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By a coincidence the report of the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild is appearing in the same issue as the history of its vigorous daughter, the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The Winchester Diocesan Guild is among the senior of the territorial ringing organisations, being founded in 1879, the year after its veteran Master and a vice-president, Mr. George Williams, started change ringing. This story of continuity is a feature of the life of this Guild, as early this year we published a picture of six veterans who had each more than 50 years' membership and rang a 720 Bob Minor together at Swanmore, viz.: Messrs. A. Millard, G. Chappell, G. Williams, W. Linter, F. W. Burnett and H. W. Merrett.

Our subject, however, is not so much of the past as the present, as told in the comprehensive printed annual report for 1946, and it is a sign of better times as far as the Exercise is concerned that these reports are appearing. The Winchester and Portsmouth operates through eight districts, some of which are vigorous centres. Portsmouth district elected 27 new members, Southampton 16 and Winchester, the largest district numerically, 5. There are districts where the setbacks arising from the war still keep numbers below the pre-war level, and the immediate problem is to make good this deficit. The two dioceses have not yet a hundred per cent. coverage as there are two eight and eight six-bell towers not affiliated. Probably the majority of these towers are not satisfactory from a ringing point of view, but there is no lack of evidence that a substantial amount of work is necessary on the part of Guild and district officers to ensure that a full complement of ringers who are members of the Guild exists in every tower. This maintenance of bands of regular Sunday ringers, who efficiently discharge their duties, is the primary function of every diocesan Guild, and should never be allowed to recede into the background.

Good ringing will not be created by series of short touches at services or meetings, a point emphasised in this issue by a North Country Ringing Master. Performance ringing of lengths of 720 and upwards is essential for the furtherance of our art. This is well maintained by the Guild. Not all of it was of the publicised performance type. The bells at Wickham and in neighbouring towers were rung during 1946 for seventy-five 720's, in which 42 ringers participated. Peal ringing is in no sense neglected by the Guild. Of the 58 peals

scored in 1946 10 were in hand, all by the Bournemouth enthusiasts. There was variety in the methods. Among the 13 Surprise peals were Painswick, London, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative. No longer is it necessary to scarify the diocese for a Grandsire band, as the 90-year-old Master recently recalled. There were no fewer than 13 conductors for the peals, one of whom was a lady, Mrs. Marshallsay.

Finally, Basingstoke is within the area of this Guild. Under the heading of miscellaneous performances are printed the 5,021 Grandsire Caters and the 5,184 Kent Treble Bob Major with the tenor covering, with this footnote: 'The above 5,000's were not recognised by the Central Council as "peals" since they did not conform to its rule.' This loyalty is commendable.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., July 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
*BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	ALAN THIRST ... 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 4	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 10
HAROLD SMITH ... 5	KENNETH W. KNOWLES ... 11
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6	†GEORGE L. RODEN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 100th peal together. † First peal on twelve. A compliment to Miss Lilian Joy Haden and Mr. Jeffrey Alec Burns-Mace on the occasion of their wedding.

TEN BELL PEALS

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 2	*E. DENNIS POOLE ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Stedman. This composition has the bells in the tittums and handstroke home positions at alternate course ends throughout the peal, and is now rung for the first time.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
HARRY R. ROPER ... 3	ERNEST W. PYE ... 8
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	NORMAN INSKIP ... 5
JOHN DAVY ... 2	SIDNEY FOSKETT ... 6
*RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	†C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4	*CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor on eight bells and first attempt. Rung in honour of the royal engagement.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., July 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 10 cwt.
HENRY C. ADAMS ... Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 2	GEORGE F. BAILEY ... 6
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 7
*JOHN QUIMBY ... 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

* First peal.

HANBURY, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

(St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent.)

On Tues., July 15, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
*DORREN RODEN ... Treble	GORDON HARRISON ... 5
†NOREN BRAIN ... 2	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 6
HOWARD HOWELL ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
SIDNEY D. AINGER ... 4	EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells since being rehung after the tower was damaged in the 'dump' explosion of 1944. Rung as a birthday compliment to Gordon Harrison and Frank Murfin, of St. Paul's band.

QUEENBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 18, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROY B. COOK ... Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 5
PAUL BERKETT ... 2	DENNIS ROE ... 6
JOAN SOUTHERST ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
†ALAN HARTLEY ... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 18, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BRISTOL. CAMBRIDGE, LONDON, AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* 50th peal together. First peal of Spliced Surprise in the tower and by all the band except the conductor. The composition appeared in 'The Ringing World' on April 11th, 1947; the optional leads were all rung as Cambridge.



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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.
ERNEST P. AUSTIN ...Treble | DAVID H. ANSTAY ... 5
JOHN CHESTERMAN ... 2 | *JACK WEAVER ... 6
HARRY E. BALAAM ... 3 | CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 7
*ALWYN E. A. SMITH ... 4 | JOHN B. WOODLEY ...Tenor
Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.
* First peal in the method.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, ANNE AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.
JOHN S. WALTON ...Treble | JOHN PINFOLD ... 5
*ARTHUR D. COOK ... 2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON... 3 | HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN ...Tenor
Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.
* First Surprise peal 'inside.'

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...Treble | VICTOR A. WILLIAMS ... 5
LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... 2 | TOM ISHERWOOD ... 6
*CHARLES CLEGG ... 3 | ERIC BRUNTON ... 7
ROGER LEIGH ... 4 | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS...Tenor
Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Joseph Woods.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL Treble | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
WILFRED W. RING ... 2 | +RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD 6
HARRY BAKER ... 3 | * BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 7
*MARK W. MARSHALL ... 4 | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD Tenor
Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Major. + First peal of Major 'inside.'

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.
CHARLES SHARPLES ...Treble | FRED DUNKERLEY ... 5
EDWARD IDDON ... 2 | ISAAC GARSIDE ... 6
IVAN KAY ... 3 | PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
*STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 4 | JOHN F. WOOD ...Tenor
Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
* 100th peal for the Association. 100th peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.
G. LESLIE A. LUNN ...Treble | GEORGE W. MOODY ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2 | *CHARLES H. BAKER ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4 | JACK BRAY ...Tenor
Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. E. FEARN.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major as conductor.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On June 29th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Allen 1, E. T. Sneller 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, W. Warwick, sen. 4, J. W. Wilson (conductor) 5, M. Rosier 6, C. J. Hibbert 7, W. Warwick 8. To celebrate the coming-of-age of the conductor's sister.

BOOKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
HENRY PRATT ...Treble | RONALD SUCKLING ... 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... 2 | GEORGE SAUNDERS ... 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 3 | WALTER ARNOLD ... 7
*PHILIP CHALK ... 4 | ERNEST BRIGHT ...Tenor
Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.
* First peal of Surprise Major, not having previously rung a touch.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.
*RONALD AIREY ...Treble | GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 5
JAMES T. TITT ... 2 | THOMAS W. COOKE ... 6
EDGAR WHITELEY ... 3 | +JACK R. WORRALL ... 7
THOMAS SENIOR ... 4 | W. NORMAN PARK ...Tenor
Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.
* First peal of Major. + First eight-bell peal.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.
MISS BETTY MORTON ...Treble | REGINALD W. WORRALL 5
*DAVID GODFREY ... 2 | DAVID SMITH ... 6
ERIC HORNBY ... 3 | A. GORDON LAWRENCE... 7
MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 4 | HARRY W. HOWARD ...Tenor
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS
NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.
*A. T. OSBORNE ...Treble | G. W. RENDELL ... 4
+G. GAYLARD ... 2 | +W. S. J. DREW ... 5
+H. J. GAYLARD ... 3 | +H. R. CANNON ...Tenor
Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.
* First peal of Doubles. + First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 5, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.
*RALPH C. SPITTLE ...Treble | E. PETER ROCK ... 4
MICHAEL P. MORETON... 2 | LESLIE EVANS ... 5
JOHN D. ROCK ... 3 | WILFRID F. MORETON ...Tenor
* First peal. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).
*MISS M. FLACKETT ...Treble | J. CARTLIDGE ... 4
C. H. PAGE ... 2 | A. PEAKE ... 5
F. W. WILSHAW ... 3 | N. R. HOLLAND ...Tenor
Conducted by N. R. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Minor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Holland on their 28th wedding anniversary.

ARDINGTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.
MISS MARIE R. CROSS...Treble | +ROY DAVIS ... 4
*MISS EDNA M. EAST ... 2 | HARRY WHITE ... 5
+CYRIL P. LAY ... 3 | JOHN NOBES ...Tenor
Conducted by MISS MARIE R. CROSS.
* First peal, aged 16. + First peal in the method.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.
*BERYL R. COWLIN ... Treble | †PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 4
†PETER N. BOND ... 2 | RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 5
FRANK H. HICKS ... 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor
Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

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

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham, Cambridge, Wells and London. Tenor 7½ cwt.
WILLIAM OLIVER ... Treble | GEORGE W. PARK ... 4.
*JACK R. WORRALL ... 2 | RICHARD BUSBY ... 5
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... 3 | W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor
Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

GARVESTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
FREDK. W. MIDDLETON Treble | LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 4
CHAS. E. G. BANHAM ... 2 | ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 5
*GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 3 | F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... Tenor
Conducted by F. C. GOODMAN.

* First peal in three methods.

ABBEY DORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in eight methods: (1) Hereward; (2) Double Oxford; (3) Double Court; (4) Plain and Double; (5) Reverse Canterbury; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble | GEORGE DAVIS ... 4
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 2 | LESLIE EVANS ... 5
JOHN D. ROCK ... 3 | WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal in eight methods by all the band, except the conductor, and on the bells. First peal of Minor in eight methods for the Guild. 100th peal for Hereford Guild by L. Evans.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Consisting of 10 six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob and 12 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.
*ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT ... Treble | WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 4
GEORGE F. BAILEY ... 2 | JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
TOM J. MARRIOTT ... 3 | *ALBERT W. MANDERS ... Tenor
Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

* First peal.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents: (1) Double and Single Court; (2) Plain Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's and Hereward; (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Double and Single Oxford; (5) Childwall; (6) Thelwall; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.
*STANLEY G. ELSEY ... Treble | †WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4
WALLACE W. COUSINS... 2 | ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3 | CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor
Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal of Minor. † First in 13 methods 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor in more than one method.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
*ALLAN HILDITCH ... Treble | RICHARD T. HOLDING... 4
†MARGARET FLACKETT ... 2 | †REGINALD ROWLEY ... 5
*WILLIAM S. DAVENPORT 3 | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor
Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. Rung for the wedding of Miss K. Bostock and Mr. J. Higginson, ringers.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Treble | GEORGE L. GROVER ... 4
*CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 2 | *HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
†ERIC T. LEE ... 3 | C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor
Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal on the bells since recasting and relanging in December, 1946.

GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
*THOMAS BARKER ... Treble | †ED. COWPERTHWAITHE ... 4
*G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 2 | *W. HARRY CLARKE ... 5
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 3 | †CYRIL CROSTTHWAITE ... Tenor
Conducted by CYRIL CROSTTHWAITE.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods on tower bells. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. Cowperthwaite.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Mon., July 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
IN THE CHOIR VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 1-2 | EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5-6
CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 3-4 | GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7-8
Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal on handbells.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., July 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OLAVE BROYD ... 1-2 | ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4 | EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8
Composed and Conducted by E. W. PYE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
*PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6
JILL POOLE ... 3-4 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 7-8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 9-10
Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Witness: Albert Hare.

* First peal of Surprise Royal on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.
JOHN A. ACRES ... 1-2 | EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 5-6
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 3-4 | STANLEY E. DARMON ... 7-8
Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.
First peal on handbells as conductor.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. A. Jurd 1, L. P. Cook 2, W. Tate 3, H. A. Nobes 4, P. Speck 5, A. Mills 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, F. Barron 8.

BARNBY DON, YORKS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Rose Lamb 1, J. M. Thorley 2, J. Lindsay 3, F. Lamb 4, J. Thorley 5, E. J. Padgett (conductor) 6. First quarter-peat for ringers of 1 and 3.—Also at SS. Peter and Paul, on July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob: Miss R. Lamb 1, H. E. Wills 2, F. Reed (conductor) 3, R. Lunn 4, F. Lamb 5, J. Padgett 6. Rung for the wedding of a local ringers, John Lindsay, and a golden wedding compliment to the 5th ringer (father) and treble ringer (grandfather).

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): R. Wright (first quarter-peat of Triples) 1, T. Newman (conductor) 2, H. Austin 3, W. Sidwell 4, W. Jones 5, W. Cox 6, L. Barry 7, H. Newman 8.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On July 18th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles half-muffled, as a tribute to the late Mr. H. G. Mundy, verger at this church for over 20 years. A. S. Reade 1, F. Whiting 2, C. A. Manning (conductor) 3, A. Boswell 4, A. T. Shorey 5, P. J. Evans 6.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): Betty Mawby (first quarter-peat) 1, G. Gayton 2, G. Cane 3, R. Noon (conductor) 4, L. Battison 5.

