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THE VETERANS

Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be.

Our quotation this week is from Robert Browning. No, we are not writing on a controversial topic which Browning's marriage suggests, but to give editorial emphasis about the dignity and achievements of age which have been suggested by recent issues of 'The Ringing World.' Many of us have grown old together in our respective belfries. We think with pride of those ringers at Winchester Cathedral, where the average length of service of eight ringers is 38 years. Sunday by Sunday in their respective places they have rung for succeeding decades.

Youth is apt to regard age with askance. We would remind them of some lines of Cicero which, freely translated, run: "Senile debility, usually called "dotage," is a characteristic not of all old men, but only of those who are weak in mind and will.' Old age has indeed its champion in Richard White, of Appleton, who, as we mentioned last week, at 69 stood in the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Oxford. He is a member of a famous family of ringers who have been associated with St. Laurence's Church, Appleton, since 1818. Record breaking is established as a tradition in his family, for his father and uncles were associated with such men as the Rev. F. E. Robinson, J. W. Washbrook and others who broke records 60 years ago at Appleton.

This week, however, we are not thinking so much of the famous old men of the Exercise like Richard White, who will go down to posterity. A paragraph in this journal concerning the 46 years' service of Mr. J. E. Wheeldon as captain of the ringers at Norton-in-the-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent, has led to attention being called to a number of other old servants in the belfry. At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, there is Frederick J. Tillet with 63 years' regular ringing behind him, and at 79 he often rings the tenor of 32 cwt. But the palm of continuity of service in one belfry goes to Wednesbury, Staffordshire, where Walter Brittain has a record of 66 years. Horace Walpole in his letters wrote: 'Old age is no such uncomfortable thing, if one gives oneself up to it with a good grace.' These two veterans have learnt that good grace, and there are many men in our belfries to-day who can say with confidence:—

'I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest,
Because the road's last turn will be the best.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER 1	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	FRED PRICE 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD 10
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 5	JOHN S. MASON 11
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 6	*GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT C. SPENCER.
* 50th peal this year. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Maximus.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE FLINTHAM... .. 1	*ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 7
HAROLD MARCON 2	H. LESLIE PASK 8
JOHN WALDEN 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 10
RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 11
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... Treble	JOHN W. BEST 6
FRED EVANS 2	JAMES WEBB 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 3	WILLIAM CATHERALL ... 8
FRED HARTMAN 4	ERNEST BENNETT 9
JOHN HAYES 5	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.
Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. William Jones, ringer and verger for 50 years at the above church.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	†WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 6
PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... 7
*MARY E. DAVIS 3	*BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 8
†REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 9
†WALTER G. ROSE ... 5	REGINALD A. REED ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal on ten tower bells. † First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. PARKER ... Treble	WILLIAM GOLDSTONE ... 5
JAMES BRACKLEY 2	ARTHUR CROSS 6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3	JOHN B. HESSEY 7
EDWARD W. BUTLER ... 4	*FRED FAIRHEAD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal. Arranged and rung for the 80th birthday of William C. Parker, steeplekeeper at the above church for 44 years.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... Treble	*MAURICE HODGSON ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.
* First peal in the method.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

Holt's Ten-part.	WILLIAM PRATT Treble	JAMES RUSH 5
	HARRY BROWN 2	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 6
	*NAT. SAVAGE 3	JOHN SAVAGE 7
	*JAMES EDGAR 4	*THOMAS DUNWOODY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. PRATT.

* First peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

EDGAR C. PIZZEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
MRS. SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 2	PHILIP C. BICKNELL ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	JAMES E. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON

Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDK. ALMOND Treble	GEORGE R. RANGLES ... 5
MISS NORAH BIBBY ... 2	THOMAS H. HORRIDGE... 6
*JOHN LUNHAM 3	†ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13).	ERNEST WILSON Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5
	*A. OLIVER LEWIS ... 2	ALLEN MORGAN 6
	GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
	RALPH W. SAYERS ... 4	JAMES F. NASH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Aug. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

Johnson's Variation.	LEONARD TUFFEY Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5
	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
	HENRY H. FEARN 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
	GEORGE E. FEARN 4	JOHN S. MASON Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Wilfred E. Box, towerkeeper.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 25, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDGAR WHITELEY <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM AMBLER 5
CLIFFORD ELLISON 2	ALBERT PICKLES 6
EDGAR DEAKE 3	*ROLAND KENDALL 7
SAM BLUNDELL 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.
* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ANSTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON <i>Treble</i>	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5
JILL POOLE 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 6
*STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 3	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
J. STUART ILIFFE 4	ERNEST MORRIS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise away from treble.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

WM. H. B. WILKINS ... <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN FREEMAN 5
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	*KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 6
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 3	*NEIL I. ALLNATT 7
*JAMES HIGGINS 4	RICHARD A. POST <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method. Mr. Walter F. Judge has now 'circled' the tower.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

Thurstans' Four-part.	JOHN FREEMAN <i>Treble</i>	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 5
	MADLINE M. LYON 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 6
	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
	*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	*HAROLD A. MAY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* 50th peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MRS. JOYCE FINN ... <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
*GEORGE W. MOODY ... 2	*PHILIP BARNES 6
*HAROLD JUDD 3	*RONALD H. DOVE 7
JACK BRAY 4	WALTER AYRE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 550th peal.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)

On Fri., Aug. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALKELDA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

J. EDWARD CAWSE ... <i>Treble</i>	ROLAND PARK 5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 7
W. NORMAN PARK 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
First peal of Major on the bells.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*H. VON DER HEYDE ... <i>Treble</i>	*THOMAS HARRIS 5
*JULIA M. PRESTON ... 2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7
BETTY SPICE 4	ALAN R. PINK <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

BEDALE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

MILTON C. FOWLER ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	ROLAND PARK 7
W. NORMAN PARK 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK L. FISHER 5
MRS. JEAN M. BAILEY ... 2	HARRY HALL 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY 4	JAMES E. BAILEY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.
First peal on the bells since being overhauled in 1939.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F. sharp.

C.C.C. No. 98.	*THOMAS G. FOX <i>Treble</i>	GEOFFREY DODDS 5
	ALAN F. THIRST 2	†ROBERT H. BEGRIE 6
	†EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
	EDGAR J. RAPPLEY 4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALAN F. THIRST.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. HIGDON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
*GEORGE CREED 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
*BERYL LOCK 4	HENRY J. SANGER <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
* First peal of Major.

CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt.

THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 2	PERCY PAGE 6
*WILFRED W. RING ... 3	HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the treble. First peal in the method on the bells.



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SIX BELL PEALS

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

FREDERICK VICKERS ... Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 4
*JOAN M. NEWMAN ... 2	WILLIAM A. TWIDELL ... 5
REGINALD J. SCOTT ... 3	JAMES G. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. NEWMAN.

* First peal 'inside.'

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, one of combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... Treble	*ROBERT W. PARKER ... 4
†JOHN E. COOK ... 2	*CYRIL WARD ... 5
*ARCHIE T. LOWMAN ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in eight methods. † First peal.

LLANTRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	WILLIAM J. POWELL ... 4
MRS. L. BAINHAM ... 2	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM ... 5
*JACK WORRALL ... 3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

* First peal 'inside.'

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANCIS H. COCKERILL Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMSON ... 4
*THOMAS H. CHARLTON ... 2	GEORGE R. G. BUTLER ... 5
*PERCY E. KNIGHT ... 3	*ROY W. BUNN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. G. BUTLER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor in Minor.

PREES, SHROPSHIRE

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE A. PACKER ... Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 4
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal of Minor on the bells. All the band have rung peals of Kent from Minor to Maximus.

ST. WEONARDS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 25, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALBERT J. CHAMBERLAIN Treble	†REGINALD T. JONES ... 4
*MATTHEW H. EARLSTONE ... 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... 5
†ERNEST C. WELCH ... 3	*L. G. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. J. WEBB.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints' on August 15th, 720 Plain Bob: H. W. Pratt 1, Miss H. Gorringe (first 720, aged 15) 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, Rev. B. P. Sheppard 4, W. Gorringe 5, L. W. Fisher 6.—On August 18th, 1,248 Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, H. W. Pratt 2, L. W. Fisher 3, G. L. Perkins 4, F. Nicholls 5, B. D. Price 6, John Perkins 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 27, 1946, in Two Hours, and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS JEAN FREER ... Treble	†LEONARD H. LOCK ... 4
†BERT CHILVERS ... 2	†W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 5
†LESLIE FORSTER ... 3	†BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. ARCHIE LOCK.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's: (1) Stamford; (2) Beverley; (3) Norwich; (4) London, Wells; (5) York, Durham; (6) Norfolk, Primrose; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich.

WILLIAM H. WALDRON Treble	*CECIL WADE ... 4
CHARLES WOODS ... 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN ... 5
HORACE M. DAY ... 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in eleven methods.

CADOXTON, NEATH.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; H. Law James' Arrangement. Tenor 7½ cwt.

THOMAS SCOTT ... Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... 4
TREVOR RODERICK ... 2	HARRY BOYCE ... 5
ARTHUR HOARE ... 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

First peal of London by the band and for the association, also believed to be the first of London in Wales.

HANDBELL PEALS

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat. and Sun., Aug. 24 and 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

AT 92, BUTCHER'S ROW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations of calling. Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK H. HICKS ... 1-2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3-4
*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5-6	

Conducted by E. R. RAPLEY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

ORAYFORD, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 1-2 | CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6

EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3-4 | EDWIN BARNETT ... 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. E. A. BARNETT ... 1-2 | *ALBERT W. BOND ... 5-6

FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4 | R. GORDON CROSS ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

* First handbell peal away from the trebles.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6

WALTER AYRE ... 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

THORNE, YORKS.—On July 29th, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Bob Minor: Leonard Gerrard 1, Thomas D. Leask 2, J. Martin Thorley 3, James Thorley 4, Ernest J. Padgett 5, Charles Thorley (conductor) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON, LONDON.—On August 18th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. C. Birt 1, E. Lankester 2, D. K. Judd 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, A. Cutler 5, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 6, F. A. Finch 7, W. G. Wilson 8.

BOLTON, LANCES.—On August 18th for the triple jubilee of St. George's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Inch (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Kenyon 2, F. Rushton 3, E. Ford (conductor) 4, H. Owen 5, J. E. Owen 6, H. Rushton 7, R. M. Young 8. Four of the band have just returned from H.M. Forces.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—On August 18th at St. Andrew's Church, 1,460 Bob Major: Mrs. Rose Dorking (first quarter of Major) 1, A. H. Everett (conductor) 2, A. H. Edwards (first quarter) 3, J. Shadrack (first quarter of Major) 4, A. W. Church 5, H. W. Shadrack (first quarter in method) 6, C. F. Jaggard 7, W. Dorking 8.

DEPTFORD.—On August 18th, at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Morris 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, Mrs. E. E. Davis 3, H. Belcher 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, W. H. Hewett 6, R. F. Deal (conductor) 7, J. Phillips 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On August 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, R. G. Townsend 2, G. W. Townsend 3, I. H. Trueman (first quarter of Triples) 4, W. H. Trueman 5, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 6, T. Townsend 7, H. W. Bishop 8.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Thursday, August 22nd, at St. Mary's, 1,440 Bob Minor: B. Tubb 1, L. Tubb 2, R. Charge 3, T. Bevan 4, G. Charge 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6. Rung for the occasion of the birth of a son to the Rector of Finchley.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—On August 24th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 1, C. Cantrill 2, F. Cheal 3, F. Richardson 4, H. Springate 5, E. A. G. Allen 6, B. F. Baker 7, C. E. J. Norris 8. Rung after a peal attempt for Double Norwich.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On August 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Cox 1, R. Biggs 2, W. Lee 3, Miss D. R. Fletcher 4, Miss K. E. Fletcher 5, A. Levett 6, H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, R. P. Newton 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On August 18th, 1,260 Minor (720 Woodbine, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): C. Bransom 1, A. L. Ford 2, M. Stephens 3, R. Chapman 4, P. Inskip 5, C. A. Prindiville (conductor) 6. Also on August 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Lockett (first quarter) 1, R. Chapman 2, M. Stephens 3, P. Inskip 4, C. E. Jeffries 5, C. A. Prindiville (conductor) 6.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—On August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Robinson 1, E. C. Elliott 2, Miss Myra Tiller 3, B. Tiller 4, R. E. Tiller 5, G. W. Arnold 6, C. A. Hughes (conductor) 7, R. Hawkins 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 3, 4 and 8.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Martin on August 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Page 1, H. Theobald 6, R. E. Turner (conductor) 7, W. Chalk 8.

