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RINGING FOR GUY

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THE church bells of England were in the past, even more than today, used to mark all sorts of national, ecclesiastical and local events. They were used as 'time-tellers' to rural England, as well as the conveyors of all the news both grave and gay, at times when trains, newspapers, telephones and wireless were unknown. Perhaps no more picturesque usage was that of the regular annual commemorating of 'Guy Fawkes' Days.'

The plot to blow up Parliament was designed to be carried out on the assembling day in February, 1605. The meeting was adjourned until October and finally until November 5th. The conspirators procured an adjoining house which gave access to the chambers under the Parliament House, where gunpowder was stored, while the actual execution of the plot was entrusted to Fawkes. As we know, the news of the plot unexpectedly leaked out, and Fawkes was found and seized after a desperate resistance. The rest of the conspirators fled, but were hunted down and either captured or slain.

The discovery of Gunpowder Plot, as it was called, was ordered to be commemorated by Parliament the following year. This was done by general rejoicings and huge bonfires lit all over England. Dummies representing 'Guy' were burnt, and the church bells were rung. Many quaint accounts for payment to the ringers can be found in various churchwardens' registers. The earliest notice is at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, dated 1605, and is, of course, a reference to the rejoicing which followed immediately on the realisation of Parliament's escape.

It states:—

'1605. Paid to the ringers for ringing at the time when the Parliament should have been blown up . . . 10s.'

An early reference is at St. John-the-Baptist's, Stamford, thus:—

'1608/9. Itm. Paid for Rynging the Vth of November . . . Vjd.'

and at the neighbouring village of Leverton, Lincs:—

'1610. Itm. pd. for bread and drinke for the ringers the fife of November . . . ijs. ijd.'

At Harlington, Middlesex, there is half-an-acre of land now called 'Pork Acre,' which was originally given to the Church to secure perpetual ringing on November 5th by providing a leg of pork for the ringers on that day. At Bridgnorth, Shropshire, the Chamberlain's accounts show:

'For candles spent by ringers upon the 5th of November 1643, ringing all night in commemoracion of

the great deliverance from Gunpowder treason . . . 5d.'

To Hugh Farr for ringinge at the Castle church that day and night . . . 5s.

To William Pulley for ringers at the high church in this town the same time . . . 20s.'

At Chelton, in the same county, in 1648 is recorded:—
'For ringing the 5 of November by the consent of divers parishioners of good credit . . . 9s.'

The following song was used in some parts of England, particularly in the north:—

'Hollo boys, hollo boys,
Let the bells ring;
Hollo boys, hollo boys,
God save the King. . . , etc.

At Lincoln they rang not only the bells, but had their favourite sport of bull-baiting, which commenced on the Castle Hill, where the bull was rung at 11 o'clock. Peals are still rung on this anniversary at many places, though the custom is dying out. Sometimes the bells are 'fired' or clashed together simultaneously, and this is described as 'shooting old Guy.' There is a bell at Owmbly, Lincs, inscribed:—

LET US REMEMBER THE 5 OF NOVEMBER.

With grotesque masks and the like the children love to dress up dummies, parading through the streets begging for coppers, and crying: 'Please remember the Guy.' In the evening they have bonfires and the Guy is burnt amid the cracks and bangs of multitudes of fireworks.

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AN ATTEMPT FOR THE EXTENT OF BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir.—I give notice to the Exercise that, by kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor, an attempt will be made to ring the extent of Plain Bob Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on Saturday, November 18th, beginning at 5.30 a.m. The composition is appended.—Yours truly,

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

THE COMPOSITION

By J. A. Trollope.

40.320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

W	5	M	H	23456
—	3	—	—	64235
—	3	—	—	23645
—	3	—	—	56234
—	3	—	—	23564
—	3	—	—	52364
—	3	—	—	35264
S	3	—	—	26534
—	3	—	—	52634
—	3	—	—	46235
—	3	—	—	34265

Eleven times repeated. Single halfway and end.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

At the Chertsey District meeting on October 21st at East Molesey, it was only possible to use seven bells as the treble was out of order. The ringing was mostly Minor and Doubles, although some Triples, without a tenor behind, was successfully accomplished. The service was taken by the Vicar of Chertsey, the Rev. G. S. Archibald.

The tea, at 'The Bell,' attended by 35 people, was kindly paid for by East Molesey church. At the business meeting Mr. J. King reported that it would be possible to hold a social, with supper, on December 9th, although he had not yet found an entertainment. In connection with this the nomination meeting at Walton would now be on December 2nd.

The proposed amalgamation with the Surrey Association was discussed, many points being raised. It was stressed that everyone should attend the special general meeting(s) called to vote on this, or otherwise be prepared to accept the decision taken. Several new members were elected, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar of Chertsey (himself a ringer), particularly for his inspiring address, and to the organist.

Ringing in the evening included Killamarsh Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court Minor. C. M. P.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES

The Michaelmas term meeting was held on October 21st at Talgarth and Llanfeigan and was attended by representatives from Aberystwyth, Swansea and Lampeter, as well as a number of other friends.

The service, held at Talgarth, was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. T. James, and the lessons were read by the Rev. I. J. Richards and Mr. David Beard (Aberystwyth).

Tea was provided in the Church Hall by the ladies of Talgarth, to whom we are most grateful, and was followed by a business meeting. It was decided that in future notices of meetings should be inserted in 'The Ringing World' and one notice sent to each college. The following college secretaries were appointed: B. Couzens (Swansea). M. Holt (Lampeter). C. A. Lewis (Aberystwyth). The following new members were admitted: Miss J. Williamson (Aberystwyth) and Messrs. J. Armitage, B. Huggett, A. W. Brooksbank and T. Lewis (St. David's College, Lampeter).

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury to Cambridge and London, a total of ten or more being scored.

The Society's thanks are accorded to the Rev. T. James, for taking the service, and the Rev. I. J. Richards, for presiding at the meeting.

The next meeting will be at Cardiff, during Rag Week, when it is hoped that Mr. Trevor Lewis will organise the two days. C. A. L.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—44



MR. C. EDWARD JEFFRIES,

The Bedfordshire Association.

A leading ringer and conductor in the Bedfordshire Association since the war, Mr. C. Edward Jeffries, of Bromham, near Bedford, is a very lively and likeable personality, with a delightful sense of humour. Half-an-hour in his company is a real tonic, three hours is an education, and he is very popular with all his friends.

Eddy, as he is affectionately known, was born in Edmonton, Middlesex, on April 16th, 1914. His parents moved to Bedfordshire, and he was educated at Blunham and Sandy village schools, leaving at 13, as he says, 'having learnt nothing!' However, he has since proved himself to be an astute business man in the grocery trade. He has recently built up a successful business of his own, which turned out very profitably, and he is now manager of a local Co-operative Stores.

Eddy was taught to ring at Tempsford by Charles Ball in 1933. His first peal was Bob Minor at Maulden on April 22nd, 1936, after many attempts, and was conducted by one who was a life-long friend, C. Henry Harding, until his untimely death in 1957. He soon started conducting, and called his first peal at Westoning on December 8th, 1936, with three Minor methods. It is in this branch of the art in which he has shown extraordinary skill, and he has developed an amazing ability for correctly steering a peal—in a variety of methods—to a successful conclusion. For business reasons Saturday meetings and peal attempts have been generally impossible, yet in spite of this, he has rung 340 peals, of which he has conducted 170.

PEALS AT WILLESDEN

Very wisely, probably because his Association has always fostered good six bell ringing, Eddy had a thorough grounding in Minor methods, and did not ring a peal of Surprise Major until November 9th, 1947, when he rang Yorkshire Major at Dorchester, Oxon, conducted by Walter F. Judge. This set the ball rolling, and it was not long before he was invited to ring with the talented company who ring regular peals at Willesden. He is very proud of having known, and rung peals with, such well known ringers as Charles W. Roberts, Harold G. Cashmore and Alick Cutler. He has rung peals in 44 different Surprise Major methods, including such 'brain-teasers' as Glasgow, Kensington, Benington and Banstead.

Many of the peals he has conducted for the Bedfordshire Association have been the 'first in the method,' and he is one of the select few resident members who have called both London and Bristol for the Association. He is proud of his first peal of London as conductor at Husborne Crawley on April 21st, 1949. This was the first to be rung in the county by a resident band for over 20 years, when the first resident peals were scored by the Luton and Woburn bands. In fact he has called several peals of London in the county, which were mainly due to his energy and ability in coaching a band.

TOURING WITH TOM LOCK

Eddy has had a long and fruitful association with Maulden, Beds, a popular tower for peal ringing. He conducted the 100th peal on the bells, and has called no fewer than 50 peals on this handy ring, this number being achieved on July 20th, 1960. He is very pleased to remember the happy days spent from time to time with Tom Lock's touring party, with whom he rang and conducted many peals, especially the seven peals of Aldenham which he called. He wonders, ruefully, if this is a record! Another memorable event 'on tour,' which he recalls with pleasure, is a peal on the magnificent bells at Chewton Mendip, Somerset. Eddy has achieved success in odd-bell ringing, as well as Surprise Minor and Major. He has called Holt's Original and Parker's One-Part Grandsire Triples, notable performances which are becoming increasingly rarer. He has taught quite a number of ringers, but thinks he has offended just as many! At present he is teaching a young band at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Wednesday evenings, and if there is any real talent there, Eddy will most surely develop it.

Eddy's other hobbies and interests are a study of astronomy, a liking for serious music and indulging his creative ability by occasional bouts with a Meccano set! By his brilliant conducting, not too serious attitude, yet mingled with complete confidence, he has earned himself a high place amongst the country's leading ringers of the post-war revival. APACE.

MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END

The 14th annual gathering to honour the memory of the late Major J. H. B. Hesse was held at Wrington on October 21st.

A peal attempt at Yatton on the Friday evening was lost after an hour and half's ringing, but on Saturday Stedman Caters was rung successfully at Wrington.

Mrs. Hesse afterwards entertained the party to tea, and thanked those taking part. Mr. H. Sanger, in his vote of thanks on behalf of the company, recalled the services rendered to ringing by Major Hesse, which it was so fitting to commemorate in this way each year.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight, Messrs. R. G. Beck, J. Brain, J. Chilcott, E. J. Chivers, L. Derrick, C. E. Lewington, G. Prescott, G. Salmon, H. J. Sanger, S. G. Smith and W. H. Kingcott. J. B.

DEDICATION

ST. MARY'S, CARDIGAN

The county of Cardiganshire has now its second ring of bells with the dedication on September 9th of three recast bells and the opening of the restored ring at St. Mary's Church, Cardigan. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of St. David's.

In his sermon the Bishop said the bells were a challenge to the church, to see that they were put to proper use. There were church towers with bells but no ringers and there could be no chimes unless there were people prepared to give their time and service as bellringers.

The lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharpe, president of the Central Council, and the dedication was followed by the ringing of a course of Stedman Doubles by Messrs. Gwyn Thomas (Tenby, Master) 1. E. H. Thomas (Llanelli, secretary) 2. R. Warburton (Goodchurch, Ringing Master) 3. W. A. Hughes (bell founder) 4. F. Sharpe (Launton) 5. Major R. Pateman (Cardigan) 6.

