringer at this church) and Derek Laishy.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. W. Fuller (first quarter) 1, Miss P. M. Butcher (aged 13, first quarter) 2, A. J. Carter 3, June F. Carter 4, A. J. Butcher (first as cond.) 5, M. A. Probert 6. First quarter by an all local band. For the patronal festival.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: E. Paulson 1, M. H. Paulson 2, D. A. Mellor 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, R. H. Bullen 5, G. H. Paulson 6, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. Astbury (first quarter) 8. For Hospital Sunday.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann George 1, C. Cook 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 4, S. Jenner 5, J. E. Warner 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. Cook.

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 24th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: H. Sargent 1, Miss K. Branson 2, L. Beevers (first of Caters) 3, R. S. C. Wilson 4, J. B. Pickup 5, A. Sharples 6, E. Bumphry 7, A. Best (first of Caters) 8, C. R. Raine (cond.) 9, A. W. Lloyd 10. For dedication festival.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Joyce M. Street (first quarter) 1, R. H. Mills 2, Maureen A. Finch 3, W. W. Wright 4, G. S. Joyce 5, R. E. Finch (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. A. Finch.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Harflett (first quarter) 1, Shelagh R. Collins 2, Phyllis J. Holborn 3, Janet E. Clevee 4, Monica E. Collins 5, W. Morey 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, L. B. Luing 8.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Burt (first away from tenor and of Minor) 1, Ann Cook 2, J. B. Perkins 3, Elizabeth M. Yardley 4, Ian D. Thompson 5, M. F. Hall (first in method as cond.) 6.

HILPERTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Tucker 1, V. Edwards 2, P. Gaisford 3, J. Lucas 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, T. Wicks 6.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Oct. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rachel A. Proctor (first quarter) 1, J. Thorley 2, J. Scott 3, D. Ellisdon 4, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 5, K. R. Ward 6.

KETERING, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Kibble 1, Miss A. Hales 2, Miss B. Manship 3, Miss D. Lawless 4, R. Turner 5, A. Idle 6, B. Hendry 7, A. Frost (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1 and 2. For Evensong.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Sibson 1, A. R. Hurst 2, T. Sherman 3, G. Easy 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5. For Evensong of patronal festival.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Chard 1, P. G. Yeo 2, W. P. Blake 3, D. G. Yeo 4, N. H. Yeo 5, E. Abraham 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, F. Bridle 8. For the patronal festival of All Saints.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Jones (first quarter) 1, M. Ryan (first quarter) 2, E. Venn (cond.) 3, R. H. Jones 4, R. Stoddard 5, R. Prose (first quarter) 6. For All Saints' Day.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy Atwell 1, D. Pike 2, J. Rickard 3, G. Marchant 4, L. Barnham 5, J. E. James (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong and 61st anniversary of dedication.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, B. Miles 2, V. Clifton 3, A. Cantwell 4, B. J. Cogins (cond.) 5, D. Osman 6. For Evensong and for the baptism of Gary Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Pasco.

OKHAM, RUTLAND.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): June Thomas 1, Jean Hoy 2, Mary Birch 3, C. Brewin 4, R. J. Hill (cond.) 5, Ann Laxton 6, M. D. Hardy 7, R. Hoy 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of L. Birch, a ringer and friend, interred this day.

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OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pashley 1, D. Pugh 2, Hazel Pugh 3, Bess Loveland 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, J. Ribbons 6. For harvest festival.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Helen M. Thacker 1, R. D. Henebury 2, R. G. Morris 3, R. E. Tallis (jun., cond.) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, V. R. Tallis (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Tingle (first on a working bell) 1, R. D. Henebury 2, J. Clark 3, R. E. Tallis (jun., cond.) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, V. R. Tallis 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Clark 1, R. D. Henebury 2, M. C. Hughes 3, R. E. Tallis (jun., cond.) 4, C. J. A. Goy 5, V. H. Nash 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Henebury 1, C. J. A. Goy 2, J. Clark 3, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 4, M. C. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. A. Platt (first quarter) 6. Rung to commemorate the third Speech Day at Tudor Grange Grammar School, at which all ringers, except C. J. A. Goy, are present pupils. Average age 16.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howard 1, R. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, A. A. Livings 5, N. Ward 6. For harvest festival.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Beach 1, Mary Beach 2, D. Beach 3, R. Wyatt 4, W. Fay 5, H. Spencer 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, F. Murray 8. For Evensong. Arranged for the visit of Mr. and Mrs. D. Beach, former ringers at this tower, now at Greasley, Notts.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mary Piper 1, S. G. Peck 2, Ann Aldridge 3, J. Perrett 4, H. Miller 5, M. Stanyon 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8. To welcome the Rev. B. Phillips to Christ Church; and also Mary Piper, home on leave.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 28th, 2,160 Minor (Oxford, Kent, Plain): C. Skinner 1, G. Fry 2, H. Brown 3, S. Brown 4, B. Farhall 5, H. Woolven (cond.) 6.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Bassett 1, A. Hemsley (first 'inside') 2, C. A. Bassett 3, L. W. Giles 4, C. Pilbeam (first as cond.) 5, J. Wilcox 6. For harvest festival.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Hull 1, Miss A. Greaves (first on 10) 2, D. Purnell 3, V. Roberts 4, J. Walton 5, C. Clarke 6, K. Prime 7, R. Short (first on 10 as cond.) 8, G. Salmon 9, M. Stone 10. For All Saints' Day.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: Pamela M. Stevens (first in method as cond.) 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, G. Sparkes 3, W. J. Nurcombe 4, C. Tarr 5, A. Gale 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stevens on their silver wedding anniversary.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss B. Neale 1, D. Smith 2, J. Parslow 3, M. Newth 4, M. Fromm (cond.) 5, A. Horn 6. For the dedication of the church.

WHITSTOKE, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Heard 1, F. Clacksfield 2, R. M. Carr 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, J. Clacksfield 6. A wedding compliment to the ringers of 2 and 6, who were married at St. Mary's Church, Storrington, Sussex, on October 24th.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. V. Carpenter 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishon (first of Cambridge as cond.) 6.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather M. Pullon (first quarter) 1, P. Cattermole (cond.) 2, Jean Moorhouse 3, R. Smith 4, R. Skerratt 5, J. Pullon (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival. Also Oct. 4, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pullon 1, Sheila McDouall 2, A. Cook 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, R. Skerratt 5, Heather M. Pullon 6. For family service.