MERTON, SURREY.—On August 18th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss Vera Fortin (first quarter) 1, Miss Audrey Castle 2, E. W. Gibbons 3, H. W. Barrett (conductor) 4, W. A. Conning 5.

SHEFFIELD.—On August 22nd, 1,344 Bob Major: B. Holland 1, J. Thorpe 2, E. Thorpe 3, J. E. Cawser 4, J. J. L. Gilbert (conductor) 5, J. R. Brearley 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, J. A. Brearley 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter and granddaughter to the ringers of 3 and 2 respectively.

SOMERLEYTON, NORFOLK.—On August 24th, 1,440 Doubles, 480 St. Simon's, 480 Plain, 480 Grandsire: R. W. Laws 1, G. Lee 2, E. T. Chapman 3, K. L. Brown 4, E. W. Brown (conductor) 5, T. E. Crowe 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Joan Taylor (a local ringer) to Mr. E. Eardley. First quarter for ringers of 1, 3 and 6. First as conductor.

SUTTON, HEREFORD.—On August 17th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: John J. Jordan 1, George Cousins, jun. (conductor) 2, Austin T. Wingate 3, S. Yapp 4, George Cousins, sen. 5, W. Kinsey 6.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—At the Parish Church on August 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Skinner 1, F. Dimond 2, B. Pidgeon 3, F. Bastin 4, J. L. Glanvill 5, J. Skinner 6, J. Brown (conductor) 7, G. Rendall 8. First quarter-peal in the method for ringers of 1, 4 and 5.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—For evensong on Sunday, August 18th, 1,120 Bob Major, with 9.10 covering: A. Upsall 1, F. Wigmore 2, J. Phillips 3, H. Piggins 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, W. Freeman 6, W. Jarvis 7, H. Means (conductor) 8, G. Duffield 9, F. Moyes 10.

WANDSWORTH.—At West Hill on August 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Allsop 1, G. Allsop 2, J. Stephenson 3, W. J. Paice 4, H. R. Newton 5, A. B. Houghton 6, H. Langdon (conductor) 7, L. Heath 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 2, 3 and tenor.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On August 23rd, at the Church of St. Edmund, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 240 each of Stedman's Slow Course and New Doubles, 120 each of St. Simon's, Canterbury, Chase and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire: Miss M. J. Lawrence 1, J. Shatford 2, B. F. Lumbers 3, L. G. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal in seven methods for ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

From November 1st 'The Ringing World' will receive an extra
allocation of paper and in consequence will be in a position to accept
new subscribers. Orders should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J.
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Eight of the ringers at St. Dunstan's Church, Canterbury, are also
members of the choir, six being under 18 years of age. Harmony in
the belfry!

Not all our readers enjoyed the crossword puzzle. One who declared
it was a waste of space writes, 'What about a few cookery recipes
or patterns for knitting socks? They would be far more useful.'
Thank you, candid Croydon.

A late train necessitated a change of method at Aston by the St.
Martin's Guild. A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung instead of
Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The company lost a peal at St.
Martin's on August 26th after 3½ hours' ringing with only two courses
to go owing to the indisposition of one of the band. Hard luck!

The first peal in Ireland since about 1938 was rung at Holywood
Parish Church on August 24th. Four of the company, all of whom
were local members, rang their first peal. They were first introduced
to change ringing last November.

Latest recruits to husband and wife peal ringers are Mr. and Mrs.
Leslie F. G. Bainham, who were ringing together at Llanfrecifa,
Mon., on August 24th. Mrs. Bainham formerly rang as Miss Gwyneth
M. Smith and this was her first peal since her marriage. The peal
was rung as a farewell to Mr. Jack Worrall, who is joining H.M.
Forces.

A back in 'Civvy Street' celebration took place at Hanbury, Worcs.,
on August 25th, when two old friends, Tom Lewis (R.A.F.) and Jim
Nash (Welsh Guards), now demobilised, rang a peal together. Both
served over three years in North Africa and Italy, yet never met,
though often only a few miles apart. They kept in touch by cor-
responding and by passing on 'The Ringing World.'

Congratulations to Mr. John J. Webb on shepherding five fellow
ringers at St. Weonard's, Hereford, through either their first peal
or first 'inside' on August 25th.

Watch 22-year-old G. W. Critchley, of the St. Martin's Guild. He
commenced to ring about 18 months ago and has rung over 60 peals,
of which about 50 of them are in Surprise methods. His first as a
conductor was on August 26th—Cambridge Surprise Major from a
working bell. He had previously never called a bob in the method.

Harold A. May, of Holy Trinity, Guildford, rang his 50th peal on
August 28th. He has now completed the circle of this Cathedral
Church, no mean achievement in a peal ringing career of 18 months.

From St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, Australia, we learn
of the death of Mr. James L. Murray, who rang with the English
tourists in 1934. This society has elected the following officers: Cap-
tain, Edgar B. Knott; vice-captain, W. Ford; secretary, G. Ross;
sleepkeeper, H. Ross.

THE VETERANS LONG SERVICE IN BELFRY

Mr. G. E. Symonds, Ipswich, writes: Referring to the query in your issue of August 30th of any ringer with more than 55 years in one belfry, in Ipswich we have Frederick J. Tillet, born in 1867, who commenced ringing in 1883, making 63 years a ringer at St. Mary-le-Tower. On December 5th, 1885, he rang a peal of 5,007 changes of Stedman Cinques (nearly 61 years ago). Now at the age of 79 he often rings the tenor, which is 32 cwt.

Mr. A. Hingley, of Darlaston, writes: We have ringing at Wednesday Parish Church Mr. Walter Brittain, who is 82 years of age and 66 years' service in the one belfry. Surely this is a record for a man in one belfry.

Mr. A. C. Lygo writes: At St. Mary's Church, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, the ringers' captain, Mr. George Nowell, has been a member of the band for 57 years and still continues to be a pillar of strength to all his colleagues. Mr. H. Spencer, who passed away in June last, had also completed 57 years' regular attendance. Mr. F. Spencer has done 45 years and Mr. S. Loach 40 years all in the service of the same church. I am sure these records will take some beating.