The recasting of the three bells and the provision of a new frame of Burmese hardwood, with new bell gear, had been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. This was only part of a £3,000 scheme, which included the provision of a new heating system.

Members of St. David's Guild rang the bells at the conclusion of the service.

On the Sunday a thanksgiving service was held and the Vicar (the Rev. J. Ernest Jones), in his sermon, had a special word of thanks for Mr. F. Sharpe, for his great help in the bell restoration scheme.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD HOLD THEIR FIRST DINNER

THE Peterborough Guild rallied in a splendid fashion to support the dinner-dance of the Guild, held at Northampton Town Hall on October 21st. More than 135 ringers and friends were present and an excellent meal was followed by speeches, in which interest never flagged. Afterwards, dancing was greatly enjoyed by the young people present.

Canon G. F. Turner, the president, was in the chair, and with him were Mrs. Turner, the Ven. R. C. O. Goodchild and Mrs. Goodchild, Mr. F. Sharpe and Mrs. Sharpe, Mr. Paul L. Taylor, Mr. P. J. Chapman (Master) and Mr. Burley P. Morris (former Master) and Mrs. Morris.

The Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said he was thinking in particular of their part of it—the Church of England, to which they all belonged and whose bells they were privileged to ring.

The art of bellringing had its beginnings at a time when relationships between Church and people were in a very poor shape, and in the main their art developed apart from the Church, until the last quarter of the last century. The Church then began to take an interest in its ringers and the ringers to draw closer to the Church.

UNION COMPLETE

'We like to think,' said Mr. Chapman, 'that since those early days the union has been completed and that the Church looks upon its bells and ringers as an essential part of its life. But does it? How many of the new church buildings have made provision for bells? Very few, indeed! Is it too late to persuade the diocese that something should be done at Corby, for instance? Or shall we have there something akin to the sham bell mechanism which was installed in the new Parish Church at Stevenage recently? I am confident we shall not, and that those in authority in this diocese will reject any such deceptive substitutes as unworthy of a place in God's house.'

'It must be fairly obvious to everyone that things are changing in the Church, and that the pattern of worship so long established and familiar is giving way to new concepts. The emphasis now is on the family of the Church, and it is essential that we as ringers play our full part in the family life as real members of the family. Then, I feel sure, we will have gone far towards solving the problems of recruiting which have existed for so long. There is a slogan "The family which prays together stays together" and this applies very much to the team of ringers.'

The Archdeacon of Northampton, who replied to the toast, said he supposed bellringing was one of the things that the Church took very much for granted. Despite what people did England still possessed her bells. Henry VIII was said to have sold 100,000 lbs. of bell metal to a certain John Claw and Oliver Cromwell took possession of all the bells he could find to make cannons.

SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

'We must never forget,' continued the Archdeacon, 'the tremendous service you do for the Church in a quiet way, for you let the bells speak for themselves. The bells speak, apart from the services of the church, at the great moments in people's lives.'

In the Middle Ages the bells spoke for the activities of man. There was the plough bell, the reaping bell, and when people used to cook their bread in the lord of the manor's oven, a bell was rung to say that the oven was hot. This contact with the daily life of the people was still reflected and he hoped they would hang on to the areas where they had a stronghold and continue to do this work for the Church, and treat this work as a real vocation. It was really a sacramental act and

not a pastime. He also hoped they would all be missionaries, particularly among young people, for bellringing.

The Archdeacon said he had been in the United States for 2½ months and bells were one of the things he missed. They had these 'ersatz' bells, which was not ringing. He hoped they would be helped in the stewardship campaigns in the diocese, because it was one of the ways people could give service to God.

BELLS IN THE MODERN CHURCH

Mr. Frederick Sharpe proposed the toast of 'The Peterborough Diocesan Guild.' He said on the question of bells in new churches, one member of their Guild, who was an architect, was preparing an article which was to be published in the architectural press relating to the subject. It was possible to put a small ring of bells in these modern towers. The draft of the article was complete and they were going to have a committee meeting on it. The architect was Mr. Brian Austin.

He would like to congratulate the Peterborough Diocesan Guild on many things—on their progress and on their enterprise in holding that dinner-dance, which he hoped would be repeated annually and go on for many years. Another example was the excellent course they rang at Knuston Hall, which was very enjoyable.

Reading their report he noted that it had been an exceptional year for peals and he noticed that Sunday ringing had been maintained, although there were still one or two bad spots. The good record of Sunday ringing was due to the good work of the Diocesan Guilds. If one searched the county bell histories, written about 1880, they would find it was exceptional to ring bells for Sunday services. They were rung at festivals and on special occasions, but rarely rung for Sundays. He found that the average then was 3 or 3½ per cent. The survey told them that it had risen to 70 per cent and that was entirely due to Guilds such as theirs.

The long looked for revised book on Minor methods was in the Press. They had reached a stage when the proofs were being read for a second time. The Council was also engaged on 'The Preservation of bells, bell frames, etc., Handbook.' They would have a committee meeting on that book in a fortnight's time and they hoped to put it in the hands of the printers very shortly.

BOOM PERIOD FOR FOUNDRIES

In regard to bell restorations the quinquennial surveys were bearing much fruit. He forecast a boom period for bell restorations. The essential things had been done to the fabric of buildings, and it meant that the P.C.C.s could now turn their attention to bells.

Another important matter was sound control. If by chance their bells were too loud they must control them and their revised booklet would deal more fully with this subject than the old.

Northamptonshire was one of the first counties where peals were rung, and they had a good change ringing tradition. They did not have it in Oxfordshire, although it existed in the city of Oxford. There were peals rung in Kettering in 1729 and in Northampton in 1739. The Peterborough Guild had sprung out of the older societies and it was better to grow by evolution and not revolution. Their healthy state was due to their Master. He was well known to them as a heavy bell ringer: he was also a churchwarden and a good churchman, and also a great teacher and in that respect he remembered David Marshall, who at the age of 15 conducted a peal of Surprise. Their secretary and treasurer was seriously ill and

he hoped they would convey to him their greeting, wishing him a speedy recovery. Their president had also done very much for the Guild and it gave him pleasure to couple his name with the toast.

MESSAGE FROM Mr. G. W. JEFFS

Canon G. F. Turner said he went to see their secretary and treasurer (Mr. Jeffs) in the Rockingham Road Hospital, Kettering, that morning and he asked him to convey to them his love and deep regret at not being with them.

'Our Guild must be very proud to hear Mr. Sharpe speak as he did,' said the president, 'because it does show that in this diocese our Guild is really doing something. One of the first remarks passed to me from Mr. Sharpe was how very impressed he was at the number of young ringers in the diocese and it gave him very great pleasure to see so many there.'

'We in this diocese have inherited some of the most beautiful churches in this country. We shall carry on that tradition and do our part in the evangelistic work of the Church so that the Gospel news can be conveyed to the people by church bellringers.'

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Miss Shelagh R. Collins, who welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe, Mr. Paul L. Taylor, the Archdeacon of Northampton and Mrs. Goodchild and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Taylor, in his reply, said he was very much in agreement in having bells in new churches. The mention of the early bell founders reminded him that it was the bell founders who first made the guns.

Mr. Burley P. Morris, a past Master of the Guild and now secretary of the Derbyshire Association, proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World' and said that it was through their journal that ringers throughout the Commonwealth had been united in one family. He impressed upon the company the importance of getting more readers, especially postal subscribers.

The Editor, in his reply, mentioned that it had been a very good quarter for new postal subscribers. He hoped the generosity of the Editorial Committee in meeting the increased postal rates and not passing it on to subscribers would be appreciated by a great influx of more readers.

At the conclusion of the speeches the chairman thanked Mr. Eric Billings, for making arrangements for the gathering. The evening concluded with dancing to music by Leon Marcel and his Rhythm, with Mr. B. E. Frost, Ringing Master of the Northampton Branch, as M.C.

LITTLE MISSENDEN RINGERS

Little Missenden owes much to its lady ringers and they were warmly praised by the tower foreman, Mr. S. J. Orchard, at the ringers' dinner held at Little Abbey Hotel recently. 'We could easily raise a ladies' team,' said Mr. Orchard. 'The girls will form the background of future ringers.'

Mr. Alan Peek, proposing 'The Church and Clergy,' said they were all privileged to work in one of the loveliest churches in the country, with a refreshing and vigorous leader, so that they could look forward to the future with confidence.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. F. C. Roberts), who replied, stated that at the future arts festivals the ringers would be asked to play a prominent part.

Speaking on behalf of the visitors, Mr. E. G. Swift, foreman of Chalfont St. Peter tower, described the art of campanology as holding the bond and band of friendship to an international degree.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'METROPOLITAN SURREY'

Dear Sir,—Your editorial on the Surrey amalgamation falls into the common error which has pervaded the atmosphere of territorial Associations for far too long. It may not be commonly realised by others who do not pay county rates that there exists a County of London and that Surrey, Kent and Middlesex no longer meet at Westminster Bridge.

Your editorial states that Putney, Southwark and Sireatham would remain in Metropolitan Surrey. As an ex-officer of the London County Association, I feel that this remark must not go unchallenged. The towers mentioned are without any shadow of doubt within the boundaries of the County of London and, I would therefore submit, within the territory of the London County Association. With regard to Diocesan affiliations the London County has the subsidiary title of the North Southwark Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. HUTCHINGS.

Paddock Wood, Kent.

Mr. WILFRED WILLIAMS' 'BOOZING' TOUR

Dear Sir,—Every week I look forward to reading my copy of 'The Ringing World,' but when I read the rubbishy write up of Mr. Wilfred Williams' peal tour of the West Country, I began to wonder whether it was a peal tour or a pub crawl.

I'm quite sure most ringers aren't a bit interested whether 'Peter Border knows what cider is for, some liking the "beer" in Cullompton, visiting the oldest pub in Ilfracombe, Tawstock doesn't have a pub and the "handie bar" of a nearby pub,' etc., just to mention a few references made to pubs in his write up.

So next year, Mr. Williams, let's have a write up that's about ringing and not a lot of trash about your pub crawling companions.—Yours sincerely,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Knighton, Leicester.

SPANNERS AND OIL CANS NEEDED

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the heading to the article 'Pershore ringers needed spanners and oil cans' should have read 'Spanners and oilcans needed in the Pershore Deanery.' The outing was, in fact, by the Droitwich and Stourbridge young ringers. It will be evident that the letter submitted by Messrs. Brookes and Millidge is therefore irrelevant, and hardly 'decent.' They may be further interested to know that the express purpose of the outing was to carry out repairs at the towers visited, with much labour and grease expended.

Pershore Abbey bells are usually rung only by visiting bands, the local hand ringing at St. Andrew's for Abbey services. It hardly seems reasonable to ask the church to buy ropes for bells which are mainly used by visitors for their own enjoyment, and it is for this reason that a fund has been opened.

May I make it clear that this letter contains my own views, and is not an official reply by the Abbey ringers.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

St. Peter's, Droitwich Spa.