CHISWICK, LONDON.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Veats 1, G. Allsop 2, J. Allsop 3, W. J. Paice (conductor) 4, J. Stephenson 5, J. Sansom 6, H. M. Page 7, F. H. Asprey 8.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On July 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss Enid Walklate 1, G. E. Watson (conductor) 2, J. Bell 3, L. Kilborn 4, B. Cope 5, C. W. Bird 6, B. Austin 7, P. I. Chapman 8.

QUARTER PEALS

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY.—At St. Giles' Church, on July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Barnett 1, W. A. Stote (conductor) 2, I. A. Morrison 3, A. E. Bistow 4, H. Folwell 5, D. Harrison (first quarter) 6.

HALLIWELL, BOLTON, LANCS.—At St. Peter's on July 18th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples to welcome their new Vicar, Rev. Higginson: E. B. Webster 1, L. Owen 2, B. Hinkley (first quarter) 3, C. Brownlow 4, J. F. Wood 5, A. Heywood 6, P. Crook, sen. (conductor) 7 (A. C. Moss 8).

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On July 13th, a quarter-peat of Kent Treble Bob Major: A. H. Harris 1, H. Bird 2, H. Shilrock 3, J. Eaton 4, Molly Tromans 5, E. Woodall 6, J. H. Cox (conductor) 7, T. Greenhall 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On July 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Wilcox 1, P. D. Beedie 2, Miss E. Fulton 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, R. E. Wenban (first as conductor) 7, W. Wenban 8.

HOLLOWAY, N.7.—On July 17th, at St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Russell (first quarter) 1, R. Charge 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, R. Newman 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begbie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On July 13th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Andre 1, C. Walker 2, L. Chislett 3, S. Ball 4, E. Jones (first as conductor) 5, E. Mounter 6, J. Dafters 7, R. Boyce 8. Rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth to Lieut. Philip Mountbatten.

POOLE, DORSET.—At the Church of St. James, on July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Thompson 1, A. G. Rose 2, V. G. Stock 3, W. Hendy 4, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 5, J. E. Trimmer 6, W. Houlton 7, R. H. True 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. E. Davis, the father of two members of the local band.

MESSINGHAM, LINCS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Parkin 1, Miss M. King 2, F. Nash (first quarter) 3, J. W. Tayre (first quarter) 4, A. Lambkin (conductor) 5, R. Travis 6. First quarter on the recently dedicated bells.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On July 17th, 1,350 Grandsire Doubles (Plain Course and 11 120's): F. Cooper 1, L. Paice 2, J. Parker 3, R. Elliott 4, W. J. Parker (first as conductor) 5. First quarter by ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, T. Abbots 3, V. A. Hemming 4, A. D. Cook 5, G. Bailey 6, A. Morris 7, A. Walker 8. First quarter on the augmented ring.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Sunday, July 13th, at St. Giles', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Mrs. J. Newman 1, Joan Newman (first of Doubles) 2, J. Newman (conductor) 3, R. J. Scott 4, W. A. Twidell 5, D. J. Southam (first quarter) 6.

WALMER, KENT.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hawkins 1, T. Wickens 2, H. Ansell (1st quarter) 3, F. Rye 4, H. Furminser (first as conductor) 5, H. Axon 6.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On July 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Upsall 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, H. Piggins 3, W. Jarvis 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, J. Phillips 6, F. Wigmore (conductor) 7, W. Freeman 8, H. Means 9, F. Moyes 10.—Also 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Upsall 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, H. Piggins 3, W. Jarvis 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, F. Wigmore (conductor) 6, W. Storey 7, W. Freeman 8, H. Means 9, F. Moyes 10.

YARNTON, OXON.—On July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods, being 120 changes each of Reverse Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Antelope, Union, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Doubles, Norfolk, and 180 changes of Grandsire): L. Poulton 1, H. Floyd (conductor) 2, G. Brown 3, W. Durham 4, J. Green 5, G. Charlott 6. First peal in ten methods by all the band except the conductor.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Beverley and District Society have called their first annual meeting after seven months' existence. During this period the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Glenn) has attended several towers for practice on 78 occasions. We trust this paragraph is observed by 'S. Truggler.'

One is tempted to say, 'Hullo, ringing twins,' to two Lincoln ringers, Charles McGuinness and Jack L. Millhouse. They each scored their two hundredth peal together at Washingborough, Lincs.

The marriage took place at Tunstall, Kent, on July 30th, of Dr. John E. Spice, and Miss Betty R. Hollingworth, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hollingworth, of 42, Gorse Road, Blackpool.

Congratulations to the recently-joined Cumberland ringer, Miss Janet Mattinson, on graduating a B.Sc. (Econ.).

Extra copies of 'The Ringing World' containing a particular peal or quarter-peal should be ordered at the time of submission of a peal.

Miss E. Steel very much regrets that she is unable to accept the presidency of the Ladies' Guild, for which post she was re-elected at the annual meeting. Miss Steel wishes to thank all the members who voted for her continuing in an office which has been a very great pleasure to hold.

Barwell (Leics) ringers regard Tamworth (Staffs), Brewood (Staffs) and St. Chad's (Shrewsbury) as three of the finest rings they have ever enjoyed. There was a party of 70 for their outing to Shrewsbury. 'The bells of St. Chad's heard in the Quarry and on the river are not easily forgotten,' comments our correspondent who sums up the day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The royal visit to Glasgow was commemorated by 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major with tenor covering (Basingstoke please note!) on July 20th. The band was W. H. Pickett (conductor) 1, J. Hutcheson 2, E. Boumphrey 3, H. Sargent 4, L. Boumphrey 5, E. A. Stafford 6, T. C. Winderam 7, O. Barker 8, N. Sharpe 9. This was rung after meeting short for a Royal band.

Mr. R. W. Hayward, Taunton Deanery Ringing Master, was in charge of the ringing at the joint meeting with the Devon Guild at Uffculme.

The number of changes in the peal of Little Oxford Bob Major, rung at Balcombe, was 5,040 and not the number printed.

Subscriptions for the Rupert Richardson memorial should be sent to either Mr. F. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln, or Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.

Mr. A. J. Dadds, who has been examining the papers of the late Joseph Waghorn, has found a list of peals rung by him totalling 163, of which he conducted 27. He asks whether the record is complete.