Mr. W. H. Coles, Hayes, Middlesex, writes: We are fortunate at St. John's, Hillingdon, Middlesex, to have as two regular and active members Mr. J. J. Pratt, our captain, and Mr. W. Honor, who have each completed over 55 years' ringing at one church. In the case of Mr. Honor, the period is nearly 62 years, and for Mr. Pratt about two years less. Happily they both have the appearance of being able to carry on the good work for many more years, a source of great satisfaction to all of us. Congratulations to the other stalwarts recently mentioned in 'The Ringing World.' May they enjoy many more years in the service and pastime for which there is no equal.

Mr. Charles J. North, Selsey-on-Sea, Sussex, writes apropos the Winchester Cathedral band's record, published on page 394, that it shows an average for eight ringers of 38 years, as against an average for seven ringers of 28 years of the Norton-in-the-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent, band. The writer is the only survivor who was attached to the old Cathedral band and which was disbanded by the Dean and Chapter before any of the present ringers were members. The late Mr. W. H. George was appointed as captain, and with several expert ringers from Eastleigh started instruction in change ringing. The former old band only rang call changes.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION MEETING AT MALDON.

A successful and enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern District was held at Maldon on August 24th, the bells of St. Mary's and of All Saints' being kept fully employed during the afternoon and evening.

The service was held at St. Mary's, being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. J. Short, who, instead of an address, gave an interesting talk on the history of the church, pointing out salient features. Mr. Gilbert was at the organ, and the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund was £1 11s.

Tea was served at Brooks' Restaurant, and before the meeting commenced the District Master, Mr. H. J. Mansfield, extended a warm welcome to all the visitors present from other districts and to Mr. French, an hon. life member, who was doing much for the Chelmsford ringers.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Rector, Misses E. and J. Coker, of Maldon, were elected probationer members, and Miss R. M. Elkington, of Danbury, a ringing member. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Boreham on October 19th.

On behalf of all present, Mr. E. J. Runter thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and taking the service, and he also thanked Canon Seymour for the use of the bells at All Saints', Mr. Gilbert for playing the organ, and Mr. Mansfield for arranging for the tea and meeting.

Members were present from Gt. Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Danbury, Galleywood, Maldon, Springfield, Gt. Totham, Harwich, Thorington, Mistley, Sible Hedingham, Black Notley and Baldock.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FULL BAND IN EVERY TOWER FOR JUBILEE.

Middlesex County Association celebrate the 50th anniversary of its formation in 1947. At the meeting of the North and East District at Northaw on August 17th, members were reminded of this occasion and urged to recruit more learners so that every tower had a full band to enable the bells to be rung for every Sunday service.

Over 30 ringers and eight affiliated towers were represented at the meeting. Messrs. D. Watson, Wirral, A. Murphy, Crayford, F. Bye, Enfield, F. H. Hicks, Hailsham, W. Rogers, Rotherfield, and H. W. Knight, Cleve, and Miss Betty Spice, Sittingbourne, were elected members.

The Rector (Rev. A. Cheetham) was thanked for conducting a church service and for the welcome extended, and those present spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening ringing rounds and a good variety of methods.

THE RECORD PEAL TENOR MAN EXPLAINS

Dear Sir,—I am afraid there has been rather a serious misunderstanding regarding my letter published in this week's 'Ringing World.' This letter was definitely not for publication and I apologise for not making this clear to you.

I do admit my remarks were indiscreet and offence at these could quite easily be taken. If this is the case I should be glad to tender my sincere apologies to all concerned. Especially to Mr. Langdon, the conductor of the false Southwark peal. When I 'challenged' the Southwark band to ring a better peal on the Oxford bells I had no intention that this should be taken literally. Far from it—knowing full well that this for many reasons would be impossible. However, it would be very interesting to hear the Oxford peal 'critics' make a better job of it than we did.

Also, regarding 'nattering conductors',—my remarks were not directed to anyone in particular. If any individual is under the impression that I was referring to him I apologise. But I must add that 'If the cap fits—!'—Yours truly,

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

16, Gloucester Crescent, Camden Town, N.W.1.

THE CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,—I note that Mr. Frank C. W. Knight is a comparative newcomer into the field of campanology and would like to suggest to Mr. Knight that before he is in a position to challenge the Southwark band to equal or emulate the record peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Oxford, he should gain more practical and theoretical experience in the art.—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT G. ANDREWS.

Hampton Wick.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—As the sole survivor of the band who rang the longest handbell peal of Stedman Cinques, I wish to convey my hearty congratulations to Mr. W. F. Judge and his band on ringing 12,663 at Oxford. Such performances clearly show that grit and ability will still survive great tests.

The three accounts are very interesting and, like the gospels, they differ. Mr. Post tells us there were very few trips. Mr. Morris records the peal as rung from beginning to end without a hitch of any kind whatsoever. Mr. Knight says it went through without a hitch and no trips. Mr. Post writes that the trips which did occur were picked up by the conductor very quickly. I hope nobody will think I am critical over a peal which deserves nothing but admiration and praise, and though the impressions are slightly different, one great factor remains, that a very fine performance has been accomplished, one that has again made history and deserves our best congratulations.

Just a friendly word to Mr. Knight. In his keen desire to conquer all tenors I am afraid that at Exeter he will not be permitted to try 'Grandson' single-handed for a peal. Some years ago the authorities stopped peal attempts with one man on the 72 cwt. tenor, but whatever the circumstances, here's my best wishes for many conquests in the future.—Yours sincerely,

W. SHEPHERD.

22, Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Surrey.

ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIES

We are able to publish additional biographical details to those given in our last week's issue respecting the following:—

(4) ARTHUR H. REED, aged 40, learnt to ring at Staplegrave, Somerset, in 1922, where he rang his first peal, and has now reached a total of 120. He is a leading ringer in his home district and is secretary of the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. Not well placed for much peal ringing, he nevertheless has steadiness and an ability to strike his bell, which makes him an asset to any band. He has taken part in the first peals in various Surprise methods in his own district.

(7) FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS, a son of William H. B. Wilkins, well known in Kent ringing circles and later in Oxford. Did his early ringing at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, but did only a moderate amount of ringing between his first peal on May 1st, 1922, and the late war. Returning to Oxford last year after demobilisation, he soon became one of Walter Judge's team and has since become known to many peal bands, up and down the country, as a good ringer and striker. He has rapidly advanced to Cambridge Maximus standard, although as yet has not succeeded in scoring a peal of it. He is 38 years of age and has about 80 peals to his credit.