YASS, NEW SOUTH WALES.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. R. Burden 1, K. Minchinton 2, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 3, P. G. Richards 4, J. J. F. Roper 5, H. Curl 6. For Holy Communion on occasion of Melbourne ringers' visit.

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Miss Monica Collins, who has been prominent for many years in the Guildford District and held various offices in connection with St. Nicolas' Church and the District, left last Saturday for Australia. A former health visitor of the Surrey County Council, she is continuing her nursing profession in Victoria.

The conductor of the peal at Wallington (see page 646) was J. Richard Castledine, and not as printed.

Dr. D. A. Kirk, of Cranleigh, has resigned the secretaryship of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. He has accepted a new teaching appointment at Lincoln.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow left by air this week for Rhodesia, for the wedding of his daughter. He will be away from England for about three months.

Mr. Frederick W. Brinklow, who rang his first peal at Elstree in 1901, returned to the tower on October 31st to participate in a peal of Norwich Surprise Minor in honour of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Herts County Association.

Mr. Norman Chaddock has been requested to give talks to church groups at Clay Cross (6), Derbyshire, and Penistone (8), Yorks, with a view to the formation of new bands. Demonstrations on tower and handbells will be given by Rotherham ringers at these talks. Both of these are silent towers.

Mr. P. A. Corby has received a letter from Mrs. Carpenter, the widow of the late Dean of Exeter, in which she says: 'I do want to send my very grateful thanks to you and all the members of the Devon Guild of Ringers who rang the peal in the Cathedral in memory of and thanksgiving for the life of my late husband. It was a very kind thought and I do appreciate it very much.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

By special arrangement, a group of about 12 young people who hope to form a band at Christ Church, Dore, near Sheffield, visited Rotherham Parish Church to see the bells rung on Sunday morning, November 1st. The visit stimulated their interest tremendously. Dore has been without a team of ringers for many years, and steps are now being taken to train one.

Mr. Arthur V. Pearson, of Wombourn, rang his 700th peal at Brewood on October 28th. His list includes 91 different Surprise methods.

'The Belfry,' the popular quarterly of the Maidstone District, has completed ten years of active life. Our congratulations. There is always something interesting in this publication.

The well-known College Youth, Mr. Ernest G. Fenn, and Mrs. Fenn, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on September 6th. At Putney a quarter peal was rung in honour of the event.

The peal at Harthill on October 31st was rung by the Rotherham Parish Church company who have done much during the past two or three years to get Harthill company going after years without ringers.

Personal congratulation to two of the band was an additional footnote to the peal of Little Bob Royal at Wakefield Cathedral on October 17th—to David Cubitt, on being admitted a solicitor, and to David Atkins, on 'passing out' as a doctor.

A talk and a demonstration on tower and handbell ringing were given by Mr. Michael E. Brown to Sapcote Young Wives' Group on Oct. 20th, which was much enjoyed. Alas, the next morning, Mr. Brown found he had lost his voice, which necessitated a visit to the doctor and receiving treatment for laryngitis.

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ST. NICHOLAS', GREAT YARMOUTH, BELLS RING AGAIN

THE great and famous Church of St. Nicholas', Yarmouth, in area England's largest parish church, lay dead and desolate from its destruction in 1942, until just two years ago. Then a great work of restoration began. A thousand tons of rubbish were dumped in the nearby marshes; 22,000 square feet of reinforced concrete floor were laid; all the calcined stonework was replaced; the enormous roofs were completely renewed in Canadian cedar, copper-covered; and a great ring of bells and a clock were designed, to take the place of those destroyed.

The many months of preparation of clock and bells were crowned with triumph on October 31st. That day about 270 ringers gathered together. A thousand chairs had been lent to the as yet unfurnished church, but the 2,500 people present included of necessity a large crowd standing, in the nave, for the choir alone easily seats 1,000.

The service began at 2.15. After the National Anthem and the 'Ringers' Hymn', by the Rev. W. G. Bridge, Gilbert Thurlow (the Vicar) recalled how the clock had stopped when its works were burnt at 2.35 a.m. one terrible night in 1942. After prayer, the president of the Central Council (Mr. F. Sharpe) read from Haggai ii, 9, '... the latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former. . . .

'HISTORY TO BE MADE AGAIN'

During a hymn, a procession wended its way round to the belfry door, up the long stairs to the transept roof, along to the tower and up to the ringing chamber—now bare of its ancient peal boards, long since destroyed, but bright and clean and waiting for history to be made in it again. There stood the local band waiting—including men who had since 1942 longed for this day, and others who had come to live here since then. The B.B.C. were ready for their 'mike' to record the first ticks of the pendulum.

At the Vicar's invitation, Cdr. Applegate, Mayor of Yarmouth, said: 'At twenty-five to three on the morning of June 25th, 1942, the clock in this church was destroyed. And now, at twenty-five to three this afternoon, I rejoice, in the name of all who will see it and hear its chimes, to start this clock again.' He pulled the cord, and there was once again, in Longfellow's lovely if metallurgically-inaccurate words, 'A heart of iron, beating in the old grey tower.'

Then Mr. A. A. Hughes said to the Vicar: 'Reverend Sir, as the founder of these bells, I hand them into your keeping.' Then the Bishop of Thetford dedicated them, with the solemn words: 'To the glory of God, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.' He handed the ropes to the Vicar, charging him to see that they be ever and only used in God's service and to His glory.

THE FIRST ROUNDS

The first rounds followed and were rung on the 12 by the local band. This includes George and Edith Fletcher, Billy Duncan (formerly hon. secretary of the Northern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association), Billy Harwood (formerly hon. secretary of the Eastern Branch as well as of the local company), Peter Newstead (the present hon. secretary of both), S. J. Merry (Master of the tower, formerly of Derby Cathedral) and others. It is perhaps rare on such an occasion for an assistant priest (Giles Galley) and the Vicar (Gilbert Thurlow) both to take part.

The Bishop of Thetford in his address spoke magnificently of the Church's task of preaching the Way of Life in an ever changing world. Those present included the Dean of Norwich, who had blessed the bells on June 21st at a great service, previous to their being taken up the tower. The choirs of the many churches in the uniquely-large parish combined magnificently in the leading of the familiar ringing

hymns. The beauty of the flowers was all the greater in view of the absence as yet of lovely furnishings and glass. Prayers, a hymn (with a collection of £92) and the Blessing brought a memorable service to an end.