AMALGAMATION TALK IN SURREY

Dear Sir,—Members of the Surrey Association may have been surprised to learn the details of a proposal for amalgamation with the Guildford Diocesan Guild from the leading article in last week's 'Ringing World.' I regret that the writer was under a misapprehension in stating that the information had been circulated to towers in both areas.

There is no harm, of course, in making these details public providing that the membership of both Societies and the Exercise at large realise that the scheme for amalgamation is still in the exploratory stage. At the moment the most significant question is whether a practical scheme is possible which meets with approval from both memberships and safeguards both Societies' traditions and interests. The details of any one scheme, therefore, are not as important at this stage as the search for a common basis of agreement. If and when this is found, the representations of both Societies will meet to prepare a joint policy statement for simultaneous issue to both Societies.

It is proposed to arrange for the members of Surrey and Guildford to consider this statement at separate meetings and indicate their approval or disapproval of amalgamation. The details, such as District boundaries, organisation, funds and rules would be considered by a joint sub-committee and presented for approval at a later date.

The suggestion to consider a merger came originally from the Guildford Diocesan Guild and sub-committees were empowered by both Societies to examine the whole question. The discussions have been held in a most friendly atmosphere and it is perhaps a little unfortunate that the writer of the article should choose to comment on the severing of happy relationships when it has been the concern of all involved to establish and maintain them.

Neither Society finds any compelling need to amalgamate in order to survive as a unit and the pros and cons for amalgamation need quiet consideration by each member. Whilst the present confusion of diocesan and county boundaries exists, negotiations such as we are engaged in at present will require considerable tact and understanding by both parties and by the Exercise in general.—Yours sincerely,

RAYMOND PARSONS,

General Secretary,
Surrey Association.

Lingfield, Surrey.

PREMATURE

Dear Sir,—Your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of October 20th re the suggested amalgamation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Surrey Association was unfortunately wrongly timed. The information used in this editorial was a report by the Guildford Guild Sub-Committee which met the Surrey Association Sub-Committee last February and which the members attending the A.G.M. agreed should be circulated to Guildford Guild towers and officers. The document sent to you, sir, was for your own information as a member of the Guildford Guild Executive.

It was intended to hold a further meeting of the two sub-committees after both Association Executive Committees had met, and then to issue a joint statement to the members of

both bodies simultaneously. This, your leader, has forestalled.

The relationship between the officers of both Guilds is most cordial and it is hoped that, whatever the outcome of the present discussions, this cordiality will continue. It is not yet time for individuals to ventilate their opinions in the Press. What is eventually decided must be for the betterment of the Exercise.

Both the Guildford Guild and the Surrey Association officers are alive to the many ties and loyalties that bind them to the past.—Yours, etc.,

C. W. DENYER,
Master.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.
S. T. A. RUSSELL,
General Secretary.

Note.—The report sent to the Editor was not marked confidential, but contained a request 'to discuss the matter in your towers.'—Ed.

THE LADIES AT ROCHESTER

Dear Sir,—Having just returned from a meeting at Rochester Cathedral, I should be most pleased if, on all future occasions, a person be placed at the foot of the tower (as at Canterbury) for the express purpose of admitting ringers. If this had been the case on a recent evening I should not have had a fruitless journey.

Also, I should like to mention that this is the first Ladies' Guild meeting, joint with the Kent County Association, I have been to, at which there was no official welcome; in fact the ladies were more or less considered a nuisance, it even being suggested that they may have been the reason why no tea was provided!! and were they not capable of holding a meeting on their own!!—Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH CHAPMAN (Mrs.).
Canterbury, Kent.

Mr. W. C. SHUTE

Dear Sir,—As an old pupil of the above, it gave me great pleasure to see Bill mentioned in dispatches, in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' and I heartily endorse the praise accorded to him.

When learning to ring I know that I was a very dull pupil and it was only Bill's patience and enthusiasm that prevented me from giving up the struggle. Bill's attitude towards learners was well illustrated when I called (I cannot say conducted) my first quarter peal.

Having taught a new band of ringers at Buckland Newton, Bill decided that five of us, with his assistance, should ring our first quarter for Harvest Festival Evensong, 1932, and we naturally thought that he would do the conducting. With Bill on the fifth and myself on the fourth, the bells nicely tapping the opening rounds. Bill turned to me informing me that I was calling the quarter. On protesting that I could not do so, Bill said, 'Call each bell observation twice, two 120's yourself observation and call yourself to make the bob three times.' With Bill calling the few bobs when I missed and cancelling a few more which should not have been there, we got our quarter safely.

May I conclude by publicly saying a very big 'Thank you' to a grand gentleman.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.
Knole, Langport, Somerset.

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ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT

By T. A. BEVIS

NEWPORT (we cannot bottle) and nearby, watching over the Solent, Cowes (we cannot milk)! Quite true! The market town of Newport is 'capital' of the Isle of Wight and is situated but a few miles from East and West Cowes, home of the most famous yacht club in the world.

Newport has a solid buttress in its southern flank in that impressively situated Norman castle at Carisbrooke (donkey and all) vying for prominence with the village church and, a short distance away, set amidst a profusion of red-bricked shops and dwellings, rises a finely proportioned tower, attached to a church dedicated to St. Thomas.

The writer had the good fortune to meet Mr. Upton, who, although no youngster, continues to work in a leather shop opposite the church. This upright gentleman—a highly respected member of the old school of bellringers—volunteered information that approximately 100 years ago the mediæval fane was demolished by an over-enthusiastic Vicar, who deemed that the mellowed beauty of the original building was not at all in keeping with the regal dignity of Queen Victoria—who was a frequent visitor to Newport. Thus grew the new church.

The little body of King Charles II's daughter rests before the altar, the site marked by a brass. A magnificent model of the church can be seen in the aisle and by inserting sixpence in the meter, bells can be heard ringing to a system of changes.

Until 1809 St. Thomas' Church possessed a ring of six bells. A year or two before that date a desire was expressed to augment that number to eight, and on April 19th, 1808, a meeting of inhabitants of the borough of Newport at the Vestry proposed and met with unanimous consent to erect two treble bells in the tower, and recast the third and fifth.

The church possesses an interesting list of subscribers—people of all ages, crafts and professions—and donations altogether totalled £145 16s. 7d. One ringer, William Rayner, himself had saved ¼d. a day for 22 years, and at long last had the satisfaction of seeing his name numbered with his enthusiastic and benevolent townsfolk, having patiently amassed throughout those long and hopeful years the sum of £16 14s. 7d.

Would that a little of his enthusiasm be evidenced in these grasping, carefree and tumultuous times. Eight Newport ringers donated 8 guineas towards the funds.

February 14th, 1809, was a great day for Newport. The new octave rang out for the first time, change upon change, interwoven in the melody of Grandsire Triples. Capably handled by the Union of Newport Youths, the bells successfully completed a ten-course peal, composed by J. Holt, in two hours and fifty-seven minutes.

The bells have required very little attention in recent years (Warners rehanging them in 1916); nevertheless they 'go' quite well. Distraction is caused, however, by noisy ropes, these forming a very good circle in a comfortable and spacious chamber mid-way in the tower.

Four of the bells are inscribed with unusual and somewhat lengthy verses:

Treble.—

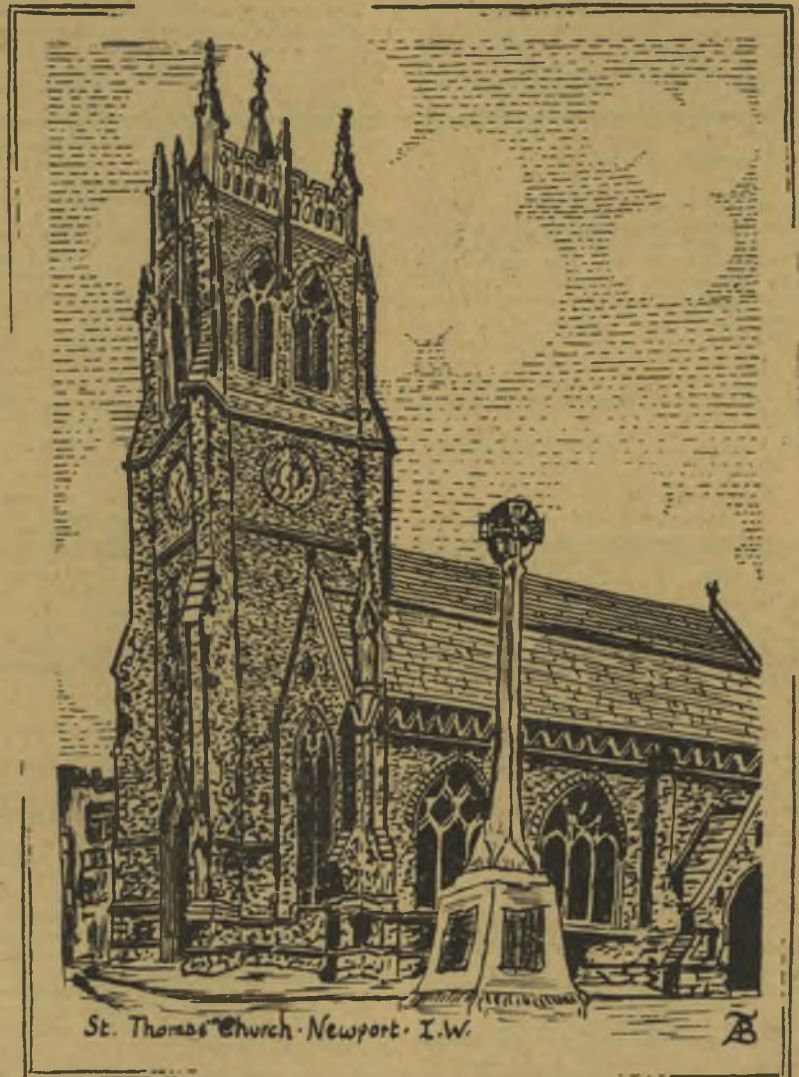
'In sweetest sound let each its note reveal;
Mine shall be first to lead the dulcet peal;
When female virtue weds with manly worth,
We catch the rapture, and we spread it forth.'

Second.—

'The public rais'd us with a liberal hand;
We come with harmony to cheer the land;
May each subscriber in these numbers live,
And Unions ever feel those joys they give!'

Third.—

'May George long reign who now the sceptre
And British valour ever rule the seas;
Does battle wage? Do sanguine foes contend?
We hail the victor—if he's Britain's friend.'



Fifth.—

'May England's cost the pride of Commerce see,
And Britain's pride be always to be free!
May Peace return to bless Britannia's shores,
And Faction fall, to raise her head no more!'

The remaining bells do not possess inscriptions of particular interest, but are worth noting for their date of casting: Fourth and sixth, 1674; seventh and tenor (13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.). 1675.

RECORDS IN COPPERPLATE

The ringers are in possession of two or three beautifully produced record books, and entries are delicately written in copperplate. They date from January 30th, 1771, and therein are contained all activities which took place in the tower, from 'The Peal of Plain Bobb' to peals by married men and peals by bachelors.