For the dedicatory service of the parish war memorial 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, on July 20th, by R. J. Port 1, Mabel Brockman 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, Brenda Philpot (conductor) 5, A. C. Philpot 6. Something more ambitious came to grief.

An Eighth Army peal of Minor appears in this issue. It is the desire of the company to attempt an 8th Army peal of Major. Any ex-Eighth Army men who live in the Essex-Suffolk area and would like to participate will they communicate with Mr. Urban W. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex.

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The life of the Guildford Diocesan Guild is so comparatively short that this article must of necessity take more the form of an essay than a history.

In face of some opposition, which, as subsequent events proved, was purely on sentimental grounds, the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers was inaugurated on December 31st, 1927, as a logical sequence to the division of the ancient Diocese of Winchester, out of which the present Guildford Diocese was created by an Order in Council dated May 1st, 1927.

It must be said at once to the credit of those who were at the outset opposed to the creation of a fresh organisation that they bowed unreservedly to the will of the overwhelming majority, and from the first worked wholeheartedly in support of the new Guild.

The Diocese of Guildford covers about 300 square miles, comprising roughly the western half of the county of Surrey and a small strip of the adjoining county of Hants, and, of course, the new Guild rightly claimed to be, and set out to make itself, the principal ringing organisation in that area.

There were, on the formation of the Guild, 56 towers in the diocese with five bells or more hung for ringing and one further completely new peal of eight has since been installed.

For convenience of working, the Guild's area was divided at the outset into four districts, each a self-contained unit holding independent meetings, controlling its own finances and appointing officers.

The central organisation of the Guild derives its funds from a percentage levy on the districts.

Unfortunately, owing to the necessity of keeping in mind the question of inter-communication in each district, it was not possible to form four districts all of equal size, but generally the scheme of division has been successful and made for very efficient working.

A WORTHY TRIO

The Guild had the great fortune to enlist as its founder secretary the late J. S. Goldsmith, who served for ten years in that office, and it is not perhaps out of place to quote here part of the tribute that was paid to Mr. Goldsmith on his retirement from the office of secretary:—

‘His inspiration and hard work has created a diocesan spirit among the ringers in the Guild, and, while many felt keenly the severance from the Mother Guild of Winchester, a spirit of youth and adventure has permeated the towers of this new Guild, and there is today a particularly solid foundation for ringing in this area. . . .’

Our first Master was the late J. H. B. Hesse, who then lived at Haslemere and whose ringing abilities need no stressing here. He held the office without challenge until, to the regret of all members, in the early days of the late war he left the Diocese.

Another distinguished service man, in the person of Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., of Old Woking, an enthusiastic and practical ringer, although he entered the ranks of the Exercise long after he reached the retiring age in the Senior Service, was our first treasurer, and it was with a deep sense of grief and personal loss that in 1932 we laid to rest this great-hearted Christian gentleman.

Reference could in all justice be made to the valued services to the Guild of many more of its founder members, but it is perhaps sufficient for the purposes of this brief history to mention only two others, both non-ringers and both of whom have passed from this life, namely, Canon E. C. Kirwan, Provost of the Cathedral Church at Guildford, and Mr. Wal-



JOHN S. GOLDSMITH,
First Secretary of Guildford Guild.

ter Harrison, of Guildford. The Guild owes a debt of gratitude to them for their assistance and counsel in early days.

A great deal of the Diocese of Guildford, especially in its southern half, is, in spite of the great housing estates which have been built within its borders in fairly recent years to act as dormitories for the great daytime population of London, still completely rural, and there are no really large towns in the area to form populous centres from which bands capable of practising advanced methods can be drawn from a compact area. In these circumstances it is understandable that the Guild has few centres at which ringing in the higher methods is generally practised. Indeed, the officers and tower leaders find that great efforts are needed to maintain Sunday service bands capable of ringing even the simpler methods, but throughout its existence the Guild has been fortunate enough to find many men who have been real leaders and workers in their own small and often isolated centres.

Up to the end of 1946 a total of 526 peals had been rung for the Guildford Guild, a large percentage of these being the result of Mr. A. H. Pulling's enthusiasm for that branch of the art.

It has never been the policy of the Guild to build up large balances on general account, and from the first the members have voted on every opportunity and to the extent of available funds donations towards bell restorations and augmentations within the diocese. In the comparatively short history of the Guild well over £100 has been applied out of central and district balances in this connection. In addition, an amount totalling nearly £50 has been collected and allocated to a fund to assist in providing a ringing peal for the new

Cathedral of the diocese when eventually that building is completed.

Entirely apart from the last-mentioned fund, the members have subscribed, as a fund to provide a memorial to the late J. S. Goldsmith, about £60, out of which it is intended to give a Sacring bell as part of the furnishing of the new Cathedral.

It is, of course, quite outside the scope of this article to describe the ringing conditions at towers within the diocese, but brief reference to the bells at some of the more important places will not be out of place.

PRINCIPAL TOWERS

Guildford—the county town of Surrey and situated practically in the centre of the diocese—has three ringing peals within its borough boundaries: ten at S. Nicolas', eight at the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity and a humble six at Merrow Parish Church. Perhaps S. Nicolas' chief claim to mention here is the fact that the Guild's library, which contains some rare and valuable volumes, is housed in the spacious ringing room, as the bells, although easily handled, are somewhat odd struck and the acoustic arrangements are interfered with by the fact that the draught is short and the sallies have, when through the eyelet holes, a tendency to muffle the back strokes.

A large proportion of the Guild's peals have been secured on the grand eight at the Cathedral Church in spite of the fact that they hang in a brick tower with marked elastic properties and that, in the words of a well-known ringer, you earn any peals you ring on these bells. The fact, too, that many peals are rung in the centre of a town without undue complaint from the neighbourhood is a testimonial to the efficiency of the shutters with which the louvres are blocked for these occasions.

That part of the diocese which lies north of Leatherhead and comprises the Epsom towers of Christ Church (eight) and St. Martin's (ten) lends itself best to inter-tower visits, and it is hardly to be wondered at that at Leatherhead alone the consistent ringing of advanced methods on its easily handled and fairly melodious, if somewhat clamorous, ring of ten, has been maintained from the formation of the diocese to the present time, although now another tower in the same district—Banstead, on the borders of the diocese—with a ring of eight, rung from the ground floor and rejoicing in a fairly long draught of rope, seems to threaten Leatherhead's former monopoly.

The light ten at Haslemere, rung from the ground floor, and on which our first Master lavished so much attention, are the Guild's show piece as regards ease of handling and musical and acoustic properties.