Meanwhile, an army of Mothers' Union ladies had been preparing tea for nearly 300 in the Priory nearby, where the Yarmouth monks fed their guests centuries ago. Here representatives of the Trust set up by Russell Colman, from which the bells have been given, met and talked to ringers from afar.

MANY VISITORS

The new visitors' book records ringers from Spalding, Daventry, High Leigh, Coventry, Cambridge, Blofield, Brentwood, Great Thurlow, Clare, Leeds (Yorks), Felixstowe, Lincoln Cathedral, Lincoln St. Giles', Lowestoft, Long Buckley, Acle, Saxlingham Nethergate, Chester-le-Street, Diss, Gaywood, Ealing, Thetford, Hethersett, Wenhamston, Melton, Norwich, Halesworth, Gosfield, Bocking, Grundisburgh, Braintree, Maidstone, Wollaton, Kettering, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Ipswich, Surbiton, Slough, Bedford, Radley, Newmarket, Heckington, Dickleburgh, Burston, Nettlestead, Offton, Melbourn (Cambs), Great Totnam, Meriden, Carlton Colville, Beccles, Colchester, Isleworth, Loddon, Thorington, Oxford, Bromley, Teignmouth, Hoddesdon, Burwell, Amphil, Stratford St. Mary, Higham, Fordcombe (Kent), Fressingfield, Clacton, Wivenhoe, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Leicester Cathedral, Pulham St. Mary, Redenhall, Needham, Happisburgh, Meldreth and Chelmsford.

Despite this huge number, and the mere 5½ hours at disposal for ringing, everyone (I think) who had notified their intention of coming had a good ring, owing to the magnificent organisation thought out by the local hon. secretary and carried out by him, by the Master, and by will-

ing helpers, including him who erected a telephone from the ringing chamber and also a 'mike' to relay the dedication to the congregation below. Everything was tried, from Surprise Maximus and Stedman Cinques to rounds. And now we look forward to members of Yarmouth's worshipping family joining the company of beginners who we hope will soon be learning from our local band. And when summer comes, where will you have your holiday?

GILBERT THURLOW.

VISITOR'S IMPRESSION

Mr. Claude Rush writes: From the churchyard on the north side, through tower windows, the bell chamber being well lighted, one could see some of the bells ringing. They are hung some 6 feet below the ridge of the nave roof in a wooden frame of Burmese gurgon, which is on a 16 ton reinforced concrete grillage embedded into the tower and strengthening it. Their sound now comes out of specially constructed louvres in the tower roof—not through the usual tower louvres.

The reduction of sound is such that, with all 12 bells ringing, people can carry on normal conversation in the churchyard or the market place beside which the church stands. In fact, standing in the market place at the church-end of it, the church masked by a shop, the bells cannot be heard at all above the sound of footsteps on the pavement.

These bells are wonderful for peal ringing, at any rate as far as the public are concerned, but has too much been done to them for service ringing—unless there is an arrangement like the moving louvres of the swell of an organ? A number of ringers expressed their views that way but, whether it be so or not, it seems that the installation is one which has activated much thought and planning, and that everyone concerned in it is to be congratulated.

Family's Century Of Ringing At Bletchley

Over 100 years of bell-ringing at the same church by members of one family were commemorated at St. Mary's, Bletchley, on November 1st, when the Sear memorial window in the church porch was unveiled and dedicated. The present bell-master, Mr. Harry Sear, who is 81, is among those commemorated.

The memorial takes the form of a window with two lights, depicting a bell-chamber with angelic ringers. Above is a stone tablet, inscribed:—

In Thankful Memory of Thomas Sear, 1819-1880, his sons Redan, 1861-1906, and Valentine, 1850-1920, and his grandsons Harry, 1878-19—, Fred, 1879-1958, and Walter, 1885-1958. Bell-masters and bell-ringers of this church.

A tablet in the bell-chamber itself also records the memorial.

Lord Lucas, of Chilworth, a cousin of Mr. Harry Sear, unveiled the window, which was dedicated by the Rector, Rev. Allan Campbell.

The Rector paid tribute to Mr. Harry Sear's grandfather, Thomas, who, he said, had passed on his love of bell-ringing to his sons and grandsons.

'We are here to pay tribute to the unflinching devotion and loyalty which have been shown to this church over a long period of time by the Sear family,' continued the Rector. 'It can fall to few families to have such a special privilege in serving God in one place for so long, but this opportunity has been grasped by this family and used during a whole century.' The family's record was a fine example of constant service and faithfulness.

At tea, which followed the service, Mr. R. Cadamy, on behalf of the Bletchley ringers,

said the idea of the memorial came from the Rector, and a fine idea it was, too.

TWO SURVIVORS OF FIRST PEAL

Sixty years ago, in December, the first peal was rung on the Bletchley bells, and two of the ringers who accomplished it—Harry Sear and Frank Hedges—were alive today. In December this year the ringers would be trying again to ring that peal of 60 years ago.

On Monday a celebration peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (Johnson's variation) was rung in 2 hours 50 minutes by North Bucks members of the Oxford Guild, Mr. Harry Sear (treble) ringing faultlessly.

'Down-Under' Drive For Circulation

Through the initiative of Mr. G. W. Pipe, we welcome eight new postal subscribers from Australia. 'I think the standard of publication improves each week, and quite openly I say it's a darn good sixpence worth,' writes Mr. Pipe. 'If every Guild had an enthusiast like Mr. Pipe for finding new subscribers, the problems of the Editorial Committee would be less.'

The keenness of Melbourne ringers is illustrated by six of their number travelling 800 miles to ring a 6-bell peal of Kent T.B. Minor at Yass, New South Wales. This was a 'Great Adventure' anniversary peal and follows on the pioneer spirit of 1934.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

THE 27th annual commemoration dinner to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association was held at York on October 24th, the venue being the Windmill Hotel, where there has been so many happy gatherings in past years.

During the afternoon the bells of the Minster (12), St. Stephen's, Acomb (6), and the Institute of Advanced Architectural Study (6) were rung. The bells at the Institute were of special interest to the visitors as they are used by the president of the Central Council when demonstrating modern methods of bell restoration to church architects.

The president (Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds) presided over a company of 112. He was supported by the Bishop of Pontefract (Rt. Rev. G. W. Clarkson), Canon T. H. Tardrew (Precentor of York Minster) and Mrs. Tardrew, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smallwood, the Rev. A. J. McMullen (chaplain of the Minster Society), Mr. L. W. G. Morris (hon. general secretary), Mr. Gordon Benfield (hon. general treasurer), Mr. W. E. Critchley (peal secretary) and Mr. Albert Sellars (vice-president, Eastern District).