(8) PAUL K. WILLIAMSON. The youngest of the band, he stood in at short notice and put up a show such as would have been a credit to a man twice his age. Twenty-one years of age last May, he has been ringing only two years, having learnt to handle a bell while at Cambridge, where he is studying. He scored his first peal on March 28th last year, being one of Bob Major 'in hand' for the Universities Association, conducted by John E. Spice. He rang his first tower bell peal at Shilton, Warwickshire, September 1st, 1945, and has now scored 28 peals, including Spiced Surprise in four methods. A safe ringer and good striker, he should go far in his ringing.

A MISCELLANY OF READERS' VIEWS

University Societies

THEIR JUSTIFICATION CHALLENGED

Dear Sir,—There are, I am sure, a good many ringers who, while not questioning the measure of success achieved by the Universities' Association in their recent tour, are not entirely in sympathy with the tenor of your recent leading article.

Now that the country is fully covered by territorial bodies, it is difficult to see what justification there can be for the existence of any exclusive body, be it university, clerical, police or any other guild, and still less for the representation of any one of these on the Central Council. You would not, I suppose, support an application by, say, civil servants, who must be quite a numerous body in the Exercise, if they banded together into an association and claimed representation on the strength of their numbers, which, on precedent, they would have an equal right to do. And if civil servants, why not railwaymen, parish clerks and, in fact, any other similar body of men? The whole thing would be too absurd.

If it is desirable for 'seats of learning,' old or new, to have their own organisations, let them by all means do so, but, as Mr. C. W. Roberts suggested at a recent gathering where the subject was fully discussed, let them be as branches of the association in whose territory they are situate. For the purpose of representation on the Council they would then be on the same footing as other ringers.

Exactly how the Universities' Association can claim to send a member is hard to understand. It may be true to say that her election was unchallenged, in that no votes were cast against it, but the voting was 'nem. con.' and not 'unanimous' as was reported at the time. Probably opposition would have been stronger had not the Council just awoken from its war-time sleep, and so many members been new to its meetings. But one member at least, the late Mr. C. T. Coles, was strongly opposed to the whole idea, and, had he lived, it was his intention to raise the matter at Norwich this year.

After all, what is the Universities' Association? A nomadic body, whose sole use would appear to be that it enables the favoured few to ring peals in other people's territory without the inconvenience of paying five shillings to join the local association. It is an open question, moreover, whether the ordinary ringer could obtain access with the same facility to some of the towers which they have used.

Every ringer, of course, has a perfect right to make up a specific party for the purpose of peal ringing, but hitherto it has not been necessary to describe the result as an 'association,' and why this should be 'an influence for good' I fail to see.

Let me make it clear that for some of the ringers concerned I have the greatest respect. It is the principle of assessing the value of a ringing organisation by educational rather than campanological standards that most ringers will deplore. And the people concerned have no more right to be described as 'potential leaders of the Exercise' than any other ringers, until they have proved their eligibility for consideration by something of greater value than the accumulation by largely inexperienced ringers of what cannot be other than indifferent peals. For example, no peal of Cinques in 3 hours and 19 minutes, with a 30 cwt. tenor, by a band largely unaccustomed to twelve-bell ringing could be otherwise.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford, Kent

E. A. BARNETT.

ROUNDS FOR THE LEARNERS

Dear Sir,—In accounts of ringers' meetings we often read of methods rung and 'rounds for the learners.' Why should this be? What is easier than to ring plain courses of Grandsire with learners on the treble and second with someone behind them explaining what they are doing? They can generally hunt their way out all right, but the difficulty is getting them back to lead again. I get over this by letting them come down behind their course bell. Then there is always one who can 'beat the drum,' so that's three learners given a show that will please them much more than ringing rounds. I fancy I shall hear critics telling me it is all wrong and that the result would be terrible. I know it isn't so at Stanford, and in any case the ringing is not likely to be worse than a messed-up course of, say, 'London.'

Of course, a lot depends on the man standing behind a learner. I have noticed some men wait until their protégé has completely lost him or herself before they come to the rescue and the result is a breakdown. So I hope we shall in future sometimes see in accounts of ringers' meetings 'with plain courses of Grandsire for the learners' instead of 'rounds' for them.—Yours truly,

A. REEVE.

Stanford-le-Hope, Essex.

ERRONEOUS FIRST CLAIMS

Dear Sir,—The peal of Double Norwich at Lydd, Kent, on August 2nd, 1946, was not the first peal in that method on the bells. The first peal of Double Norwich was rung at this church on June 14th, 1930, conducted by T. E. Sone.

Also in 'The Ringing World' dated August 9th, 1946, it was stated there had been no peals rung at St. John the Baptist's, Margate, for 35 years before the peal of Grandsire Triples in 1936. This is incorrect. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on February 25th, 1928, conducted by E. G. Buesden. Also a peal of Stedman Triples on October 19th, 1929, by the same conductor at this church.—Yours truly,

Mrs. H. BAKER.

An Ex-Service Guild?

SUGGESTED REASONS FOR FORMATION

Dear Sir,—It seems that my proposal to form an 'Ex-Service Guild' has in some circles been misunderstood. Let me try to set out some of the reasons that led to the formation of the idea. All ringers acknowledge the Central Council through their local guilds and associations. Thus there is the tie between all ringers, but this tie is very indirect.

The Central Council, whilst being the clearing house, shall I say, of general information, does not, as yet, attempt to publish, as the Bristol United Ringing Guilds did some 12 or 13 years ago, a directory of church bellringers. This directory, brought up to date, would be of invaluable aid to the Service ringer now and also to other ringers when away from their home towers. One of the best ways of collecting information is by meetings, and who can give this information better than the men who have to travel around 'this ringing isle'?

The Services have bound us together, but it is now an irksome tie which a real brotherhood could transform into a pleasure. That transformation can be effected by the bond of ringing, and it will keep alive the spirit of brotherhood which can so soon be lost after demobilisation.

The ringing of this country is not uniform in attainment. This is a physical impossibility, but this guild of ex-Service men meeting at various places would tend to speed up the flow of ideas and methods from the more advanced guilds to those who have only a little of this knowledge. It would allow a ringer who learnt new methods while in the Services to keep his hand and eye in and to disseminate this learning at home. I know that this is already being done by a group of people to whom I apologise for copying the idea, which is one of the best ever seen in the ringing fraternity, but I think it needs to be carried out at a nation-wide level.