The recently recast and rehung eights at Shalford and Chiddingfold are both a delight to the ear and a joy to handle.

Ranmore's eight, on the high ridge above Dorking, had a reputation for quality, but, alas, of recent years they have been seldom heard, and at present, through lack of ropes, are unringable.

Although the spacious belfry at Farnham, which church was claimed in some quarters to be the most suitable one for the pro-Cathedral of the diocese, provides plenty of accommodation for a large meeting, its heavy ring of eight, mostly odd struck, hung in a large circle, and none too musical, require a better band than is usually found haphazard at a meeting to make them sound their best.

Mention has now been made of at least one tower in each district of the Guild except the Chertsey area, and, as in all justice reference must be made to one tower in that district, it is fitting to include Chertsey, nominally the

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mother tower of the district, where a heavy eight with a long rope stretching from the ground floor has been going too badly in recent years to be attractive. These bells have now been rebung, and the Guild officers sincerely hope that this improvement will have its repercussions in the area.

Although the Nazi H.E.'s and incendiaries were scattered throughout the Guildford diocese with a fair degree of liberality and impartiality and many doodlebugs chose our towns, villages, woods and fields as landing grounds with the truly delightful uncertainty which was the essence of the entertainment afforded by these amazing examples of human ingenuity, our churches generally (but for one direct hit at a spot in the heart of rural Surrey) suffered little but blast damage, and our bells (except in that one instance—and it was not a ringing peal)—none.

Many bands, however, were seriously depleted by the call of their younger members to arms and the toll of war has robbed the diocese of a number of promising ringers. In addition, some who left us for war and who were fortunate enough to escape inclusion in the casualty lists have settled down in other areas, but many have returned, and with an influx of recruits most bands have resumed activities and are rapidly building up to their pre-war standard.

So, in a county whose population is not likely to decrease and where money for improvements should be readily forthcoming, with no long years of history from which to fashion precedents and no musty traditions to fetter its activities, the Guildford Guild looks confidently forward to a bright and prosperous future—to the day when its life will be centred around the great new Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, which, until the necessities of war called a temporary halt, was rapidly rising on high ground above the mean level of the town of Guildford, and in which it is intended eventually to hang a ringing peal worthy of the noble building housing them as they, in the words of Tennyson,

'Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land;
Ring in the Christ that is to be.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The South Norfolk Branch meeting at Saxlingham Nethergate on July 12th was attended by 45 members and friends, including three district secretaries of the Suffolk Guild. Ringers were present from Attleborough, Bunwell, Bergh Apton, Chevington, Caston, Diss, Fornsett, Garboldisham, Horringer, Long Stratton, Mulbarton, Norwich, New Buckenham, Pulliam, Pakefield, Redenhall, Saxlingham, Sudbury and Yaxley.

The Rector of Saxlingham (the Rev. C. T. Hearn) conducted the service, and the address was given by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president.

At the business meeting the Rev. Hearn presided, supported by the president, Mr. W. L. Duffield (branch chairman), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Messrs. E. G. Bennett, E. Whiting and C. E. G. Banham (committee). The Rector of Saxlingham was elected an honorary member and Mr. A. Gillings a life member.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and to Mr. George Poynitz for making arrangements, also to the ladies who served the tea and to the Suffolk ringers who attended. Mr. A. Gillings suitably replied.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at North Lopham on September 27th.

WOODDITTON, NEWMARKET.—At Sunny View, on July 13th, 1,264 Bob Major on handbells: R. Heath 1-2, A. F. Austin 3-4, J. A. Acres 5-6, E. J. Lindley (conductor) 7-8.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

ANNUAL MEETING IN ISLE OF WIGHT.

The 67th annual meeting was held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on July 5th, and was attended by nearly 60 members and friends. Despite the large holiday crowds travelling by boat, ringers visited the island from the following towers: Basingstoke, Bishopstoke, Bramley, Bournemouth, Brockenhurst, Blackmoor, Deane, Fareham, Eling, Highclere, Hayes (Kent), New Alresford, Petersfield, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Ringwood, Southampton, Titchfield, North Stoneham, Wonston and also towers in the island.

At the outset of the meeting the Master (Mr. G. Williams) welcomed the various ringers and visitors, and the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight, in reply, extended a hearty welcome to all to the island in the name of the various incumbents.

The meeting was presided over by the Master, supported by the hon. general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers), hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Linter) and the Archdeacon. Several apologies for non-attendance were received.

The treasurer, in presenting the accounts as published in the annual report, observed that they were satisfactory in most respects, but warned members that in order to meet increased costs it might be necessary to raise the annual subscription or to find other ways of either increasing receipts or reducing expenditure.

Mr. Rose (Eling) suggested that the allowance usually made on teas at district meetings be withdrawn, but this did not receive a favourable view, as, after the districts had rendered their quota to the central fund, they were at liberty to spend the remainder as directed by the district.

An increase of 126 ringing members was reported during the year, and the accounts showed a balance in hand of £338.

The Guild officers were re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. G. Williams; hon. general secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Linter; hon. auditor, Mr. G. Smith; recorder of peals, Mr. A. V. Davis; representatives on Central Council, Messrs. G. Williams, F. W. Rogers, G. Pullinger and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. A vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year, proposed by Mr. W. R. Melville, was unanimously received.

The proposed revised Form of Service as drawn up by a sub-committee comprising Canon E. A. Berrisford (Bramshott), the Rev. F. S. H. Marle (Deane) and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton) was presented by the Rev. Marle and was approved, with minor alterations. The Archdeacon suggested that as a trial it might be used that evening at the Guild service, the Vicar of Newport (Canon W. B. Hogg) saying that it would give him the greatest pleasure to conduct it.

A detailed report of the Central Council meeting at Exeter especially covering the points raised by the Guild's representatives, was given by Mr. G. Pullinger, for which he was heartily thanked. It was suggested that the date of future annual general meetings be altered so that they would be held before the Central Council meetings, but after a discussion it was felt that no change was warranted. It was decided to hold next year's annual meeting at Andover (where the bells have been recently restored) on the first Saturday in July.

A discussion arose on the question of increasing the Guild's income, and on the proposition of Mr. Upton (Newport), seconded by Mr. Hunt (Portsmouth), it was suggested that the subscription be raised from 2s. to 2s. 6d. for ringing members. Mr. Tucker (North Stoneham) objected to the increase fearing a loss of membership, but it was eventually agreed to place it on the agenda of the next annual meeting to take effect as from January 1st, 1949.