After the loyal toast had been honoured and the tables cleared, the president announced apologies for absence from Mrs. Ellison, the Dean of York, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. A. Staveley and Mr. Bert Sutton. A postcard had been received from Miss Margaret Snowdon, niece of Jasper, conveying her greetings and best wishes. He also thanked the officers and members of the York Minster Society for the excellent arrangements which had been made for the dinner.

In proposing 'The Church,' Mr. Gordon Benfield said he was rather confused because when he was invited to propose the toast he assumed it was to be 'The Church and State' as in previous years, so he must be forgiven if he mentioned the State in his remarks. He said the Church had moulded the society in which people lived for many centuries. The Archbishop of York was recently asked by a school-boy: 'Is it true that the Church of England came into being at the Reformation?'. In reply, Dr. Ramsey said: 'My answer to that is to ask you a question—where was your face before you washed it?'.

The Church was often criticised; those who belonged to it sometimes scoffed at, accused of being kill-joys and of being so heavenly-minded that they were of no earthly use. The bonds joining Church and State were, he suggested, spiritual values and moral standards, learning and social reform, tradition and pageantry.

Responding, the Bishop of Pontefract thanked the ringers on behalf of the Church for all they had done and were doing in their parish churches. Church bells made a noise which went far; the clergy made less noise but their message went just as far. In England you can hardly be out of sight of a church and out of sound of bells on the Lord's Day. He considered congregations were improving; this might be news to bell-ringers!

The Bishop concluded by saying: 'We shall decay if the Church decays. Improve the Church by being God's servant, and may we always be the servants of the Church.'

GREATEST EFFECT ON RINGING

The principal toast of the evening was proposed by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. He said it was a great honour to propose the toast because they were doing honour to some of the greatest people in the history of the art. He thought it right that their memory should be kept green and that the youngsters who came into our art should hear of them. Jasper Snowdon was a man whose name would go down in ringing history along with the names of Annable, Shipway, Johnson and Thurston. He was a great man, and his work had had more effect on ringing than that of any other man. To him we owe all the textbooks which he published. His masterpiece, 'Ropesight,' is still a classic, as is also 'Standard Methods.' After the untimely death of Jasper, his brother William carried on the work as president of the Association and arranged circulation of the textbooks.

Charles Henry Hattersley, a Sheffield man and former vice-president, made a remarkable contribution to the art. It was not generally known that Hattersley was responsible for introducing a simple turning course in Stedman Cinques, three calls only being needed in turning the bells from the Tittums to the handstroke home position.

Harry Williams, of Leeds, inspired others, and George Bolland, of Tong, did much for 6-bell ringing.

Recent losses to the Association were Canon C. C. Marshall, of quiet temperament and an ideal president, and Percy Johnson, of high integrity and who was general secretary for many years.

Mr. Smallwood had a word of advice for the 'angry' young men of today. Before joining an Association find out the rules first, and if you do not agree with them don't join! If it were possible for Snowdon to come back today, he considered he would be pleased with what he saw.

In conclusion, Mr. Smallwood paid a compliment to the University Associations. Some of them were very strong, other not so, but all tried in their own way to follow Snowdon.

The toast was drunk in silence.

'THE NEW BOY'

Miss Iris Lemare, who proposed 'The Guests and Visitors,' said she was very much 'the new boy' amongst Minster ringers. The guests were those who by their charming presence had made a happy crowd and were not ringers. The visitors were ringers from other organisations, or were married to ringers and knew the worst!

One of the first things she was told when she took up ringing was 'I suppose you know all ringers are mad.' On a recent visit to London she saw some scaffolding with a notice, without punctuation, 'Dangerous men above.' On looking up she saw it was a church tower, and naturally thought there must be ringers up in the ringing chamber. Ringing had to be learnt the hard way. Her profession took her to all parts of the country, and she thanked all those ringers in strange towers who by their forbearance had helped her with her ringing.

Canon T. H. Tardrew, in reply, thanked Miss Lemare for the most scintillating speech he had heard for some time. On behalf of the guests he thanked the Association for its hospitality,

and said he had spent a most enjoyable evening. Three years ago he referred to too many dumb towers. They all knew that when the weather was bad some of the ringers might be missing and half the choir and congregation failed to appear. All should attend no matter what the weather—then what a wonderful surprise it would be if one Sunday morning the verger might say: 'There are just two seats at the back.'

Mr. Norman Chaddock proposed 'The Chairman,' and said all were grateful to the president for the way he had conducted the proceedings, not only on that evening but also at the general meetings of the Association.

During the evening a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. Ambler, Critchley, Morris, Moreton and Smallwood.

Duets were sung by Messrs. Steele and Horner, and piano solos were given by the Rev. A. J. McMullen. H. W.

LETTERS

PEAL AT LUTTERWORTH

Dear Sir,—Had Mr. T. C. Belton first made sure of the facts, he could have avoided 'cluttering-up' the columns of an already overloaded journal. He could have retained his little joke for a more deserving case, for according to his statement it is the only bit of truth he is certain of.—Yours truly,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

CLUN IMPERIAL

Dear Sir,—I wish to point out that the method rung at Clun on October 10th, and published in the 'R.W.' of October 30th as Clun Imperial Bob Major, has been rung before. It is called Heddingham Bob Major, and was rung at Sible Heddingham on July 24th, 1957. The peal appears in the 'R.W.' of August 2nd, 1957, page 491. I am assuming, of course, that the method rung is C.C.C. No. 228, as printed.

I should also like to point out, for the benefit of the Peals Analysis Committee in particular, that the peal of Cambridge Royal rung at High Wycombe on September 19th has been printed twice.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow, Middx.

TOO ABSTRUSE, PROFESSOR!

Dear Sir,—I note that some of your readers are protesting about their tour reports being cut down due to lack of space in the 'R.W.'

In view of this, does the Editor really regard the leading article for the 'R.W.', October 30th, worthy of so much space? Without wishing to displease Mr. Harold Chant, or Professor Dodge, I for one could not deduce what facts we as ringers should gain from it. I am afraid that instead of increasing the circulation of the 'R.W.' (we are constantly reminded) it may have the reverse effect, particularly amongst younger folk, who after all will be the future mainstay of the 'R.W.'

Might I add that this is a purely personal opinion, but with the interests of the 'R.W.' at heart.—Yours faithfully,

H. A. MAY.

Burham, Guildford.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT THE EXTENT OF BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—This is to notify you that another attempt will be made to ring 40,320 Plain Bob Major at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on November 22nd, 1959.