As to the formation of cliques, well there one can skate on thin ice, and it is human nature to band together in small groups. The British Legion has shown what can be done by brothers of the fighting services of two wars. Surely this lead can be followed by other forms of guilds in other walks of life and with other hobbies. Then perhaps it would help the Dominion ringers, who have one of the hardest jobs in ringing. They have long distances to travel to the next tower and other great difficulties which they alone can fully appreciate.

This guild may also win some recognition from the military authorities, who are inclined to take the view that ringing does not count to men, and they take no steps to allow ringers a little latitude in time off when the time of ringing does not coincide with off duty time. By this I don't mean that ringers have the right to put ringing before duty, but surely a ringer should be able to arrange that ringing and duty do not clash. Let ringers do their share of duty on days and nights when there is no ringing. These are some of the thoughts that have led to the idea of this guild. Call it The Ex-Service Guild or what you will. The name is unimportant. The spirit that is latent can do the work if it is awakened. Of that I feel sure.

Would all ringers who are interested in any way please let me know what they think of the idea? E. V. WILLIAMS, R.E.M.E. c/o Mr. P. R. C. Williams, Copper Hill, Redruth, Cornwall.

YOUTH AT THE HELM

Dear Sir,—I have had two attempts to obtain the record age of a band to ring a peal, and want to try again, but I am 'stumped' for ringers. It would probably only be Grandsire Doubles, but it would be a peal. I wonder if any young ringers would like to take part. It would be at Keymer, Sussex, some time in October. It is quite easy to get to the church from Hassocks Station. Will those interested please communicate?—Yours sincerely,

STELLA M. WICKENS.

2, North View, Blackstone, Henfield, Sussex.

P.S.—Any ringers will have to be below the age of 14 years 6 months.—S.W.

BOURNEMOUTH DINNER AND RINGERS' RALLY

Dear Sir,—In order to help Guild secretaries and others who may be required to fix dates for annual meetings, etc., in the South, the committee have decided to fix the date of the above proposed function for Saturday, January 25th, 1947.

It was felt that to accommodate the caterer and also to ensure fairly plentiful vacancies for any ringers wishing to stay the weekend in Bournemouth, it would be advisable to keep well clear of the summer season. Tickets and further details will be available about the end of November or the beginning of December.—Yours faithfully,

116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

MR. W. KEEBLE

Dear Sir,—I visited Mr. W. Keeble last Sunday and he asked me if I would write to 'The Ringing World,' as he is totally helpless. How many ringers are still alive who rang with him in the record peal of London on May 11th, 1903, at Kings' Norton? He would be pleased to see any ringer visiting Colchester at Ward 12, Severalls Hospital.

J. NEWMAN.

London Road, Feering, Kelvedon, near Colchester.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM SPICE.

As announced in our last issue, the death of one of the oldest members of the Kent County Association in the person of William Spice, of Tunstall (Sittingbourne) occurred at his home on August 30th. He was in his 86th year and until a few months prior to his death he had enjoyed remarkably good health.

The funeral service and interment took place at Tunstall on September 3rd. Some 20 ringers from the surrounding districts were among the large number of friends who gathered to pay their last respects to this veteran ringer and churchman.

It was at Charing some fifty odd years ago that William Spice took to bellringing, and at no time during his long life did his interest in bells and bellringers wane. Leaving Charing in 1900, he went to Penshurst for four years, and for the past 42 years until his death he was captain of the Tunstall band.

Besides being a keen ringer, he was from boyhood a chorister and staunch churchman. His three surviving sons, William Spice, jun., of Tunstall, Percy Spice, of Bromley, and George Spice (now general secretary of the K.C.A.C.R.) followed in their father's footsteps, and his grandchildren, John E. Spice and Betty Spice, have given their grandfather much joy and pleasure by their achievements as campanologists.

'Bill' Spice, as he was familiarly known, served on the central committee of the Kent County Association for a great number of years as one of the representatives of the Rochester district. His genial and likeable disposition at the meetings, inside and outside the tower, will be sadly missed.

Altogether he rang 340 peals on tower bells, mainly in the county of Kent, in 73 different towers, and five peals on handbells. Of these peals he conducted 38.

His peals record is as follows, viz.: Grandsire Doubles 1, Doubles in four methods 1, Plain Bob Minor 1, Minor in three methods 3, Minor in four methods 5, Minor in six methods 1, Minor in seven methods 62, Surprise Minor in seven methods 1, Bob Triples 1, St. Clement's Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 61, Stedman Triples 60, Bob Major 23, Oxford Bob Major 1, Victory Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 39, Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 38, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 7, Grandsire Caters 4, Stedman Caters 20, Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 5, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Canterbury Pleasure Royal 1, Grandsire Cinques 1, Plain Bob Maximus 1; total 345.

MR. HARRY S. BROCKLEBANK.

The death took place on September 1st of Mr. Harry S. Brocklebank at the age of 76 years. He had been a ringer and tower keeper at St. Saviour's Church, Orton, Birkenhead, from the time the bells were hung in 1895 until early this year, when ill-health forced him to retire. During this time, except for a period of about 10 years, he was also tower captain. The 'go' of the bells is a testimony of the care and attention he lavished upon them. His life was devoted to Sunday service ringing.

In 1914 he was elected hon. secretary and treasurer of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, retaining the position for 32 years. During his period of office he endeared himself to his fellow members by his tact and friendliness. He had also represented the Guild at the Central Council.

As a boy he sang in the choir at St. Saviour's and he was a faithful attendant throughout his life. For the last ten years he had been a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council.

In May, 1945, he received a presentation from the members of the Wirral Branch on completing 30 years' service as hon. secretary and treasurer. On his retirement from ringing a fund was opened by the Church Council to enable a presentation to be made, but unfortunately his untimely end prevented him from receiving the same.

The funeral service was on September 4th at St. Saviour's, followed by interment at Landican Cemetery. Members of the local band rang the bells half-muffled before the service, and fellow members of the Wirral Branch rang after service.

AN APPRECIATION.

Our old friend Harry was buried at Landican Cemetery. Prior to this a service was held at St. Saviour's Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. N. Blow, who also gave an address, during which he paid high tribute to the worth and excellence of the many high qualities possessed by our late colleague. He was carried to his last resting place by four of his fellow ringers, one of whom had rung with him the whole of the 51 years of their friendship. Harry Brocklebank has passed on to a well-earned rest mourned by many, but he has set a very high example for all of us to follow.—G.R.N.

MR. JAMES L. MURRAY.