An appeal was received on behalf of the restoration of the bells at Wolverton, and it

was unanimously agreed to make a grant of £10 to the scheme.

This concluded the business, after which votes of thanks were accorded those concerned, especially Mrs. A. M. Guy, Isle of Wight district secretary, who had made all the arrangements which ensured the success of the meeting.

Tea was served in the Unity Hall, after which the members attended a Guild service in Newport Parish Church, at which the Vicar officiated and the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight addressed those present. Further ringing took place in the evening at the various towers.

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

When the Basingstoke district visited Overton for its summer meeting on July 12th, the local ringers showed a very fine gesture by providing tea for the company, which numbered 60.

The Rector (the Rev. E. G. Wells, M.A.) conducted the service and also presided at the business meeting. Two new members were elected and the chairman was elected an hon. member.

The date of the combined meeting with the Guildford Guild (Farnham District) was announced for August 30th (full details will be advertised), and the next quarterly meeting was fixed for September 27th at Baughurst.

Methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Major. The young ringers were helped over difficulties in the higher methods. A collection for Wolverton Bells Repair Fund amounted to £3 1s.

MEETING AT CATHERINGTON.

About 40 members and friends attended the Portsmouth District's quarterly meeting at Catherington on July 19th. At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next gathering at Curdridge on either October 18th or 25th, depending on which date the Portsmouth Football Club had no home fixture.

Service followed the meeting, and then there was more ringing. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, with rounds and call-changes for beginners.

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SUMMER FESTIVAL.

A company of nearly 100 ringers was attracted to the Guild summer festival at Farnham. Ringing was under the leadership of Mr. G. L. Grover (Guild secretary), and the service was conducted by the Rev. A. J. H. Francis.

Following tea at the British Restaurant, the gathering divided and visits were made to Seale, Bentley, Frensham and Aldershot (St. Michael's), where the ringing was enjoyed.

FARNHAM DISTRICT AT CRONDALL.

An attendance of 40 was noted at the Farnham District meeting at Crondall on July 19th. When standard methods were practised and several recruits tried a course of Doubles for the first time.

In the absence of the Vicar on holiday, the District Ringing Master (Mr. C. Denyer) conducted the service, and Miss M. Cass read the lesson.

Following tea, Mr. W. Denyer (Aldershot) presided at the business meeting, when the following new members were elected: Mr. P. Collins (Aldershot), Mr. H. Harris and Miss E. Harris (Crondall). Thanks were expressed to Mr. W. Dimes (local captain) and to the caterers. The evening ringing included a visit to Bentley.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bellingring in Melbourne

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bellingrings, Melbourne, on July 16th, reference was made to the opening of the bells on June 29th.

About nine months ago, the Society wrote to the Bishop of Adelaide stating that they would like two or three representatives at the official opening of the bells. Mr. Rowe, secretary of the Sydney Association, visited St. Paul's in September, and arrangements were made with him to have a combined team.

Later one of the Sydney ringers visited the Bishop and made arrangements for the Sydney ringers to open the bells on their own. The attitude adopted by the Sydney Association towards St. Paul's Association was unsportsmanlike and not in the best interests of change ringing in Australia.

Special ringing for the 'Centenary of the Diocese' was held on Sunday, June 29th, when two touches of Grandire Triples were rung, conducted by Mr. F. Boughton, 13 members being present. The sudden death of the Rev. Eric Stephen Loveday, Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, was deeply regretted, and the bells were half-muffled at the Cathedral on Sunday, July 13th, as a mark of respect.

We had a visit from Lieut. James Richard, of H.M.S. 'Glory' and St. Stephen's, Ealing, London. Any bellringers visiting Melbourne from the old country we would be pleased to see any time.—Yours, etc.,

EDGAR KNOTT, Captain,
St. Paul's Bellingrings, Melbourne.

VISITING RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Having roamed around the country quite a lot, and always making a practice of visiting towers where there are rings of bells, I have many times had a lot of trouble to find out when they ring for service, and the address of the captain. Recently I visited a tower, and hung in the porch was a very neat framed picture of the upper part of the tower, artistically executed, and written underneath was the following, viz.:

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Invitation to Ringers.

This Church has 8 bells, and the methods rung are Grandire Triples and Stedman Triples. We ring every Sunday for services. In the morning at 10.20, and in the evening at 5.45 p.m.

Any visiting ringers who would like to join us will receive a hearty welcome.

STEWARD OF THE TOWER.

Name and address.

I commend this gesture, a true brotherly spirit and a great help for visitors.—Yours, etc.

Bolton.

PETER CROOK.

Bellingring at Knowle

Dear Sir,—Warwickshire has become national news, and many reports have appeared in the press about Mr. W. H. Smith's dismissal by the Vicar. The true facts of the case seem difficult to obtain, and I am not going to attempt to pronounce judgment on this case. What I want to do is to draw the attention of you, Sir, and all ringers to the great significance of this report in the 'Daily Telegraph' of July 21st, and to ask that this village schoolmaster be asked, if he will, to write a series of articles in 'The Ringing World,' explaining his system of teaching learners. There must certainly be something in it when it can be successfully applied so speedily on such a bad going peal that seventeen people are required to ring them! What could not be done on a modern well-hung peal?

—Yours truly,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

St. Albans.

[Note.—The report in the 'Daily Telegraph' states: 'The bells of Knowle, Warwickshire, Parish Church were rung by a volunteer team of 17, headed by the village schoolmaster, yesterday, following the dismissal of the master bellringer, Mr. W. H. Smith, by the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. Sharp. . . .'—Editor.]

PETERBOROUGH GUILD

MEETING AT IRCHESTER.

Largely attended was the quarterly meeting of the Wellyingborough Branch at Irchester on July 12th.

A Guild service during the afternoon was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. F. Rowley). Mr. Brown was the organist, and a collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 8s.

More than 60 ringers and friends had tea in the schoolroom, served under the supervision of Mrs. C. Payne. Among those present were the Vicar and Mrs. Rowley, the Rev. S. F. W. Powell (Bozeat), the Rev. W. R. Flex (Doddington), the Rev. H. L. Hoar (Higham Ferrers), Miss E. Steele (Biddenham) and Mr. E. Whitmore.

At the business meeting the Rev. W. R. Flex presided. He paid tribute to the late Mr. F. Barber, for the fine work he had done for the Church and the Guild. He also paid tribute to another old late member, Mr. W. Pettitt.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bozeat.

Miss F. Neal (Stanwick) was elected a ringing member and the Rev. H. L. Hoar was made an honorary member.