The composition will be that used previously, and the attempt has been organised by Patrick I. Chapman, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Yours, etc.,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest.

SURVIVORS OF A SILENT PEAL OF 50 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—You note from time to time some happenings of 50 years ago. The achievements of the present generation of ringers may put into the shade many of these records. Notwithstanding, a silent peal of Holt's Original is not so common as to pass unremarked, and the one at West Bromwich on November 20th, 1909, is still a happy recollection for Preb. E. V. Cox and myself. I doubt if there are any other survivors. The band stood as follows: Joseph Timms 1, Rev. C. C. Cox 2, Samuel Reeves 3, Rev. E. V. Cox 4, Robert Pickering 5, Alfred Rowley 6, Thomas H. Reeves 7, John C. Adams 8. With two such exact and sharp-eyed ringers as Wm. H. Godden and Tom Miller acting as umpires, calling 'Go' and 'Stand' and on the alert for the slightest wink, the quality of the performance could never be open to question.—Yours faithfully,

C. CAREW COX.

Morcombelake, Bridport.

'SOME ODD TOUCHES FOR CONDUCTORS'

Dear Sir,—I regret having to point out that your compositor seems to have been in trouble over the setting out of the notation of the touches of Bob Major given on page 663 of 'The Ringing World.'

The touch of 272 should read

23456 W B M H

54326 3 —

23456 S S

In the touch of 288 the headings W B M H are not relevant and should be erased. In this touch and the following one of 320 the numbers indicate at which lead in the course the bobs are called. For instance, in the 288, a bob at the second lead and a bob at the third lead will produce the course-end 64523. In the next course a bob at the first lead and a bob at the third lead will produce the course-end 3572468. And so on.

In the quarter peal, a large letter M has been printed instead of the usual dash showing the bob at Wrong.

I would add that I shall be pleased to answer any questions relating to these or other touches in the essay if the inquirer cares to write to my address, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull, Warks.

FIVE FACTS ABOUT THE DEVON TOUR

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out a few facts of which your correspondent, Mr. Birmingham, is evidently ignorant.

(a) That it is customary to expect first-class ringing from a peal band on tour, which therefore is well advised to restrict its ringing to methods within its capabilities.

(b) That a peal band goes on tour for a ringing holiday.

(c) That the particular band which recently toured in Devon was invited by Mr. Aubrey Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, who personally made all the local arrangements.

(d) That the Guild of Devonshire Ringers charge a peal booking fee of 6d. per rope.

(e) That the Guild of Devonshire Ringers recently resolved that a fee of 6d. per rope, payable to 'The Ringing World' should be charged for all peals rung under its name.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

MR. BIRMINGHAM EXPLAINS

Dear Sir,—It was a pleasure to read in the 'R.W.' 30/10/59, of the contribution of approximately 3s. per peal made to the 'R.W.' by the Devonshire peal touring band. I also understand that the Guild concerned has a peal levy which, no doubt, would lighten the cost of printing peals in its report. Not every Association has such a peal fee—my own hasn't—and, to many, such a tour would be an expense. No slight was intended to the band concerned, and I apologise if they took it as such. I was merely using their tour as an example of what could be. They have exonerated themselves from such a charge.

One Devonshire ringing friend of mine questioned my phrase 'in its infancy.' All that was intended was that 'scientific' change-ringing had not grown to be standard practice all over Devon, as it has in most of Britain's counties.

I wrote merely to ascertain the general feeling of the Exercise in regard to the value, the cost and the propriety of peal tours, not to pass strictures on any one in particular.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough, Bucks.

PEAL TOURS AND TOWER-SNATCHING

Dear Sir,—I would like to offer to W. Birmingham a very large bouquet regarding his comments on the above subject. I echo his sentiments wholeheartedly.

I, too, am in doubt as to whether the various peals recorded each week in 'The Ringing World' serve any useful purpose.

Probably neither W. Birmingham nor I will ever make a Peter Beresford or a Peter Stanforth, but at least I'm sure we share the same views regarding the purpose of bell-ringing.

Why, indeed, do we take hold of a bell rope in our respective ringing chambers each Sunday?—Yours sincerely,

J. W. ABBOTT.

Send, Wilts.

BOY SCOUTS' BELL-RINGER BADGE

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue, Mr. R. F. Baker gave notice of the new Boy Scouts' Bell-ringer Badge. I have here the exact details of this.

There are two badges—the Bell-ringer, for Scouts under 15 years of age, and the Senior Bell-ringer, for Scouts over 15.

The Bell-ringer Badge:—

- (1) Have a knowledge of the parts of a bell and its fittings.
- (2) Demonstrate maintenance and rope-splicing.
- (3) Be proficient in handling a bell up to, say, 6-7 cwt., to keep it in full control and be able to set it as required by the examiner.
- (4) Be able to ring a bell in rounds in proper time and to stand when ordered.

Alternative for handbells:—

- (1) Have a knowledge of the construction of handbells and their tuning.
- (2) Demonstrate as a member of a team that he is capable of giving a performance of simple tunes in harmony.
- (3) Be able to ring a pair of handbells in rounds.

The Senior Bell-ringer Badge:—

- (1) Pass or have passed the Bell-ringer Badge.
- (2) Be able to give the names by which methods are identified on different numbers of bells.
- (3) Be able to write out the changes of two simple methods, one on an odd number and one on an even number of bells, and to describe the working of any one bell in these methods.
- (4) Be able to ring a plain course in the methods in No. 3.

Alternative for handbells:—

- (1) Pass or have passed the Bell-ringer Badge.
- (2) Be able to give the names by which methods are identified on different numbers of bells.
- (3) Understand what is meant by the position of a pair of bells in plain hunting on six bells.
- (4) Be able to ring a pair of bells in either the plain course of Bob Minor or the plain course of Grandsire Triples.

Yours truly,

C. H. ROGERS.

Isleworth.

IN DEFENCE OF BOB CATERS

Dear Sir,—I cannot understand why Mr. H. Allen writes so bitterly about Bob Caters ('R.W.', October 30th, 1959). It always seems to me that Grandsire Caters is much more musical than Grandsire Triples because the 'roll-ups' are clearer. In Bob Triples and Caters they are even more obvious, and I consider Plain Bob to be the more musical. He admits that the peal at Warwick was well struck then says it was without musical virtue. The rhythmic excellence must have some musical value, surely. A method does not have to be complicated to be musical. Bob Major is far more musical than London.