At the annual meeting of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bell-ringers, Melbourne, Australia, at which the Dean of Melbourne presided, on August 7th, regret was expressed at the passing of the late James L. Murray on July 3rd at the age of 85 years. Mr. Murray had been a member since the opening of the Cathedral, and previous to that rang at the old Cathedral of St. James.

The late Mr. Murray in November, 1934, was one of the band who rang with the visiting English bellringers a peal of Grandsire Cinques, 5,038 changes, in 3 hours 39 minutes, conducted by the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Outings in Brief

WINDSOR RINGERS IN SURREY AND SUSSEX.

Windsor Parish Church ringers and friends held their annual outing on August 10th. The seven oldest members and the youngest rang the opening touch of the day—Grandsire Triples at Old Woking. The total age of this band was 543 years, there being three over 80 and three over 70.

Ringing took place at Warnham, Wisborough Green and Billingshurst, where ex-secretary Leonard Stillwell met the company. At Pulborough, Mr. Stilwell provided a splendid tea for the party. He recalled that when he left Windsor in 1939 the company promised that the next outing would be to his tower (Pulborough). All enjoyed their ringing at Pulborough and also on the fine ring of eight at Petworth.

Over 3,000 changes were rung during the day, the methods being Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Harding, Stilwell, Glass and Judd.—N.V.H.

ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

The St. Paul's Society held their annual outing on August 24th, and the full band, accompanied by their wives and friends, set out by coach for a tour of Shropshire. Before leaving, the ten bells of St. Paul's Church were rung in peal in honour of the North Staffordshire Regiment and the Staffordshire Yeomanry, who received the Freedom of the Borough during the afternoon.

Leaving Burton just after 1.30 p.m., we halted at the beautiful Shropshire village of Claverley, and after inspecting the fine old Norman Church of All Saints, the peal of eight bells was rung in several methods. At Bridgnorth tea was taken at the King's Head Hotel, and the bells of St. Leonard's Church were rung merrily to the strains of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. The younger members of the party were catered for, and they were able to join in the ringing of 'rounds' and call-changes.—B.G.K.

CHILDE OKEFORD, DORSET.

The first tower visited on our annual outing on August 24th was Abbotts Ann, a quaint village of thatched cottages. After ringing the company was entertained to a glass of 'good beverage' by the daughter of Mr. Wilson, of Blandford.

Longparish, Whitechurch and Hurstbourne Priors were visited. Unfortunately, at the last-named tower, which has a tenor of about 30 cwt., the bells were out of order.

We arrived at Wonstone, where the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild were holding a quarterly meeting in time for the address and were invited to the Rectory for a really good cup of tea. Our last ringing of the day was at King's Somborne.—A.J.H.

BUCKS TOWERS VISITED.

Buckinghamshire towers of Great Kimble (6), Ellesborough (6), Stone (6), Dinton (6), Cuddington St. Nicholas (6) and Haddenham (8) were visited by the ringers of Farnham Royal, Clewer and Fulmer on August 17th. At Dinton tea was provided by Mr. Gregory, captain of the tower, and at Haddenham refreshments were served on the village green by the youth of Farnham Royal band.

The ringing was under the supervision of Mr. William Henley, which was decided by all to be first class. The tour was arranged by Mr. E. J. Briden, of Chalfont St. Peter.—S.L.P.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE.

On August 24th, Rotherham ringers with their wives and friends revived the annual outing with a tour of several Lincolnshire towers.

Leaving Rotherham at 8.30 a.m., the party journeyed by motor-coach to Washington. The Church of St. John, a beautiful building of stone, is partly Norman and later styles, and has a peal of eight bells, tenor 12½ cwt. After a pleasant hour of ringing a move was made for lunch, then on to Metheringham and the Church of St. Wilfred, a large building in Norman and Gothic styles, with a peal of eight bells, tenor 7½ cwt., rung from the ground floor. Here again standard methods were rung.

At the 13th century Church of All Saints, Ruskington, thanks to Mr. C. Muxloe, the party enjoyed half-hour's Minor ringing. The next church was Heydour, a spacious edifice of stone in Norman, Early English and later styles, with a grand new peal of eight bells, tenor 13 cwt. After refreshments at Bottesford, a move was made to the grand old Church of St. Mary, a 14th century building of stone. This fine tower is crowned with a crocketed spire and contains an equally fine peal of eight bells, tenor 22½ cwt. These were soon set going to Stedman, Grandsire and Little Bob. Striking throughout the day was maintained at a good level.—A.F.

ST. MARGARET'S, RAINHAM.

Hastings was the destination for the outing of the ringers of St. Margaret's, Rainham, on August 17th. On the outward journey ringing was enjoyed at Marden and at the grand old tower of Hawkhurst standing amid the ruins of the church.

After lunch at Hastings, the party found the bells up at All Saints' and quickly got into stride. Tea was at Rye. Here a start for Major came to grief through the second rope breaking, but Minor ringing was adjourned. The veteran captain was waiting at Rolvenden, where ringing concluded for the day. Changes of a different character were afterwards rung at the Eight Bells opposite the church at Tenterden.

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ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of the Rev. Roger Douglas St. John Smith, only son of the Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Smith, The Chaplain's House, Ravenstone, Leicester, and Frances Mary, younger daughter of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Calderbank, Calverley Vicarage, Leeds.

SILVER WEDDING

ATKINS—CANNAN.—On Sept. 13th, 1921, at St. Peter's Church, Isham, Edward Maurice Atkins, to Frances Alison Cannan. (Present address, 18, Westbere Road, N.W.2.)

LOST

COPY OF TROYTE'S 'CHANGE RINGING,' with name of H. Leslie Pask, 15, Horton Street, Lincoln, on fly leaf. Will any ringer coming across this book kindly communicate with the above-named.

DO YOU 'COLLECT' TOWERS? IF YOU WANT to keep your records in apple-pie order invest in a 'Delight' Ringers' Record Book.—Write for details to Will H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Watford District.—Langleybury (6), Saturday, Sept. 14th, 3 p.m.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Whaplode, Saturday, Sept. 14th, 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4, followed by business meeting. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—W. A. Richardson.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Stowmarket, Sept. 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Royal Cottage, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Sept. 14th, for the induction of the new Vicar. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Frome Branch.—Practice meeting, Beckington, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Sept. 14th, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (near Holloway Road Underground station), 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Further ringing 6.45 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, Sept. 14th. Please advise early for tea to Mr. E. G. Oliver, Upper Hartfield P.O.—C. A. Bassett.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Ashover (8), Sept. 14th, 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea obtainable in village.—Sam Scattergood, Local Hon. Sec.