Various peals have been rung at St. Thomas' Church, and among these the most creditable effort would appear to be an extent of Stedman Triples, on May 10th, 1928—the first and, as yet, only peal in that principle by a resident company of ringers on the Isle of Wight. The same team also rang a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) on June 3rd, 1930, in honour of King George V's 65th birthday.

On February 13th, 1936, an extent of Grandsire Triples materialised under the auspices of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild to commemorate 50 years' service by Walter Scott, a Newport ringer. At that time he had rung the bells for 52 Mayors.

Also recorded in the ringing chamber are two peals, on May 22nd and May 23rd, 1923, at St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke. They were of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, respectively, both being rung in the evening of each day and 'were brought round in a masterly manner to commemorate the centenary of the death of William Rayner, a prominent ringer of Newport.'

Many good Newport men have trodden the steps in St. Thomas' tower; most have left a beneficial influence, but none, I feel, were more zealous and devoted to their church than that gentleman of yesteryear who accumulated halfpennies for augmentation funds, and who had earlier presented a handsome Record Book to his campanological companions, with whom he had obviously enjoyed so much of his time.

William Rayner had engraved upon his gift these very appropriate words:

'THE ART IS GREAT—THE MUSIC SWEET.'

FOOTNOTE.—The writer desires to thank the ringers of All Saints' Church, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, and regrets his brief stay did not enable him to take notes of the impressive church and equally impressive bells.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Oct. 18th, 1,206 Grandsire Doubles: B. L. Jones 1, S. V. Edwards 2, C. F. M. Wedgewood (first quarter) 3, W. G. Smith 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, E. J. Smith 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT GOOLE

The autumn meeting of the Yorkshire Association took place at Goole on September 23rd, being attended by over 80 members and friends representing all the four Districts. Following the statutory meeting of the committee an enjoyable service took place, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. P. Adkin, at which the address was given by the Assistant Bishop of Sheffield (the Right Rev. G. V. Gerard).

Following an excellent tea in the Parish Rooms the business meeting was held, when the chair was taken by the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison (Archdeacon of Leeds), supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris) and the honorary treasurer (Mr. V. Bottomley).

Apologies for absence were received from Miss D. M. Killingley, and Messrs. T. W. Strangeway, B. Sutton, F. A. Slaveley, W. E. Critchley, H. Chant, F. Hodgson, A. E. Marsh and A. Bashforth.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was unanimously accorded on the motion of Mr. H. Walker, seconded by Mr. P. Birkett, and a similar vote of thanks to the local company and all who had contributed so much to the success of the meeting was proposed by Miss M. E. Wilkinson, and seconded by Mr. N. Chadcock.

In reply, the Vicar said how pleased he was to welcome so large a gathering, and to see so many young people present. Rather than be thanked, he thought it more appropriate to say thank you for coming to Goole, in the hope that the next visit would not be so long delayed.

Mrs. J. J. Taylor responded for the local company, and in a charming speech said what great pleasure it had been to entertain members of the Association in their tower after so many years.

On the motion of Mr. J. Seager, seconded by Mr. H. Foster, it was unanimously agreed to endeavour to arrange the next meeting, due to be held on January 20th, at Leeds.

The president reported that the committee had considered an application for a grant from the Bell Repair Fund from Sprotborough, where it was proposed to restore the six bells, and to add two more to complete the octave. It had been decided to make a grant of £5. The committee had also considered the existing rule, which fixed £5 as a maximum, and on behalf of the committee the president gave notice of motion to amend the maximum figure to £10. This will come before the next general meeting for discussion and settlement.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Blessington was selected for the summer meeting of the Eastern District on September 23rd. It was over two years since the bells had been rung and the ropes were in a poor condition.

There was evidence of hard work by the Rector, the Rev. E. S. Despard, who personally repaired the wheels of the bells by replacing broken rims with new timber. He also had three broken crown staples replaced with forged staples, which were bolted through the crowns of the bells concerned.

The local people showed great interest. In fact some of the them were given instruction in ringing and before the day's proceedings concluded were actually ringing rounds with the visitors. It was also a pleasure to see the Rector ringing.

The bells could not be rung for long spells, owing to the difficulty with the tenor—even with two men on the rope, particularly Paddy Mills and Michael Dwyer, who seemed to enjoy it. Nevertheless, some good call changes and plain hunting were rung.

After tea, the Drogheda 'Dukes' box, as it was called, rang 120's of Grandsire Doubles on Fred Dukes' additional handbells—tenor size 18 in G, which brought the schoolhouse down.

Good wishes were extended to Mrs. Dukes for her forthcoming operation, and to Mr. McManus on his retirement.

The secretary reported that arrangements were well advanced concerning the Snowdon dinner, but following a visit to Ilkley he was sorry to find that the plaque underneath the Jasper Snowdon memorial window had deteriorated considerably. The opinion of a professional sign writer had been obtained through the good offices of Mr. W. Barton, when it was found that restoration was a much more involved problem than anticipated.

Mr. G. Benfield complimented the secretary on his write-up of Jasper Snowdon and the Yorkshire Association, and added that he thought the Association should do something about restoring the plaques commemorating both Jasper Snowdon and his brother, William Snowdon. This was supported by Mr. W. Barton and agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. J. Seager, seconded by Mr. F. Jackson, Mr. Brian Entwistle (Queensbury) was elected a member, and the following as out-county members: Christine Townsend (Stalybridge), F. John Nelson (Manchester), Derek Marshall and Frederick Shallcross (Ashton-under-Lyne) and Ivor Jenkins (Poynton, Cheshire).

The president reported that an appeal to the Charities Branch of the Inland Revenue authorities in respect of the liability to tax on the interest of investments had not been upheld. Mr. N. Chadcock announced that a further course in bellringing had been arranged at Grantley Hall Adult College, near Ripon, on April 27th-29th.

Mr. H. Walker reported the death, at the age of 87 years, of Mr. T. W. Robbins, of Escrick, a member of the Association since 1894.

This concluded the business, and further ringing was enjoyed.

30 Years Ago

'R.W.' October 30th, 1931.—

Exactly a hundred years ago next Sunday a peal of 6.160 Double Norwich Major (the longest in the method up to that time) was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich.

One hundred and twenty years ago today the first double-handed handbell peal was rung. It was Oxford Treble Bob Major at Sheffield.

Next Thursday is the 110th anniversary of the first peal of Superlative rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' October 27th, 1911.—

A remarkable performance, unique in the annals of ringing, was accomplished at St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, Suffolk, on Saturday, October 21st, when eight brothers Bailey rang a peal of Bob Major. There are eleven boys in this wonderful family, but it is no less extraordinary that so many of them should have taken up the art. They are excellent ringers and strikers, and we may expect to see further Bailey peals before long. In the peal of Bob Major the treble was rung by Allan, the youngest of the brothers, and the rest stood in the order of their ages. Edgar, the eldest, ringing the tenor, which is a bell of 20½ cwt. The peal was attempted the previous week, but was lost after more than an hour's ringing.

Further interest attaches to the performance last Saturday, as it was the 27th anniversary of the opening of the bells, and the peal brought the total number rung in the tower to exactly 100. Ringers generally will join in the congratulations already extended to the eight brothers by the residents of Leiston, who are very proud of their bellringers.

(The band was Allan, Frederick, Leonard, James, Norman, Ernest, Charles and Edgar.)

Chester Diocesan Guild at Dinner

Recording Of Bells For Guild Library

THE annual dinner was overshadowed by the sudden illness of the general secretary (Mr. H. O. Baker), who it was reported was now happily much improved and hoped to be home very soon. The arrangements were taken over by the Master and the event proved as attractive as ever, some 100 members and friends being present.

The guest of honour was the Rev. H. W. Lewis, Rector of Daresbury, and the suggestion was made that, as his church had a close association with Lewis Carroll, he was appointed because of his name. For the uninformed in Daresbury Church there is a very beautiful stained glass window, which contains representations of the characters in 'Alice in Wonderland.'

In his speech the Rector asked his hearers to remember that the clergy were human beings. He besprinkled his remarks very liberally with stories and anecdotes which tended to prove this statement and that very often they were able to laugh really heartily at themselves. Another of his remarks, which might be pondered, was that without the church there would be no bells for us to ring. He mentioned the change in status of the parson and asked was it right for the clergy to be blamed for the empty churches? He gave some idea of the difficulties of parish life and said how necessary it was for a parson to have a sense of humour. It just was not true that they were gloomy people.

The Master in his remarks made reference to the illness of Mr. Baker, general secretary, and said how glad everyone was that he was improving and asked Mrs. Baker, who was present, to convey the gathering's good wishes to him. He dwelt on the affairs of the Guild during the past year and the annual festival at Macclesfield.

75th ANNIVERSARY

He suggested that recordings might be made of the bells of the diocese and kept in the Guild library. Next year we should reach the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Guild

and arrangements had been made to hold a service in the Cathedral on November 17th, 1962, at which the Lord Bishop would preach. He hoped that there would be a good number present and referred to the founder, Archdeacon Barber, who ruled his clergy with a rod of iron; many clergymen attended the inaugural meeting because they received an instruction from the Archdeacon to do so.

The Master mentioned that the late general secretary, Rev. John Kingdon, was in hospital and he was asked to write to him conveying the Guild's regards and good wishes for his recovery.

Mr. R. C. H. Sibley ably proposed the toast of 'The Ladies' and remarked that it always seems to come at the end of the list and he considered it should be very much higher. He was a little puzzled by the toast as ladies are an integral part of the Guild and take their full part in its activities. He divided the ladies into three categories: clergymen's wives, who allow their husbands to take Guild services on Saturday afternoon, when they might be more usefully occupied in taking their wives shopping; Guild officials' wives, who had to put up with their absence from home on Guild business; and the ladies who take part in the work of the towers and were the mainstay of many towers. There were also the ladies outside the Guild who were, however, usually members of other church organisations and who were so often called upon to provide tea for the ringers.

Dr. E. V. Woodcock replied to the toast, and in her remarks said that it seemed to her that ringing was the only activity in which there was no separate standard for ladies so that women were not completely emancipated. As a ringer herself she must not forget the long suffering ringers' wives and such an evening was an opportunity for them to share in their husbands' activities.

During the course of the evening there was a programme of songs, humorous items and handbell ringing under the direction of Mr. A. J. Martin.

E. H. L.

Congratulations to the ladies of the Towsester Branch on ringing their first quarter. A peal cannot be very far distant!

Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild

Alliston Cup Striking Competition

Following earlier elimination contests, one Sunday service band from each of six of the Guild's eight Districts met at New Alresford on October 14th, to compete for the handsome trophy which Mr. A. W. Alliston, of All Hallows', Whitchurch, has kindly presented to the Guild for annual competition.

The adjudicator, Mr. Frank Darby, of Croydon, and his marker, Norman Hayes, of North Stoneham, were already sequestered in their listening post when the captains drew for order. As three of the competitors were to ring Doubles and the other three Triples, there was much speculation as to what complicated equipment would be used to balance the score. Someone suggested that Harold Chant and the Professor might be somewhere around with their formula for a 'Compass Factor.'