Finally, if ringers did not have the desire to ring something that they have not rung before (surely the method itself has been rung for ages) we should all still be ringing rounds!—Yours sincerely,

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BARNSELEY DISTRICT SOCIETY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER

OCTOBER 24th was a day of great happiness for the Barnsley and District Society, when the golden jubilee dinner was held at the King George Hotel, Barnsley. Sixteen towers were represented.

Of historic interest to the Society is the adjoining photograph of the present officials, which is reproduced by permission of the 'Barnsley Chronicle.' Their names, reading from left to right, are: Messrs. J. W. Moxon (vice-president), J. R. Brearley (vice-president), H. Rusby (auditor), W. Womack (auditor), N. F. Moxon (president), H. Chant (treasurer), Canon A. P. Morley (chairman), J. W. Buxton (secretary).

The chairman (Canon A. P. Morley) presided. Speaking about the Society's jubilee, he expressed the happiness of everyone in such an important milestone in the history of the Society, but recalled the earliest use of bells in this country of calling people to warn them of floods in the Fens, or invasion, and to prayers.

Mr. Harold Chant, of Felkirk, who responded, spoke about the great men of the Society such as Potter, A. Nash, A. Panther and A. Gill, and these had been followed by their present officers.

The toast of 'Continued prosperity of the Society' was proposed by the Rev. C. T. D. Ellam (Cawthorne). This was replied to by the president, Mr. Noel F. Moxon, of Cawthorne.

The entertainment included piano duets by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chant, popular songs by Mr. Sutcliffe, and monologues by Mr. Irvin Slack (Horbury). The artistes were thanked by the Rev. H. E. S. Meanley, of St. George's, Barnsley.

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Witton Bells Ring Again

On October 29th the lovely little six at Witton Parish Church, Droitwich, rang out across the meadows to commemorate the visit of the Bishop of Worcester to a thanksgiving service for the restoration of this 800-year-old church. The restoration includes the rebuilding of the tower parapet, thus enabling the bells to be rung once more after a few years' silence. A quarter peal was rung on this beautiful Taylor (1921) six by a band mainly from Wychbold to mark this event. The tenor was rung very nicely by a 12-year-old, who deserves congratulation, as does his 16-year-old sister who rang the treble.



ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, LEICESTER, THE CHURCH OF NEW CIVIC CENTRE



ST. John-the-Divine's Church, Leicester, which six years ago was threatened with demolition owing to the denuding of the population of the parish through demolition of houses in the area, has now been finally reprieved by the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

This plan, which was well under way, was postponed for an indefinite period by Dr. R. R. Williams when he became Leicester's new Bishop.

The Church, which has had no vicar for 12½ years, is now to become the church of the new Civic Centre which is planned to be built in the area.

When the demolition was postponed, the Bishop appointed the Rev. (now Canon) F. W. Pratt as resident priest-in-charge. During Canon Pratt's ministry great things were achieved there. He was succeeded 15 months ago by the Rev. W. B. Williams, from Loughborough, who carried on the good work started by Canon Pratt. The church is now in a healthy position.

This, coupled with the Civic Centre plan, has resulted in the Bishop's decision to bring it back to its former status of a parish church.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will recall the request for signatures to a petition organised by Mr. S. Harrison, the Ringing Master, protesting against the demolition proposal and consequent removal of the lovely ring of ten bells.

On behalf of the congregation of St. John's, Mr. Harrison would like to express the appreciation and thanks of all concerned to the many ringers throughout the country who so very kindly took the trouble to sign.

A thanksgiving service will shortly be held, also the first institution and induction to the restored benefice. The people of St. John's are to be congratulated on the way they have supported the church during this long period of uncertainty.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly Corporate Communion of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Easton-in-Gordano on October 25th, when some 20 ringers joined the parishioners for the early celebration. Ringing commenced promptly at 7 a.m. The Rector (Rev. J. Ramsay) was the celebrant. Breakfast was served in the Church Hall before the ringers returned to the tower to ring for Matins.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Russell 1, J. Crook 2, Miss M. Tyson 3, R. Spray 4, J. W. Perkins (cond.) 5, K. Stone 6. For Evensong.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION HAS BEST-EVER DINNER

THE general consensus of opinion after the sixth dinner of the Essex Association, held on October 10th, was that it was the 'best ever' dinner. The Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel) presided over a company of 120, and supporting him on the top table were Mrs. Heazel, the Very Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Gordon, Dr. Armstrong Gibbs, Mr. Ernest Morris, Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Gant and Mr. and Mrs. J. Chalk.

The long 'high' table and the five sprigs, each with its own exquisite floral decoration, presented a wonderful sight to the guests as they entered the Picture Room at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford. The meal itself was all that could be desired, and long before the coffee stage there was an atmosphere of real enjoyment. Glasses having been raised in loyalty and affection to Her Majesty the Queen, the company settled themselves to await the speeches.

CHURCH AND STATE

The Master, in proposing the toast 'The Church and State,' said that one of the highlights of the office of Master was to propose this toast at the annual dinner of the Association. It was regrettable that the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford had been prevented from attending at the last moment owing to illness. It was 25 years ago, he said, when he had first proposed a similar toast at a ringers' dinner in Brentwood. The respondent was Canon Brown, that great thinker and theologian.

Art had had its roots in the Church. Throughout the ages encouragement had been given to painters, musicians, sculptors and poets. The highest price paid for a picture in recent years was for a painting with a religious theme—'The Adoration of the Magi.' Ringers made up a comparable form of art. Ringing had its roots deeply embedded in time. At the same time as being an art it was a witness for the Church.

In the absence of the Bishop, the Rev. R. C. Williams (Vicar of Wimbish) replied. The Church, he said, owed a great deal to the ringers, and they owed a great deal to the Church. Some people said that ringing was a dying art. It must not be allowed to die out. Ringers called the people to church; if they did not heed the summons it was their concern.

Mr. Williams continued that it had been a great loss to Wimbish when its tower fell. Now one of the bells was mounted in a frame in the churchyard and at service time it was struck with a wooden mallet. One of the bells formerly in Wimbish tower now formed part of the ring of eight in the next parish of Radwinter.