A vote of thanks to all concerned was made by Mr. W. G. Callis.

Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening both in elementary and advanced standards.

KETTERING BRANCH.

Good use was made of the suburban ring of eight at Rothwell on July 19th, the occasion being the quarterly meeting of the Kettering branch. Ringing extended from Grandire to Cambridge and Superlative, and many of the younger members enjoyed good practice in Stedman and Double Norwich. In addition to 35 members there were present visitors from Newcastle-on-Tyne and London.

After service and tea the business meeting was held in the Parish Room. The next meeting was fixed for Brampton Ash and Dingley on September 6th, with the next quarterly at Corby and Weldon in October. A branch outing is to be held on September 27th.

After the meeting members had the pleasure of hearing two records, loaned by Mr. Pat Chapman: one of Grandire Caters at St. Philip's, Birmingham, and the other, Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

Swansea and Brecon Guild

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual festival of the Guild was held at St. Paul's, Sketty, Swansea, on July 12th. Touches in standard methods and rounds for beginners made up the programme.

The Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Hill, M.A., entertained the company to tea at the Stuart Hall and also addressed the ringers at the service prior to tea.

This is the second time that the Guild has held the annual festival at Sketty, and all ringers were of the opinion that this year's festival was a great success, in spite of the opinion of some members that the Guild was dying out. This cannot happen when there are some stalwarts and founder members of the Guild prepared to help the younger members along and with such a number of young people present so keen and ready to keep the art of bellringing alive.

The annual meeting, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese presided. The Guild has been very fortunate in choice of president. In the past the Lord Bishops of the Diocese have been presidents of the Guild and have been good friends of it. It is very fortunate in its present president, who is a good counsellor and friend to the Guild of Bellingrings.

The President stated in his opening remarks how pleased he was to see a very good number present, and of all ages. The treasurer, Mr. Charles Morgan, presented the balance sheet. After paying all expenses and a donation of £10 to Llanfychangel Talyllyn Restoration Fund, the balance is £37 11s.

Election of officers: Mr. Charles Morgan, treasurer; Mr. D. G. Williams, hon. general secretary; Mr. Albert Matthews, Ringing Master; Mr. A. I. Rowlands, auditor; Mr. D. H. Bennett, of Bronllys, Central Council representative.

Mr. Bennett gave his report of the Central Council meeting at Exeter.

Mr. Meredith, of Sketty, opened a lively discussion appealing for youth to be given a chance in affairs of the Guild. Mr. E. Stitch welcomed visitors.

The Bishop thanked the Vicar for his kindness in having the Guild's festival this year at Sketty, also the organist and all who helped to make the festival such a successful event. The general secretary moved a vote of thanks to the Bishop for presiding at the meeting and also for his lordship's guidance in all matters appertaining to the Guild.

At a committee meeting held prior to the general meeting, Mr. A. Matthews in the chair, it was decided that the competition be held next year at Neath on April 24th, and rules of the competition be the same as in previous years.

It was also decided that the general secretary should go ahead with the arrangements for a suitable memorial for members who made the supreme sacrifice in the 1939-45 war.

A PEAKLAND EXCURSION

The pre-war outings of Overseal ringers aroused such keen interest in the hills and dales of Derbyshire that this year the ringers planned a similar tour to Dinting Vale, Glossop, the home of a former curate of Overseal, the Rev. J. O. M. Dawson-Bowling.

The outward journey was via Sudbury, Ashbourne, Alsop-en-le-Dale, Bixton (lunch), Dove Holes, Chaeol-en-le-Frith and Hayfield (where a good spell was enjoyed on the ropes).

At Dinting Vale a warm welcome and an excellent tea awaited the party and further ringing took place. The return journey started with the ascent of a shoulder of Kinder Scout (2,083ft.) known as 'The Snake,' which provided a thrilling experience. The coaches halted at the bottom to view the 'Lady Bower' reservoir opened by the King, and then the route was via Bamford, Hathersage, Baslow, Chalsworth Park, Matlock, Duffield (home of Sir A. Heywood), Derby and Buxton.

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Beverley and District Society

OFFICIAL WELCOME FROM MAYOR

In welcoming the society to Beverley for the first annual meeting on July 12th, the Mayor (Ald. H. S. Nicholson) said there was something more in bellringing than just pulling a few ropes.

Expressing the hope that the society would flourish for many years to come, the Mayor said Beverley was very fortunate in having two such fine specimens of architecture as the Minster and St. Mary's Church, and at each there was a fine ring of bells. The only thing Beverley lacked in this respect was a sufficient number of ringers, and this, he thought, in the past was probably because people had no security of employment and therefore could not remain in the town and give their whole thoughts to ringing as they would have done had they secure jobs.

Mr. G. F. Williams (president) was in the chair, and said the area now covered by the society was much larger than at first anticipated. Few of them had visualised stepping over into Lincolnshire, but now they had members in Barton, Barrow and Goxhill, and hoped that more would follow.

The Ringing Master's report stated that there was some improvement here and there in the quality of the striking, but much remained to be done before the high standard—second to none of some districts in Yorkshire—was achieved.

Members were recommended to go for frequent 720's or quarter-peals; by so doing they should by constant listening whilst ringing gradually become accustomed to the 'beat' or rhythm of the bells as the touch progressed. It took some time for even a first-class band to settle down to really good striking, and the necessary limitation of short touches at meetings was insufficient for the mixed bands of ringers to attain complete harmony with the bells.

Several members paid tribute to the work and enthusiasm of their chief officials, who were re-elected by a unanimous vote. They were: President, Mr. G. F. Williams; vice-president, Mr. F. Dale; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Glenn; secretary, Mr. A. E. Sellers.

There were eight nominations for six places on the committee, and those elected were: Mr. T. Southwick (Beverley St. Mary's), Mr. L. Daggett (Beverley Minster), Miss Lidgley (Hull Holy Trinity), Mr. G. H. Tyson (Bridlington), Mr. L. Rodmell (Patrington), Mr. L. Rodmell (Patrington), and Mr. C. Hunter (Hedon).

The Mayor and Mayoress were elected hon. members. Thanks were expressed to the Rev. F. G. Hansford, who conducted the service in the Minster, and to the Minster ringers and helpers for their hospitality to the company, which numbered 70, representing 19 towers.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.—On June 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Godfrey 1, E. Hornby 2, D. Smith 3, R. Worrall 4, Miss D. C. Osborn 5, A. G. Lawrence (conductor) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, H. G. Keeley 3, N. Adams 4, J. Morris 5, T. Cullingworth 6, G. S. Morris (conductor) 7, C. Tett 8.