The first victims were sent up to the ringing chamber, to be confronted by none less than Charlie Kippin, who assured them his job was only to see that they played fair. (His restraint from commenting on the ringing, whilst in progress, was appreciated by all.)

In due course a few rounds issued forth, then a stop to make adjustments to ropes, and then the 'Test':

Six whole pulls, the touch of Grandsire, six whole pulls and stand, followed by a gradual return of pulse rates to normal. The other five bands followed in turn: the Doubles bands rang 240's and the Triples 238's, their opponents sitting or walking in the sunshine, listening, criticising, hopeful or just resigned.

By about 4 p.m. the agony was ended and everyone suddenly became interested in tea. This had been prepared in a nearby hall, by some of the Competition Committee and some local ringers.

After tea came the presentation. Mr. Alliston formally handed the cup to Roger

Savory, the Guild general secretary, expressing the hope that keen contests and a high standard of striking throughout the Guild would follow.

Opening his review of the afternoon's performance, Mr. Darby recalled Harold Chant's formula for the ideal adjudicator—'such a paragon of virtues that he probably does not exist'—apologised for his own shortcomings and then proceeded to pronounce judgment, and to give some constructive criticism of each band's ringing.

The winning District, after allowing for the 'Compass Factor,' was Southampton, represented by the Bishopstoke band, who had rung Triples in such fine style that nobody doubted the result. (Note.—It was reported in the 'R.W.' page 662, that St. Michael's, Southampton, won the eliminating round: they did, but subsequently withdrew, leaving Bishopstoke to represent the District.) Following closely were Basingstoke District (Overton band) and Andover District (Andover band), both of whom entered Doubles. The other Doubles band, Petersfield, made fourth place, and the Triples bands from Winchester and Fareham were in 5/6.

The applause which followed Mr. Darby's observations was a tribute as much to his good judgment as to his wit.

Mrs. Kippin was then called upon to present the cup, which she was specially proud to do, seeing that it was coming to her District. Most of the company then returned to the tower, where, later on, we had the pleasure of watching Mr. Darby call a touch of four Spliced Surprise Major with such calm assurance that any pin-pricks he may have inflicted were forgiven.

Somebody managed to make a recording of some of the ringing, including part of the winning touch, which we hope will survive to compare with future efforts.

W. O. H.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

The attendance (only 19 for tea) was disappointing at the quarterly meeting of the Northern District held at Lyng on October 14th. Had the juke box, the music of which accompanied the tea, been advertised, it would certainly have drawn the crowd. Nevertheless, the ringing on the five bells was enjoyed.

Mr. F. N. Golden, the president, who was in the chair for the business meeting, thanked the Rector of Elsing, the Rev. H. G. Keet, for conducting the service and his interesting address.

Belfry elections of the following were ratified: Messrs. R. R. Savory, R. C. Kippin, D. Kippin, S. Parkman Shaw III (U.S.A.), T. Chapman, J. Hill, J. E. Chilcott, B. F. L. Groves, Basil Jones, B. Harris, F. E. Wilshaw, F. Shallcross, A. P. Whitehead, R. B. Smith, D. Mottershead, Miss A. Cox, Mrs. J. Lock and Mrs. T. Chapman. Elected ringing members were Mr. and Mrs. Quincery (Reepham) and Mr. K. Duesbury (Sprowston), and as honorary members the Revs. W. B. H. Chandler and H. G. Keet.

Members were sorry to learn that Mrs. Curson was in hospital.

Annual Branch meeting: Hethersett, January 6th (subject to permission).

THE LADIES' GUILD

The last two meetings of the Sussex District were held at Cuckfield in July and Westham in September. We were sorry that there was not a good attendance at Cuckfield, especially as our president, Mrs. J. Staniforth, had travelled from Leicester to be with us. However, we were very pleased to meet her, and we hope she enjoyed her visit. The informal meeting was taken in the pleasant gardens of Ockenden Manor, after a 'Sussex tea.'

At Westham, the rather heavy going bells were rung until tea time by the few ladies present, helped by the gentleman! Several young members were elected. In the evening we rang at Christ Church, Eastbourne.

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The College Youths' peal at Northowram, Yorks, was rung by a band of Masonic brethren. A splendid tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Cyril F. Sutcliffe assisted by Mrs. Hartley, the wife of a Halifax ringer. The band was assembled from a wide radius and the evening was spent pleasantly reminiscing.

Miss Margaret Ladd, from Tunbridge Wells, was welcomed at Kilbroney tower, Rostrevor, during her summer holiday.

Mr. Leonard Collins, foreman of the Stoke Mandeville tower, is the Ringing Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild's latest branch—the Chilterns.

Headed 'Double Dodge,' the following appears in 'The Irish Bell News': 'Heartiest congratulations to Tommy McMorran, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on his marriage.'

Before Miss J. Midgley returned to Calgary, Alberta, she rang in a quarter peal of Grand-sire Triples at Ottery St. Mary. Her visit home was much appreciated in the West Country.

Another 50th anniversary peal was rung at Leiston, Suffolk, on October 14th to commemorate the performance of the eight brothers Bailey. Of that band Sid and Jim are still going strong.

The band who rang the peal of Minor in seven methods at Norbury on October 17th appreciate the act of Miss Carol Fernley, who stood down when they met one short for Major.

The handbell ringers of St. Mary's Church, Launton, gave a very successful recital of sacred music at All Saints' Church, Huntingdon, on behalf of the fabric fund. Seventy-six handbells were used and the programme included chime tunes, mediæval carols, foreign carols, traditional English carols and well known hymn tunes. Mr. Frederick Sharpe conducted. A similar recital was given at St. David's Cathedral. On both occasions there was a full congregation.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Frodsham, Cheshire, bells were rehung and augmented to eight 50 years ago (October 9th, 1911). To honour the half-century, during which time 208 peals have been rung, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung on October 11th. This was the same method as the first peal, which was rung on November 11th, 1911. Mr. E. H. Lewis conducted this peal and he is the only survivor of the band which contained such famous names as H. W. Wilde, W. Bibby, H. Chapman, R. Sperring and J. Morgan.

Miss Stanley, the secretary of St. Thomas', Belfast, is studying at the Royal College of Music, reports 'The Irish Bell News.' Miss Patricia Robinson, of 50, Elmwood Avenue, Belfast, 9, is the new secretary.

The vehicle registration letters for Bourne-mouth are BEL. A reader writes: 'If anyone can afford £5 for a special registration number we shall be able to put the BEL(LES) on the road.'

Mr. Desmond Painter, writing from Hussey College, Warri, Nigeria, writes that he has been finding life most interesting and enjoyable. Alas! there are no bells nearer than Southern Rhodesia.

The prominent Stanwell, Middlesex, ringer. Mr. C. B. Fynes, conducted a quarter peal in seven Surprise Minor methods for his 20th birthday. This was done while ringing the second and third bells at Stanwell Parish Church.

It is rather significant to note that after the visit of three touring bands in two consecutive weeks the lounge bar of a certain hotel in a far-west cathedral city is being redecorated. From now on, all touring bands will be halted on the Devon/Cornish border, and searched for water-pistols and other lethal weapons.

A popular member of Steeple Claydon, Bucks. tower is Mr. John Hodges, whose wedding to Miss J. Grace on October 17th was marked by a quarter peal. John has been secretary of the P.C.C. for the last six years and also sings in the choir. The St. Michael's ringers wish him many happy years of ringing in his new parish.

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A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Five-course block.

JOHN WORTH Treble	Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D.
*EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH.. 2	BASIL JONES.. .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 8
EDWARD JENKINS 4	PETER LAFIN 9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 6	BRIAN HARRIS 11
	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First attempt on 12 bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	*FREDERICK ROSS 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 8
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3	†NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 9
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 4	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 10
RODERICK W. PIPE .. 5	JOHN McDONALD .. 11
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Arranged by PETER BORDER.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Maximus. † 100th peal on the bells.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 7
ALAN J. FROST 2	*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 8
JOHN D. ROCK 3	CECIL W. PIPE 9
*REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 10
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 5	PETER BORDER 11
BRIAN DOWNES 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

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

TEN BELL PEALS**BIRMINGHAM.**

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

On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 6
ANN BARR 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 8
RODERICK W. PIPE .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
GEOFFREY DAVIES 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

YEovil, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD 6
DONALD E. COBB 2	*JOHN BRAIN 7
ARTHUR H. REED 3	HENRY J. SANGER 8
GWILYM G. SALMON .. 4	PETER C. WRIGHT 9
*REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL .. 5	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Composed by ALBERT G. TYLER.

Conducted by DONALD E. COBB.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

*DAVID PIKE Treble	THOMAS YEOMAN 6
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	†ROBERT E. COLES 7
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 3	TREVOR T. LEWIS 8
BARBARA STEPHENS .. 4	†DAVID J. KING 9
ROGER HAYARD 5	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal on ten. † 50th peal together.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Monmouth.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT .. Treble	LEONARD DERRICK 6
JOHN CHILCOTT 2	GWILYM SALMON 7
RONALD G. BECK 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 8
HENRY J. SANGER 4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 9
JOHN BRAIN 5	SIDNEY G. SMITH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

In memoriam John H. B. Hesse.

EIGHT BELL PEALS**BIRMINGHAM.**

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

On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

VERONA NAYLOR Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
MURIEL REAY 3	BARRIE HENDRY 7
GEOFFREY DAVIES 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47½ Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

On the Holmes eight.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in A.

*PETER J. MALLOCH .. Treble	RONALD M. S. A. EDWARDS .. 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	LEONARD HILL 6
CHRISTINE B. CLAYTON .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
DEREK J. MARSHALL .. 4	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

* First peal.

Rung by the local band during the patronal festival, and to celebrate the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. N. Bennett.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES N. LEA .. Treble	FREDERICK ROSS 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON 6
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 3	GEORGE S. DEAS 7
KENNETH ARTHUR 4	ERIC N. HARRISON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.

First peal in the method as conductor.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sun., Oct. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

HOWARD F. MEEK .. Treble	ERNEST W. PENN 5
WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE .. 2	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 6
JOHN J. WEBB 3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 7
*A. CLIVE BERRY 4	HAROLD G. MEEK Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' Fastest peal on the bells.

Rung to the glory of God, to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the foundation of the church at Ruarden.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Grappenhall Branch.)

On Wed., Oct. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	FRED JACKSON 5
JOHN OULTRAM 2	CYRIL VALENTINE 6
WALTER ALLMAN 3	JOHN E. BIBBY 7
DENIS MADDOCK 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of these bells and the addition of two trebles which were dedicated on October 9th, 1911. Also to commemorate the first peal on the eight bells on November 11th, 1911, which was conducted by E. H. Lewis.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY 5
*JAMES M. BAILEY 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
HUBERT A. MITSON 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	*ALAN R. BRIDGES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* 25th peal together.

Rung to commemorate the peal of Bob Major rung at Leiston 50 years ago by eight brothers Bailey.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 5
JAMES TAYLOR 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
JOHN P. PARTINGTON 3	IVAN KAY 7
HAROLD HAMER 4	PHILLIP J. H. HUDSON .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* 50th peal.