THE EXERCISE

The toast 'The Exercise' was proposed by Mr. F. V. Gant, the secretary and treasurer of the Association. Mr. Gant began by welcoming the visitors to the dinner who had come from Leicester, Cornwall and Kent, and continued that when the dinner committee had suggested that he should propose the toast, one or two members had eyed askance the Gant waistline! He felt that people who said that the interest in the Exercise was on the wane had only to go to ringing meetings to have their pessimism confounded. Everywhere one went the enthusiasm shown by young people was infectious. The Exercise wanted more recruits, but they had to be of the right type—ones who would stick to the task of learning to ring properly. The more experienced ringer should be more tolerant of the learners. They should be given the chance to ring their first peals with good bells.

Mr. Ernest Morris received thunderous applause on rising to reply, and said that he had had an interest in ringing from an early age.

The Exercise owed a great deal to those early pioneers who had lived in the 18th and 19th centuries. They did not enjoy modern fittings such as bells hung on ball-bearings—a long peal in those days was a test of stamina and endurance. Looking back over his life he had found the story of bells and their uses and abuses an enthralling subject. Essex was rich in antiquarian matters so far as bells were concerned: Saffron Walden possessed the oldest recorded Ringing Society. Mr. Morris concluded with several amusing tales of incidents in the life of a verger of a great town church.

THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr. H. Turner, the deputy Master, proposed the toast of 'The Vice-Presidents.' The Association was very fortunate in their vice-presidents. Since the last dinner in 1958, the Rt. Rev. Hugh Gough had been elected Archbishop of Sydney and had resigned the Suffragan Bishopric of Barking. He welcomed his successor, the Rt. Rev. W. Chadwick, who is well known in Essex through his years as Vicar of Barking, also the new Archdeacons of Colchester and West Ham. The Association acknowledged the honour they have paid the Association by consenting to become vice-presidents.

Before the Provost of Chelmsford rose to respond to the toast, the Master performed a very pleasant duty. For some months the tower of Chelmsford Cathedral had been under repair. The cost runs into approximately £11,000. The Master had started an appeal fund among the towers of the Association, with the result that £43 10s. had been collected. This sum was presented to the Provost by the Master.

The Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, in replying to the toast, said that he was very grateful to the Association for their gift. The vice-presidents, he said, were a very busy body of people, and they were grateful for any help that they received from bodies connected with the Church.

He had found that one of the hardest working bodies were ringers but, unfortunately, their work was often overlooked by the clergy. The Church should take more interest.

THE GUESTS AND ARTISTES

Mr. J. Chalk, in a speech well sprinkled with quotations, proposed the toast of 'The Guests and Artistes.' Dr. Armstrong Gibbs replied in his usual inimitable style.

During the evening courses on handbells were rung by Messrs. E. Morris, H. Turner, H. Egglestone, P. Eves and D. Symonds. The entertainment was provided by Miss J. Edwards, Mr. W. Bailey and Dr. Armstrong Gibbs.

OBITUARY

MR. MICHAEL JOHN HOLNESS

Many members of the Kent County Association will regret to learn of the accidental death of Mr. Michael John Holness, aged 19 years. He was a member and regular Sunday service ringer at the Cathedral, Canterbury, and Herne.

The short funeral service at St. Nicholas', Sturry, took place on November 7th, conducted by the Rev. W. O. Langridge. The Dean and Chapter were represented by the Rev. J. L. Lawson (precentor). The president of the Cathedral company, Mr. A. B. Beresford-Jones, and many members of the Cathedral company were present, also representatives of Herne, Whitstable, Littlebourne and St. Dunstan's (Canterbury).

At the close of the service, short touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor and Plain Bob were rung on the half-muffled bells. Later in the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grand-sire Caters was rung by the following at the Cathedral: B. J. Luck 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, H. R. French 3, W. F. Jenkins 4, J. W. Unwin 5, T. C. Phillimore 6, D. C. Chatfield 7, T. H. Holmes (conductor) 8, R. G. French 9, D. M. Holness 10. T. C. P.

EYE, SUFFOLK, LOSES THREE RINGERS

During recent months death has removed three septuagenarian ringers from Eye.

Harry George Turner, affectionately known as 'Funny,' passed away after months of failing health, and was buried in Eye Cemetery.

Then his brother, Thomas Albert, died. Tom had rung peals at Stowmarket and Eye 50 years ago, but lately, like Harry, had confined his ringing activities to service work. Tom was cremated at Ipswich. His wife died shortly after him.

Recently, William Elijah Musk ('Rowley') died, and thus ended an illness which had prevented him from ringing for about seven years. He rang his first 720 at Dickleburgh, Norfolk, in 1901, and had rung in towers in many counties. He leaves a widow and nine children.

He was buried at Dickleburgh on October 15th, handbells being rung at the grave, and tower bells later by Messrs. G. C. Snelling, A. G. Harrison, E. Whiting, H. Dixon, H. Moss and C. Catchpole.

It is hoped that when Eye bells are back from the foundry a number of young ringers will come forward to take the place of those so sadly missed and removed by the passage of time and its consequent inevitable claims.

C. R.

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SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Nov. 1st, at St. Chad's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. J. Willcox 1, M. C. Poyner 2, B. A. Carter 3, F. Leech 4, F. A. H. Cattell 5, J. C. Meads 6, H. Poyner 7, F. G. Beddow (cond.) 8, R. Newton 9, E. F. Willcox 10 For Evensong.

OBITUARY—Continued

MR. JOHN WARRILOW

The news of the passing of Mr. John Warrilow on October 29th, at his home in Walton Village, Stafford, at the age of 82, will be received with great regret by a wide circle of ringing friends. For 62 years he had been associated with church bells.

Mr. Warrilow was taught to ring in the village church of Ingestre, and in 1911 joined the band then ringing at the Church of St. Mary, Stafford. He was a devoted ringer here until failing health forced him to retire three years ago. For many years he was head ringer and served on the committee of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. His peal record was not large, but his work in connection with St. Mary's ringing and tower cannot be assessed. His chief thought was the ringing of the bells for service: this he thought of as part of his worship. It was with regret that he eventually had to cease active ringing.

To within the last few days of his life his interest was still in the belfry where he had rung for so many years, and he looked forward each week to learn from 'The Ringing World' what was taking place generally. Of a very placid nature, Mr. Warrilow never sought the limelight; it was his very friendly disposition that gained for him the esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's Church on November 2nd. The Rector (Rev. D. A. Hodges, M.A.) officiated, and in his address spoke of the Christian virtues of John Warrilow, of the splendid example he had given as a leader in the belfry, and of his devotion to the ringing of the bells over a long period of years. Prior to the service the bells were rung half-muffled.