BOLLINGTON.—St. John's, Sept. 14th. Bells (8). Please bring sandwiches; cups of tea available.

LADIES' GUILD.—London District.—Meeting at Beddington, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Train from Victoria to

Hackbridge 2.19. Walk through Beddington Park. Tea 5 o'clock at the Grange, only for those who notify Mr. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, by Sept. 16th.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Cowbridge (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Berwick St. John (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st. Names for tea to W. A. Theobald, 243, Essex Square, West Harnham, Salisbury.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Attenborough on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) at 3.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by important business. Names for tea to reach me by Tuesday, Sept. 17th.—T. Groombridge, jun., 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Douglas Parish Church, Parbold Lane.—The ring of 6 bells have been rehung and two trebles added and will be reopened on Saturday, Sept. 21st. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Blackburn will hold a dedication service at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome and tea will be served free in the Schoolroom. Admission by ticket only. Those wishing to be present should apply for tickets to Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold Lane, not later than Sept. 14th, as no tickets will be sent out after that date.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—260th Anniversary, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., 1/6 per head. Names for tea to C. D. Lauder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, not later than Sept. 17th.—Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 22nd, ringing at 9.15 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5.15 p.m.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Next meeting, Twickenham, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Cups of tea; bring own food.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke, Edgell Road, Ealing, W.13.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham (8) on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. It is hoped to provide tea for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available 2.30. Business 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Marden, Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Sept. 21st, Church Lawford, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 16th latest.—H. G. Summers.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Meeting at Weston-in-Gordano, Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Eversholt (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—H. C. Hillyard.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Thornford, near Sherborne, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Visitors welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Flixton on Sept. 21st at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN. & MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN. (Burton-on-Trent Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Names for tea by Tuesday to E. Roberts, 46, Ashbourne Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield, Sept. 21st. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names to Mrs. E. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by Sept. 18th.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Christchurch Branch on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Fordingbridge (8) 2.30. Tea at Ringwood 5.15 p.m. Business meeting. Ringwood bells in the evening. Names for tea to W. E. Cheater, 43, Addison Square, Ringwood.—Arthur V. Davis, Hon. Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5, tea following. Names to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted, by Wednesday, Sept. 18th, without fail.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Walsden on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided in Schoolroom at 5.15 p.m.—I. Kay.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Kirdford (6), Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided; please bring food. Wisborough Green (6) available during evening.—Ernest Treagus.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting at Deeping St. James on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tea will only be supplied to those who let me know by Tuesday, Sept. 17th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting at Prestbury (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5.15 p.m.; bring own food.—S. Taylor.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Broadhembury, Sept. 21st. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided; please bring own food. Payhembury bells available.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall. Will members do their best to attend.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Woolton Hill, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting. Names for tea to J. W. Berrv, Hon. Sec., Leine Cottage.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Mary's, Liscard, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, 3, Cecil Road, Prenton, Birkenhead.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Annual meeting, London, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Lunch 1 p.m., Euston Tavern, opposite St. Pancras Station. Tickets 6s., strictly limited, obtainable from secretary. Ringing: 11 to 12.30, St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury; 3.30 to 5, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster; 3.30 to 5, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge; 5 to 6.30, St. Margaret's, Westminster; 6 to 7, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.—H. G. Jenney, Hon. Sec., 23, Larch Street, Leicester.

EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSN.—Quarterly meeting, Heath, Sept. 21st. Executive and business. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—J. W. Price.

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Litton Cheney (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by 16th.—C. H. Lathey.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting at Lechlade (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Card for tea to Mr. A. J. King, 6, Hambridge Lane, Lechlade, Glos.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—North and East District.—Pinner, Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea from nearby shops. Business meeting to follow.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall and District Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's Church, Brandon, on Sept. 21st. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea (108, London Road) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—L. A. Wallis, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Bury Road, Mildenhall.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m., at Diseworth (6). Service 4.45 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—H. Myott, Hon. Sec., 1, Beveridge Street, Barrow-on-Soar.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Lower Heyford (6). Dedication of new bells and branch meeting, Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 18th.—Miss H. M. Smith, Hon. Sec., Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Coalbrookdale (10), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meat tea (3s.) for those who notify Mr. A. S. Bayley, 20, Church Road, Coalbrookdale, by Sept. 25th.—E. D. Poole.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Meeting West Hallam, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided. M.C.A. reports to hand.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

TREDINGTON Church, near Shipston-on-Stour, Warwicks.—The bells are to be rededicated on Thursday, Sept. 26th, at 3 p.m. The Lord Bishop of Coventry will officiate. All ringers welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Annual dinner, Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (5s. each) obtainable up to Saturday, Sept. 21st only. Resident members from branch secretaries, others from general secretary. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8) and St. Swithin's (6), all 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in Cathedral Hall. Service 4 p.m. Tea (3s. per head) served at 5 p.m. at Victoria Cafe. Names by Sept. 26th to F. Tingle, 16, North Street, Ripon. General meeting immediately afterwards at the Black Bull Hotel, Old Market Place.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Benhilton, Sutton, on Sept. 28th. Bells available 3 to 3.30 and after meeting. Tea followed by meeting 4 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. E. Gosden, 44, Rectory Road, Sutton, by Sept. 25th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 24th to P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford.

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OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting, Aston, near Bampton, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday, Sept. 21st, to H. C. Farmer, Standlake, near Witney, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Annual meeting at Dalton-in-Furness, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells at 1 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow, 2s. 6d. each. Names to be sent before Wednesday, 25th, to Mr. T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton.—W. H. Shuker, 36, Colwyn Avenue, Fallowfield, Manchester; F. Wilson, 118, Langham Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD and NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—Combined meeting, Beccles, Sept. 28th. Bells (10), from 2.30. All welcomed. Tea at 5 p.m. Names, please, for tea by Wednesday, 25th, to E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles.

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting at Hazel Grove (Stockport) on Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. All invited.—Mary Elkins.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Melton Mowbray, Oct. 5th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., Colles Hall. Names to Mr. H. J. Cook, New Street, Ashfordby, Melton, not later than Oct. 2nd. No names, no tea.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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