Rung in memoriam Herbert Barlow, G.O.M. of the Rochdale Branch.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. Treble	PETER DALE 5
IVOR JENKINS 2	JOHN ROBINSON 6
DEREK J. MARSHALL 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Heap, of Mottram; also an 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Sidney Hough, sen.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FELICITAS, MATRON AND MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALAN CARVETH Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 5
*ANTHONY LOCKE 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 6
†V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 3	DAVID J. KING 7
ARTHUR F. BURLEY 4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by TOM CHAPMAN. Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

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

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

JOHN A. ANDERSON Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
GEOFFREY DAVIES 3	PETER BORDER 7
DAVID J. PURNELL 4	BARRIE HENDRY Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY .. Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	GEORGE H. PAULSON 6
JOHN F. MURFIN 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
DAVID PARKIN 4	RONALD H. BULLEN .. Tenor

Composed by E. F. GOBEY.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SURREY ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. Treble	JOHN C. SLATER 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	H. JAMES TURNER 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	DAVID BEACHAM Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
PETER BERESFORD 2	PHILIP A. CORBY 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ARTHUR G. MASON 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung on Trafalgar Day as a welcome to Mark Christopher, son of Pat, and Malcolm Powell, both members of the local band (born September 24th, 1961).

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THÉ-APOSTLE.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 640 each of Ealing and London, and 320 each of Ashted, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Eastbury, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 144 changes of method.

ERIC EDMONDSON Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	JACK S. DEAR 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 14 methods by all the band.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR B. COOPER Treble	GEORGE E. HANCOCK .. 5
MRS. BESSIE HOLMES 2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 6
GEORGE H. PAULSON 3	KENNETH RUTLAND 7
CAROLYN COLLIER 4	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by MALCOLM P. PHIPPS.

First peal as conductor on eight bells at first attempt.

Rung by Chesterfield and Peak District members as a farewell peal for the Rector of Ashover, the Rev. P. F. Fleming, in gratitude for his help and co-operation, and wishing him all the best in his new parish in Lincolnshire.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester, 576 Pudsey; with 125 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell.

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. Treble	JOHN F. BRYANT 5
SHEILA M. MOULDS 2	J. HENRY FIELDEN 6
M. VIVIEN COPPING 3	ROBERT E. MOULDS 7
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

WILLIAM S. DEASON .. Treble	KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 5
ANNE C. GARNETT 2	J. KEITH WARD 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
DAVID J. TAYLOR 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

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On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,536 Yorkshire, 2,208 Cambridge and 1,344 Superlative; with 132 changes of method. Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. Treble	JOHN WARNER 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN 2	JAMES L. TOWLER 6
ANDREW T. BECKWITH 3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD 7
ALAN R. SYDER 4	HARRY J. MILLAIT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal in 3-Spiced Surprise Major for the Association.
Rung to celebrate the Cathedral Festival.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND 5
*LYNNE THOMPSON 2	EILEEN J. OSBORNE 6
JOHN E. TURLEY 3	*JOHN S. CHETTLEBURGH 7
JOHN SEAGER 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal in the method.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sa., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,664 Superlative, 1,632 Cambridge, 992 London and 768 Bristol; with 105 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble	STANLEY JENNER 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
RALPH BIRD 3	*JOHN R. COOPER 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 12). Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* 100th peal together. First of Spiced on the bells.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5152 EASTBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Treble	GEORGE A. SPENCER 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JACK S. DEAR 6
ERIC EDMONDSON 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 7
PATRICIA M. BOURN 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

NORTHOWRAM, W. YORKSHIRE. THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YCUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY 5
NORMAN TOMPKINS 2	JAMES WM. HORNER 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
DAVID VINCENT 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
A birthday compliment to the treble ringer, and a 29th wedding anniversary compliment to the sixth ringer and his wife.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

EDGAR T. SKIPSEY .. Treble	HOWARD OGLESBY 5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 2	J. KEITH WARD 6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 3	FRANK C. PRICE 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

DAVID HEIGHTON .. Treble	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4
DAVID J. PURNELL 2	PATRICK J. BIRD 5
D. JOHN HUNT 3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
Rung on Michaelmas eve.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble	ROY DUESBURY 4
WILLIAM LOVE 2	STANLEY W. GALL 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

DEREK G. TAYLOR .. Treble	JAMES JENNINGS 4
J. YORK PARKER 2	CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 5
A. GEORGE ORBELL 3	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob, and 30 extents Grandire. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

RUTH BLACKSHAW .. Treble	JOHN HIGGS 4
*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 2	MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 5
*GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	†CHARLES J. COPP Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* 50th peal together. † 50th peal together.

Rung for the Feast of St. Wilfrid.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

PETER T. DALE .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON 4
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 2	ROY WORRALL 5
BARRY CORBISHLEY 3	DEREK OGDEN Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., Oct. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 97 lb. in A flat.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT 4
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS 2	PATRICK J. BIRD 5
DAVID HEIGHTON 3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung to mark the completion of restoration work on the church, over £3,000 having been spent.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.
DAVID T. NORTH Treble | THOMAS HANCOCK 4
IVOR G. HUGHES 2 | GEOFFREY J. GAMMON 5
*KENNETH W. THORNE .. 3 | CHARLES E. BAKER Tenor
Conducted by DAVID T. NORTH.

* First peal.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 SNOWDON TREBLE BOB MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

JOHN R. MAYNE Treble | RAYMOND G. SMITH 4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2 | PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 5
DAVID J. TAYLOR 3 | FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

Rung in honour of the installation of October 14th of the Rev. R. W. Martin, Rector of Langleybury, as an honorary Canon of St. Albans Cathedral; also as a compliment to Raymond G. Smith on his engagement.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. Treble | SUSAN E. WATERFORD .. 4
W. DAVID WARD 2 | *MELVYN STEVENS 5
CHRISTINE MORRIS 3 | ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of Minor. First of Plain Bob Minor by all the band except the conductor.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 39 methods, viz.: (1) Hanley, Cheddleton, Milton, Horton, Allendale, Westminster and Fryerning; (2 and 3) 1,440 in 11 Surprise; Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Alnwick, Canterbury, Newcastle, Morpeth, Chester, Munden and Carlisle; (4) Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (5) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, York and Durham; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; with 134 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble | PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 4
JOHN A. WARNER 2 | ALAN R. SYDER 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Most Surprise Minor methods yet rung in 5,040 changes.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 Bob Doubles and 27 Grandsire). Tenor 23 cwt.

*ANITA HENSON Treble | MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 4
†RUTH BLACKSHAW 2 | SYDNEY ADAMS 5
GRAHAM FISHER 3 | HENRY HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY ADAMS.

* First peal, first attempt. First of Doubles 'inside.'

Rung with best wishes of the band to June and John Meredith, married this day at the Church of St. Mary, Hitchin, Herts.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Oxford T.B., 1,440 Kent T.B. and 2,160 Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

E. MARION KEY Treble | ROY K. MOWFORTH 4
ALAN ELSMORE 2 | HARRY EDGE 5
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 3 | BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN O. FREEMAN Treble | †T. MICHAEL FREEMAN .. 4
*MRS. H. D. HOLLAND .. 2 | GILES B. THOMPSON .. 5
ROLAND F. ECCLES 3 | H. DAVID HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by H. DAVID HOLLAND.

* First peal of Minor, and in four methods. † First in four methods. First of Minor as conductor.

GORSINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
A. J. ADAMS Treble | C. BENNETT 4
*R. GOODWIN 2 | W. FENN 5
MRS. C. CLARKE 3 | T. BOWLES Tenor

Conducted by A. J. ADAMS.

* First peal attempt.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. Godfrey (tower captain at Gorington) and Mrs. Godfrey; also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the fourth.

HEVENINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman and ten each of Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. JACK GIBSON Treble | JACK PILGRIM 3
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2 | PETER S. BEDFORD .. 4

JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Margita Vaneck, of Heveningham Hall, to Mr. David Wheeler, which took place at this church earlier in the day.

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*GRAHAM T. RIDGWAY .. Treble | GERALD PENNEY 4
*JONATHAN D. CHAMBERLAIN 2 | KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 5
*A. TREVOR HAWKINS .. 3 | STANLEY HUCKLE Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

* First peal.

SCOTHERN, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Central Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMAIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Single Court, (4) Single Oxford, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

CHARLES V. CADE Treble | JOHN M. BLAIKIE 4
W. STANLEY SMITH 2 | RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
G. ANGUS DIXON 3 | LOUIS WILLIERS Tenor

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Norfolk, (2) Primrose, (3) Ipswich, (4) Norwich, (5) Cambridge, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Single Oxford.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

PERCY W. MILLS Treble | FREDERICK HARVEY .. 4
MARIAN H. MILLS 2 | PETER L. WOOD 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3 | WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

C. JACK GIBSON Treble | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4
RAYMOND PECK 2 | *PETER S. BEDFORD .. 5
JACK PILGRIM 3 | JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* 100th peal.

Rung in memoriam William H. P. Mellin, of Witham, Essex, and formerly of Wrentham, Suffolk, who was called to higher service on October 12th, 1961.

HANDBELL PEAL

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 13, 1961, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*TERENCE G. PAGE T-2 | †B. CLARE WEBSTER .. 3-4

ANTHONY R. MANN 5-6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' † First handbell peal.

DATE TOUCH

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,961 Grandsire Caters: J. F. Bowler (first on 10) 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, H. J. Eldred 3, W. Birmingham 4, A. D. Barker 5, B. T. Lister 6, E. S. T. Farr 7, D. P. Hilling 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, A. D. Rivers 10. Rung for the commencement of the borough's United Nations Week activities.

ASH, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss D. A. Maskell (first attempt, first quarter) 1, S. T. A. Russell 2, F. Cherryman 3, C. J. Champion 4, E. J. Sherwood 5, P. G. Sherwood (cond.) 6.

AUGHTON, LANCs.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Dowler 1, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 2, Linda Hughes 3, I. Foot 4, T. W. Eason 5, J. Ellison (first 'inside') 6. On the occasion of the marriage of Miss Jean Rathbone and Mr. Eric Ball.