In the evening, as a tribute of respect to the memory of him who was held in affection by all who were associated with him, a quarter peal of 1,316 Grandsire Triples was rung by R. K. Mowforth 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, B. J. Wylde 3, D. Harman 4, C. Hone 5, A. E. Garbett 6, D. Friend (conductor) 7, F. Eley 8.

So passes a kindly Christian gentleman, leaving many fragrant memories. The sympathy of all St. Mary's ringers is extended to his family, and especially to his son, Richard, our head ringer. A. E. G.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting (including election of officers) at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 5130

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Cheshire field District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne, 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14th. 5193

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Withyham, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names to H. Vaughan, 17, Balls Green, Withyham, Hartfield, Sussex.—C. A. Bassett. 5173

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Meldreth, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 5168

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting, Esher, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5195

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Widford, Saturday, Nov. 14th. 3 p.m. Apologies, but no tea arrangements possible; please bring your own as there are no cafes.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 5189

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, St. Dunstan's Hall, Canterbury, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d. each) from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5137

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with Essex Association at St. Dunstan and All Saints', Stepney, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Evening ringing at St. John-of-Jerusalem's, South Hackney, 6.30 to 8 p.m. 5135

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tilehurst, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5161

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (10) and (8) will be available at 4 p.m.—L. Wright, organiser. 5178

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Heene (8), on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 3 o'clock. West Tarring bells available after tea. 5184

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at New Alresford on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Bell Hotel. 5203

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Monday, Nov. 16th, 7.30, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge (8). Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, Middlesex. (ISL 3921.) 5245

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Practice at Rothwell on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 5197

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, Chew Stoke (6), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5209

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Aspley Guise, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Ringing contest 4. Tea in Bell Hotel 5 p.m. All welcome.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 5227

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Nicholas', Wallasey, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5241

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Alsager, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Nov. 18th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5229

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Thornaby on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 3.30 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 5235

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Wolvey on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Burton Hastings bells (5) from 7 p.m. 5224

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Tibshelf, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Radford, 64, High Street, Tibshelf, Derbyshire. 5232

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5221

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Mistley, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 18th, please, to Mr. A. Honeywood, 2, Oxford Road, Mistley, Manningtree, Essex. 5181

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting, Stow-on-Wold, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 17th to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. All welcome. 5231

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Sandhurst (8), Saturday, Nov. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Nov. 18th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 5222

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Ewell, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Notifications by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell (Ewell 4986). Further ringing after meeting.—A. H. Smith. 5183

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 21st, Sedlescombe. Names for tea to E. A. Fellows, 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle. 5244

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Saltwood, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. D. H. Gower, Perth Cottage, Saltwood, near Hythe.—C. T. H. 5223

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, Pendleton (8), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. D. Fearnheough, Sec. 5240

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Barrow-on-Soar, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea—5 p.m., Church Hall—by 19th at the latest, please, to B. S. Payne, 66, Melton Road. 5216

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Belgrave, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in Justice Street Rooms. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 18th, please, to Mr. J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec., 30, Royal Road, Leicester. 5205

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Sapcote (6), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday previous to Mr. M. E. Brown, Harecroft Farm, Sapcote, Leicester.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5219

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Oadby, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells not available till 5 p.m. No tea. Meeting 6 p.m. in the church.—L. W. Allen. 4246

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Next meeting, Saturday, Nov. 21st, at Blyton. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Messingham bells after tea.—Geo. A. Lunn, Crowgarth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's (8), Epping, Essex, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business meeting in belfry 6.15 p.m. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance, please.—Bullock, Sec. 5230

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, St. Catherine's, Feltham (10) Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5225

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Waltham St. Lawrence on Nov. 21st at 6 p.m. Special method, Norwich Surprise Minor.—B. C. Castle. 5243

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of Eye and Stowmarket Districts will be held at Stowmarket, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Election of new officers for the new-District. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 18th.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 5200

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 17th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 5201

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Upton-on-Severn, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice methods, Oxford Bob Triples and Rutland Surprise Major. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 17th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 5186

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing at Eastwood (8), 3 to 7 p.m.; Thrybergh (6), 3 to 5 p.m.; Rotherham Parish Church (10), 7 to 9 p.m. Tea in St. Stephen's Parish Church Hall, Eastwood, 5 p.m. Names to Rev. R. C. H. Saunders, The Vicarage, Doncaster Road, Rotherham.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Breaston, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec., 29, Short Row, Belper.

DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Arksey, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Teas provided.—T. Watson, Sec. 5218

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Ramsbottom, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5169

LINCOLN and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Joint meeting at Norton Disney (6), Saturday, Nov. 28th. Tea for those who notify by Wednesday previous C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. Transport available from Newark by notifying Mr. Exton.—C. Brown and W. Exton, Hon. Secs. 5238

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Caerphilly, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles, Sec. 5176

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Castleacre, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 25th, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 5239

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Quidenham (8), on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Reading Room. Special method, Highbury Court Bob. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 24th, to Dr. P. Jonason, The White House, East Harling, Norwich.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 5211

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Old Windsor, Saturday, Nov. 28th, 3.15 p.m., Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 25th.—W. Butler, 10, The Avenue, Old Windsor. 5149

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting will be held at Benhilton, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Benhilton School immediately after. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Miss P. Collin, 2, Gauntlett Road, Sutton, Surrey. Ringing after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5170

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at 7 p.m. Bar open 6.30 p.m. Tickets 12s. each. Names not later than Nov. 23rd, please.—P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, Nr. Alresford, Hants. 5242

RINGERS' FESTIVAL

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Advent Sunday, November 29th, 1959.

Services:

8 a.m., Holy Communion (Ringing 7.30).

11 a.m., Matins (Ringing 10 a.m.)

6.30 p.m., Evensong (Ringing 5.30 p.m.).

Ringing after Evensong. All welcome.

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MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

There were compliments to two separate weddings in the peal rung at Ringstead, Northants, on October 9th (see page 632)—to Miss Eunice Morley and her bridegroom and Mr. Bryan Cope and his bride.

The band who rang the first 'all-local' quarter peal at Danehill on November 1st would like to thank all members of the Northern Division, Sussex County Association, especially those from Turner's Hill, for their help, patience and encouragement, which made this achievement possible.

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CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Cowling (first quarter, 15) 1, Margaret Moxon 2, F. Cowling 3, D. N. Stables 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. For patronal festival Evensong.

KIRBY HILL, YORKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): B. Gillian Schofield (cond.) 1, S. B. Schofield 2, Rita M. Jowett 3, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4, H. B. Schofield 5, R. Lumley 6.

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