BECKFORD, WORCS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew): F. Trotman 1, A. G. Pulley 2, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 3, F. Wood 4, J. Attwood 5, D. Devereux 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest Hine, whose funeral took place this day.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. G. Usher 1, S. Lewis 2, B. J. Rich 3, P. W. Horsey 4, D. H. White (cond.) 5, E. Hunt 6. First quarter 3 and 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading alternately): T. Froley 1, J. Edmunds 2, T. E. Hiddins 3, J. Hale 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, H. D. Bryant (first 'inside') 6, W. D. Davies 7, D. L. Hughes 8. A birthday compliment to Gareth, son of the ringer of 7.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 22nd, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: B. J. P. Stone 1, Jean Warner 2, A. W. Bond 3, G. North 4, G. Horritt 5, Angela Grainger 6, B. North 7, S. E. Armstrong (first as cond.) 8, W. A. Riddington 9, D. Snowsell 10. First on 10 bells for 1, 2, 5, 7 and 10. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. A. Rodaway (first quarter) 1, R. S. Algate 2, B. Mason (first quarter) 3, M. T. Owen 4, P. J. Bird (cond.) 5, S. D. Nicoll 6. By members of the Cathedral School Guild on the occasion of the annual prizegiving. Also at St. Michael's, on Oct. 7th, 1,980 Plain Bob Minor: T. Samuelson 1, Judith Atkinson 2, S. M. J. Young 3, D. Sawyer 4, I. Maycock (cond.) 5, A. Kench 6. Peal attempt by U.B.S.C.R. brought round. Also at Christ Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy Stafford 1, Judith Atkinson 2, Jennifer Gambling 3, J. Stallard 4, D. Sawyer 5, A. Kench 6, I. Maycock (cond.) 7, C. Tyndale-Biscoe 8. For Evensong, by U.B.S.C.R.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Fawcett (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Hodson (14, first 'inside') 2, C. Bishop (first in method) 3, J. Foot 4, H. Pitman (cond.) 5, S. Albigns (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service, at which three of the local band were confirmed.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Beckwith 1, Miss H. G. Snowden 2, F. Claydon 3, J. Warner 4, P. Wood 5, C. Burton 6, E. Bright 7, A. Syder 8, W. Arnold (cond.) 9, H. Dorking 10. Rung by the Northern Division, Essex Association, for the Cathedral Festival Week.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 18th, 1,344 Hereward Bob Major: Kathleen M. Exell 1, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 2, Monica Horseman 3, P. Bridle 4, C. J. Richards 5, D. E. Exell 6, D. G. Yeo 7, J. Brain 8. First in the method by all. Rung for St. Luke's Day.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SALOP.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: Beryl W. Abbott 1, B. H. Gadd 2, D. Ferguson 3, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 4, H. Poyner 5, R. A. Purslow 6. Rung to mark the ordination of Derek H. Cordell to the priesthood at Canterbury Cathedral, on September 24th.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Pearson 1, J. Vickery 2, M. Armstrong 3, R. B. Skelton 4, N. Errington 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Yeates 1, M. Maughan (first 'inside') 2, Miss W. Phillips 3, Miss I. Thomson 4, W. G. Hedley (first 'inside') 5, A. R. Patterson (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor by all except the ringer of the 2nd. Rung for the wedding this day of Mr. Brian Shanks and Miss Joan Dawson.

QUARTER PEALS

EALING, MIDDx.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. T. Sprackling (first of Major) 1, J. Rank 2, Miss L. Badcock 3, S. Croft 4, H. J. Eldred 5, F. Ransom 6, M. T. Sprackling (first of Major as cond.) 7, A. Fulwell 8. For Evensong.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.—On Aug. 20th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, F. Claydon 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, E. Beckwith 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Piper, of Great Tey, on the birth of a son.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Y. Parker 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. A farewell to the conductor who is leaving the district.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. L. Lant 1, G. Markwell 2, S. Shipp (cond.) 3, L. Norfolk 4, D. Mureft 5, G. Walker 6. For Harvest Festival.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Coles 1, G. Skinner 2, F. Wills 3, B. H. Thompson 4, E. Glass 5, J. Carter 6, N. Mallett (cond.) 7, F. Wreford 8. For Evensong.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. May (first of Triples) 1, Miss E. Hiley 2, F. Lewis 3, Miss G. May 4, J. Martin 5, C. H. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, H. Colcombe 8. Rung for the engagement of Miss Eunice Hiley and Mr. Frank Lewis.

HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sandra Hunt 1, F. Andrews (first 'inside') 2, Jacqueline Purnell 3, F. Fray 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Meredith 1, R. Blackshaw 2, M. W. Harrison 3, B. Buswell (cond.) 4, A. Larkin 5, T. W. Dutton (first quarter) 6. Rung for June and John Meredith's wedding.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Grainger 1, Miss A. Lowings 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band and to welcome the newly born daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Salisbury (Leichworth).

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss B. D. Munday 1, P. Cox 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, A. Callow 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. To mark the completion of 40 years of ringing by the ringer of the fourth, captain of the local band.

LEIGH, GLOS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Palfrey 1, K. W. Poulton 2, H. E. Poulton 3, W. H. Poulton 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, F. A. F. Palfrey 6.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Oxford T. B. Minor: J. Nelson (cond.) 1, R. Crowe 2, W. H. Hunter 3, A. J. Humble 4, J. E. Sumner 5, J. H. Owens 6. Rung to commemorate visit of Church Army Mission to St. James' Parish.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 22nd, 1,296 Erin Caters: R. Chapman 1, Miss A. Lowings 2, Miss J. Cook 3, A. H. Worboys 4, A. Grainger 5, M. Austin 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, C. E. Willmington 8, L. S. Woods 9, J. Mcphail 10. First in method by all the band. For Evensong. Also at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Langton 1, Marilyn Barton 2, Gay Williams 3, M. P. Barton 4, D. Martin 5, Rita Gasson 6, P. Cattermole (cond.) 7, J. C. Eisel 8. Rung for Corporate Communion by U.L.S.C.R.

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Lapworth 1, J. Wilson 2, R. Stubbs (first 'inside') 3, R. Burgess 4, R. Bacon (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Beck 1, E. Wadman 2, F. Savage 3, V. Savage 4, A. P. Beck 5, R. Beck 6, E. J. Chivers (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, D. Targett 8. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Kennington and Plain Bob): G. Skelly 1, V. James 2, Mary Powell 3, Jennifer Brake 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, Owen Quint 6. Rung to congratulate Miss Janet Horseman and Mr. John Woods, on their marriage. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Jennifer Brake.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Kent T.B.): Wendy Bowak 1, S. King 2, L. Cordell 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For family service. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Spliced Oxford and Kent T.B.): H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Matins. A welcome to Jeffrey Daniel Bingham, Colin and Janet's baby.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Turner 1, J. Arbury 2, L. Hine 3, Miss J. Midgley 4, C. C. Deem (cond.) 5, B. Coles 6, C. C. Turner 7, J. Quick 8. Rung for Evensong. Also a farewell to Miss Midgley, who is returning to Canada.

PUTNEY, SURREY.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, M. J. Uphill 2, D. C. Brookes 3, L. Allen 4, A. R. Millidge 5, A. Clayton 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Ward 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, G. Sandwell 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, Jane Foster (first of Stedman) 2, Felicity Webber 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, Jennifer M. Davies 5, P. M. Wilkinson 6, E. J. W. Manley 7, A. B. Shinger 8. For Confirmation. Also at St. Laurence's, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. W. Manley (cond.) 1, Jane Foster 2, Janet K. Secker 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, P. M. Wilkinson 5, A. B. Shinger 6, R. Burton 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. For Hospital Sunday.

SEND, SURREY.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Hiley 1, F. Lewis 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley 5, J. King (cond.) 6.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bellingham (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. A. Corby 2, Isabel Pearce (first 'inside') 3, A. J. Corby 4, D. E. Colgate 5, R. V. Fuller 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, D. Woodcock 8.

SHREWSBURY.—On Oct. 22nd, at St. Chad's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Terry (first quarter) 1, Beryl W. Abbott 2, F. Cattell 3, F. G. Beddow 4, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 5, H. Poyner 6. Rung for the 214th and last Royal Salop Infirmary service.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Race (first quarter) 1, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 2, V. Dale 3, G. Procter 4, H. G. Goddard 5, D. J. Crouchman 6. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Race 1, Miss E. Brown 2, Miss B. McClelland 3, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 4, D. J. Crouchman 5, H. G. Goddard 6.

STANWELL, MIDDx.—On Oct. 8th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, Cambridge): Miss M. Gibson 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, K. Young 4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6. Also on same date, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Minor (Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, Cambridge, Berwick, Hexham, and Primrose): K. Young 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, P. Brand 4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6. As a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,368 Spliced Surprise in 8 methods (Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge and Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, Norfolk, Primrose and Cambridge): D. Boniface 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, P. Brand 4, K. Young 5, D. Pickett 6. Also on same date, 1,304 Spliced Doubles in 19 methods: D. Pickett 1—6, C. B. Fynes 2—3, P. Brand 4, D. Boniface 5.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hodges 1, A. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, J. Haynes 4, F. Thorpe 5, J. Gascoigne 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jacqueline Grace and Mr. John Hodges.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,296 Cam- 2, J. A. Warner 3, P. L. Wood 4, A. R. Syder (cond.) 5, H. Dorking 6. For Harvest Festival.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Oct. 15th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Sanders 1, Rita Gasson 2, Marilyn Barton 3, M. P. Barton 4, G. Pratt 5, B. R. Cox 6, J. C. Eisel 7, P. Cattermole (cond.) 8. For Matins.

USK, MON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Mee (first quarter) 1, D. Taylor 2, G. Knight 3, R. Clench 4, D. Hughes 5, L. Jones 6, S. Kear (first as cond.) 7, F. Hobbs 8. Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Nancy Hobbs, a Sunday service ringer.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Young (first quarter) 1, Judith A. Harding 2, D. J. D. Barnes (first quarter) 3, C. A. Bull 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, G. W. Elmes 6. For Evensong.

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BRIDGES.—On Friday, October 27th, 1961, at St. Leonard's Hospital, Sudbury, Suffolk, to Edna (née Walker) and Alan, a daughter, a sister for Josephine and Pauline. Home address Jane Walker Hospital, Nayland, Colchester, Essex. 9157

HUDSON.—On Friday, October 27th, 1961, to Eileen (née Westcott) and Philip James Hugh, a sister for Ann. Deo gratias.—67, Belvedere Lane, Rochdale, Lancs. 9162

DEATHS

BAYBUT.—On October 28th, 1961, Leonard H. Baybut. Funeral at Christ Church, Bexley Heath, Kent, Friday, November 3rd, at 2 p.m. 9148

JEFFS.—On Monday, Oct. 30th, 1961, in hospital, George Jeffs, of 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering, secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, aged 58 years. 9183

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Cook, late of Spinningdale, St. Richards Close, Wychbold, Droitwich, now No. 43, Summerhill Avenue, Kidderminster, Worcestershire. 9074

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'But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.' (Isaiah xl. 31.)

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 324th anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 4th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner: St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand (10), 12.30-1.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 1.45-3; St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 2.30-3.45; St. Lawrence, Jewry (8), 3.30-4.30; St. Michael's, Cornhill (12), 4-5.15 p.m.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 9133

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Hatherleigh, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—R. Pearce, Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at: Willingham, Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9118

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Langleybury (6), November 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9128

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 4th, St. Mary's, Portsmouth, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Cathedral House, 5.15 p.m. Portsmouth Cathedral, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashted, Surrey. 9095

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Accrington on November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—John Pilkington. 9136

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Old Wolverton on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (5) available from 5.30 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Branch Sec. 9119

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Conisbrough, Saturday, November 4th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available, bring food.—J. Seager, Sec. 9130

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting of the S.E. District will be held at Henley (8) on November 4th. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. Names for tea please to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grun-disbury. 9122

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, November 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., to those who notify Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge (Sussex). T.N. 438. 9106

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road Tube Station), Monday, November 7th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9179

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.

—Next meeting at Queensbury on November 11th, 2.30 p.m. Please bring along your own food. Cups of tea will be provided. All welcome.—D. Smith, Sec. 8926

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Holmfirth, near Huddersfield, Saturday, November 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify, not later than November 7th, Rev. A. Dangerfield, Vicarage, Holmfirth, Huddersfield. 9168

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Selworthy, November 11th, 6.30 p.m. 9161

BEVERLEY and SELBY DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting, Holme-on-Spalding-Moor (6), Saturday, November 11th, from 2.30 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's, Killamarsh, Norwich. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Old School 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday **without fail** please to Mr. E. Dove, High Street, Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, York. 9177

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, November 9th, please, to R. C. H. Sibley, 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. 9182

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, Stranton (St. Aidan's after tea), Saturday, November 11th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than November 8th to Mr. W. Maughan, 57, Belmont Gardens, West Hartlepool. 9169

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, November 11th, meeting at Bletchingley. Make own tea arrangements.—C. A. Bassett. 9175

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Little Shelford on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 9158

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Highworth (8), November 11th. Names for tea by Wednesday to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 9146

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Littledean, November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Winspear, Brook House, Blakeney. 9166

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Godalming on Saturday, November 11th. Nominations for officers (duly proposed and seconded) and names for tea to Secretary by Wednesday, November 8th.—S. Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford. 9149

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted. 9173

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Watlingbury on November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Bennett, Old Road, Watlingbury.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 9115

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, St. Dunstan's Hall, Canterbury, Saturday, November 11th. Tea 4 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. each from T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. Latest date November 8th. 9102

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, November 11th, at Shore (Littleborough). Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea.—Hudson, Sec. 9105

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Bowness, November 11th, 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby. 9174

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—November 11th, Quorn. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Hall. Names to Mr. E. Tebbutt, 48, Unitt Road, Quorn, by November 8th.—C. W. Hall. 9137

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Hose, on Saturday, November 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Village Hall 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, November 8th, to Mr. Alf Moulds, Hose, near Melton Mowbray. 9167

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, November 11th, All Saints', Poplar. Bells (10) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and business. Church Hall, 5.15 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock. 9164

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with S.W. District of the **ESSEX ASSOCIATION**. Saturday, November 11th, at All Saints', Edmonton. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, and evening ringing 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. All Hallows', Tottenham, bells also available 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. 9165

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION—Ringing meeting, Saturday, November 11th, Bucknall. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. R. O. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, by Wednesday, November 8th. Annual committee meeting in Bucknall Church Hall at 3.30 p.m.—J. G. Burton, Sec. 9139

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Caversham (8) on November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 8th to Mr. T. N. Lanaghan, 9, Hemdean Road, Caversham, Reading.—F. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 9143

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daverney Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, November 11th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 9159

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Martins on November 11th. Names for tea to Rev. J. Evans, The Vicarage, St. Martins, Oswestry, by the previous Wednesday. 9180

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Tenth annual dinner to be held at Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock, Saturday, Nov. 11th, 1961, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 12s., from Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Walsall. Cannock bells available during afternoon. 9059

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Farnham St. Martin (6). Saturday, November 11th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 9160

SURREY ASSOCIATION—Southern Section.—Practice meeting at Kingswood (6), November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 9th to Mr. G. Clark, 1 Copley Way, Tadworth.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 9127

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Heene (8) on November 11th at 3 p.m. West Tarring (6) available in the evening. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 9178

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Hallow, Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Grimley (6) also available 7 p.m. Practice methods: Yorkshire Surprise Major (Hallow) and St. Clement's Bob Minor (Grimley). Names for tea by Tuesday, November 7th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 9116

FLINT, N. WALES.—Dedication of ring of eight on Friday, November 17th, at 6.30 p.m. 9155

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchingfield, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. F. Roper, Crest Lodge, Finchingfield, Braintree, Essex. 9141

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of the memorial to Frank Skidmore. St. Ambrose's, Bristol, on Saturday, November 18th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) will be available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5, before Wednesday, November 15th.—Charles Rouse, Gen. Sec. 9143

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Dorking not being available, the nomination meeting will be at Ashted on Saturday, November 18th. Details next week.—A. H. Smith. 9170

LADIES' GUILD—South Wales District.—Meeting at Caldicot, November 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea by November 14th please.—J. S. King. 9176

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Willingham, Saturday, November 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by precious Tuesday.—Geo L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9163

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Newark District) and **LINCOLN DIOCESAN** (Central District).—Joint meeting, Newark on Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark, by previous Wednesday.—B. N. Reed. 9135

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—North Notts District.—Meeting at Worksop (8), Saturday, November 18th (not 11th). Names for tea by 14th to Mr. H. Smart, 19, Park Street, Worksop.—H. Denman. 9152

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Campsall, November 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. Key, The Vicarage, Campsall, Doncaster, by 16th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 9154

NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAM.—The augmented and rehung ring will be dedicated at Matins on Sunday, November 19th, followed by an open afternoon for ringers, from 3.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 9142

SHELLEY CUP CONTEST

Warsop won this year's Shelley cup contest held at Shelley, near Huddersfield, on October 21st. The judges were Mr. Percy Hawthornthwaite and Mr. Trevor Tarbutt, with Mr. Albert Goldthorpe as marker, and four towers competed.

The order of ringing and marking was: Barnsley 96 faults, Friezland 144, Meltham 64, Warsop 54. The presentation of the cup was made by Councillor Addy, who handed it to Mr. H. T. Rooke. Each member of the team received a cruet set. The Vicar (the Rev. A. Crow) presided, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. W. Buxton.

A WELSH AUGMENTATION

The bells of St. John Baptist, Newton Nottage (Porthcawl), were hung in a fine iron frame in 1905. Messrs. John Taylor and Son have lifted them out and removed the headstocks and rope wheel blocks to the foundry, where they have been fitted with ball bearings. Two new trebles have been cast to complete the octave. Meanwhile the local ringers have scraped and painted the ironwork and everything is now in new condition.

The dedication is to take place during the morning service on Sunday, November 19th. The ancient Parish Church has just sufficient seating accommodation for the normal parish congregation, so it has not been found possible to extend an open invitation to ringers. Instead, the bells will be open for ringing in the afternoon after 3.30 p.m., when it is hoped that many ringers will attend.

T. M. R.

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LETTERS

RINGING AT PERSHORE

Dear Sir,—It is a pity that Messrs. Brookes and Millidge should rush into print without being sure of their facts, and as Mr. Clayton rightly points out, the outing in question was nothing to do with the Abbey ringers, but simply one organised in the Pershore area, which happens to be a large one.

One other point requires clarifying; the small charge per rope made to visiting bands is a ruling made by the Abbey authorities, and as such is one over which the local band have no control. Even we, who might be considered almost 'local,' willingly pay this.

On behalf of the Diocese, I thank Mr. Clayton for his letter, and appreciate it, but hasten to assure him that memories of past Putney visits to Worcestershire, to say nothing of my own personal reception on various occasions in his tower, are too happy for us to be very concerned about the original letter.—Yours sincerely,

J. D. JOHNSON,
General Secretary,
Worcestershire Association.

Dear Sir,—Being Ringing Master at Pershore Abbey, I wish to disclaim any connection between the Abbey ringers and the band from the Pershore 'Diocese,' who went on a tower grabbing and smashing trip.

If your two correspondents who feel so strongly about it would like to find this phantom band I will give them a clue. Whybold is in the Pershore 'Diocese.'—Yours sincerely,

ALBERT GRINNELL.

Pershore, Worcs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham at Yardley on October 14th was well attended by ringers representing many towers of the Diocese; a pleasing feature was the presence of a large number of young ringers. For some, it was their first ringing meeting, and ten new members were elected.

Before the formal business the Master (Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd) referred to the death of Albert Walker. By his passing, he said, the ringers had lost an intimate and much loved friend, and the Guild an able ringer. The members stood in silence as a token of respect to his memory.

An apology from Mr. John Pinfold (Ringing Master) was received with regret and the hope was expressed that he would soon be restored to health.

Four ringers of Solihull Parish Church—Jill and Graham Palmer, Gillian Shilcock and Christine McLaren—were elected members. Roger Tingley, of Harborne, was also elected, and Erdington Abbey provided six new members. Teresa and Richard Wilkins, James and John Insley, Paul McEvilly and Philip Walters.

The tower elections as life members, prior to a peal at Shirley, of Michael J. Fellows, Raymond H. Daw, K. Peter Jones, J. David Atkinson and Robert J. Warrilow were duly ratified.

Life membership elections of the following were also ratified: Alan E. Bagworth, Wimbeldon, Mrs. Kathleen E. Chilcott, Wallington, Brynley A. Shackleton and Reginald G. Hooper, of Bristol, Trevor N. Bailey, Tottenham, and William T. Cook, of West Ealing.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting on January 6th at St. Martin's, the secretary to endeavour to obtain the use of St. Martin's Hall for he business meeting. The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held in the Connaught Room, at the Imperial Hotel, on February 24th.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Yardley, Canon Charles Crowson, for the privilege of using the lovely ring of bells, and to Mr. A. H. Fitter and his lady helpers, for their hospitality in providing the very welcome tea.

QUARTER PEALS

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's, on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Miss V. E. Dupre 3, Miss K. M. Baker 4, R. F. Overington 5, C. M. Meyer 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. H. Lott 8. Rung for the Southwark Diocesan Moral Welfare service, attended by the Bishop of Kingston.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Oct. 22nd, at 121, Lillington Street, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): R. A. Yeates (first on handbells and 'inside') 1—2, M. P. Moreton 3—4, C. D. Emery 5—6. Conducting shared by ringers of 3—4 and 5—6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Susan J. Rawlings 1, Anne Garnet 2, J. R. Perrett 3, A. Bagworth 4, N. R. Waite 5, R. C. W. Mayes (first 'inside' and of Major) 6, S. C. Walters (first of Major) 7, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Dorking 1, J. A. Warner 2, C. W. Burton 3, Miss W. Elliott 4, A. Pigott 5, A. R. Syder (cond.) 6, E. W. Bright 7, H. Dorking 8. Rung in memory of William H. P. Mellin, many years a local ringer, who was interred this day.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B.): Philip Hawcock (first of T.B.) 1, R. Daft (first of T.B.) 2, R. Preston 3, Peter Hawcock 4, R. Benfield (first 'inside' of two methods of Minor and of T.B.) 5, M. Poppleston (first of T.B. and as cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Benfield.

LATE NEWS

Honour For The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews

The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Vicar of Chittlehampton-with-Umberleigh and president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, has been appointed by the Bishop of Exeter to the prebendal stall at Exeter Cathedral, rendered vacant by the death of Preb. E. V. Cox, the late president of the Guild. Mr. Andrews is also secretary of the Guild of Clerical Ringers, whose members, together with the Devonshire Guild, will join us in our congratulations.

Mr. Len Stilwell is now in convalescence after his recent minor operation. In the same ward is the Rev. R. P. Farrow, who is under treatment. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

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