Middlesex County Association

AT ST. MARGARET'S, UXBRIDGE.

A very pleasant meeting was held at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, on July 12th, attended by about 40 members and friends. Ringing under the supervision of Mr. F. A. Finch (Ringing Master) and Mr. T. G. Bannister (deputy) included most of the standard methods and learners had plenty of opportunities.

A choral service was conducted by the Rev. R. Bruce Eadie (Vicar), who gave a helpful address, and an exceptionally good tea was provided by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Bedford and their helpers.

The Vicar presided over the short business meeting when the following elections were confirmed: The Rev. C. Carew Cox (Lyme Regis), Reginald W. Rex (Newbury) and Ernest C. Gosling (Maidenhead) non-resident life members, and Mr. T. E. Davies (Ealing), ringing member.

Future meetings were arranged as follows: August 23rd, Cranford; September 27th, St. Peter's, Staines. Mr. F. W. Goodfellow announced that the meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon, would be on October 11th. Photographs of the recent jubilee meeting at Acton, provided by the Rector, were on sale, the proceeds being for the Coles Memorial Fund.

Thanks to the Vicar, organist and Mr. and Mrs. Bedford were proposed by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, and the Vicar, in replying announced that the order had been placed for the recasting and rebanging of the bells at a cost of over £1,000, but that it would be more than a year before the work could be put in hand.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DEVIZES BRANCH.

About thirty members attended the half-yearly meeting at Trowbridge, representing Warminster, Melksham, Holt, Southbroom, Keevil, Bishops Cannings, North Bradley, Urchfont and the local tower, with visitors from London, Chippenham and Swindon.

The Guild office was conducted by the Rector, Mr. A. T. Weeks being at the organ. At the business meeting, which was held after tea, Mr. E. F. White (chairman) congratulated Mr. Sam Hector on achieving 250 peals, 150 of which were for the Salisbury Guild, 50 being in Trowbridge tower, during his 50 years of ringing. Mr. Hector, he said, had always worked very hard for the branch and had been instrumental in getting many ringers through their first peal (applause). Mr. Hector suitably replied.

Before passing on to further business, the Chairman referred to the loss the branch had suffered in the death of Mr. E. J. Rowe, of Stourton. Mr. Rowe (known as 'Uncle' to many ringers) had always been a good friend of the branch, being a popular figure at meetings. The meeting stood in silence to his memory.

Towers chosen for coming meetings were Bratton (August), Rowde (September) and Bishops Cannings for the next quarterly.

The fine ring of twelve at St. James' was put to good use during the afternoon and evening, methods rung including Grand sire and Stedman Triples to Cinques, Plain Bob Major to Maximus, Cambridge Major and rounds.

Witham, Essex.—On June 7th visited Bengoe, Hitcham, Norton (for lunch), Baldock, Royston and Saffron Walden.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting at Barkway, Sat., Aug. 2nd. Bells 3. Tea 5.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 1740

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Worth, Sat., Aug. 2nd, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1729

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Eye District.—Meeting at Eye, Sat., Aug. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Yaxley (6) from 7 to 8.30.—W. A. Lock, Dis. Sec., Reed Cottage, Yaxley, Suffolk. 1743

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KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sandhurst on Aug. 2nd is cancelled. 1730

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Sawston (8), Sat., Aug. 2nd, 3. Service? Tea 5 in the Church Institute.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1727

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Rotherham (10), Mon., Aug. 4th, 3. Tea obtainable at British Restaurant. All welcome.—H. Chaddock, Sec. 1726

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Joint practice nights: Tuesday, August 5th, St. Albans Cathedral, 7.30; Monday, August 18th, St. Peter's, St. Albans, 7.45; Wednesday, September 3rd, Harpenden, 7.45. This notice will not be repeated.—T. J. Southern, Dis. Sec. 1739

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Appledore, Sat., Aug. 9th, 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by Aug. 5th to P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent. 1731

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I of W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Aug. 9th. Bells 2.30. For tea write Mrs. Guy, Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport, I of W., by Aug. 6th. 1737

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse (6), Sat., Aug. 9th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, for names or numbers for tea.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 1744

LANCS ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting Hoghton, Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec. 1753

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Brightwalton (6), Sat., Aug. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Hedges, Myrtle Cottage, Brightwalton, Newbury, by Aug. 6th. 1749

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following. Names must be sent to J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn, not later than Wed., 6th inst.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1750

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Ilkeston District.—Stanton-by-Dale, Aug. 9th, 2.30. Tea only for those who notify F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston, by Aug. 6th. 1752

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly Meeting, Bridlington, Aug. 9th. Bells (8), 2. Service 4. Tea (3s.) at Knowsley's Café 5. Important: Notification for tea must reach J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington, by Aug. 5th. Visitors welcome.—Albert E. Sellers. 1748

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Limpsfield Chart (6), Aug. 9th, 3. Names for tea to Mr. Len Tidy, Limpsfield Chart, Surrey.—C. A. Bassett. 1747

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—Meeting Barton-on-Humber, Sat., Aug. 9th. St. Mary's four new bells dedicated Aug. 3rd, making 8, and St. Peter's (8), 2, or earlier by appointment. Service St. Mary's 4.15. Meat tea (3s.) Assembly Rooms 4.45. Important: Those requiring tea must notify by Aug. 6th A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber, Lincs. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1763

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Warburton, Aug. 9th. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided.—John E. Ashcroft. 1762

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Chichester, Aug. 9th. Bells available 2.30 to 4. Tea at Tower Café 4. Official welcome by the Dean 4.30. Service touch 5. Business meeting in tower 5.15. Further ringing 6 to 8. Westbourne bells available in evening. Trains Victoria 12.15 and 1.15.—A. B. Peck. 1761

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Clitheroe, Aug. 9th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 5. Meeting in tower 6. For tea please notify by Wed., Mr. E. Gower, 98, St. Paul's Street, Low Moor, Clitheroe.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1760

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Everton (6), Sat., Aug. 9th. Take own tea. Good bus service from Retford.—H. Denman. 1759

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Surprise practice at Christ Church, Epsom, Sat., Aug. 9th, 6 to 9. Please come early.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1757

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting Biggleswade, Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5.30 at the Market House Café.—C. J. Ball, Sandy. 1754

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting Isleworth, Aug. 9th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify Mr. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, by Wed., 6th. All ringers welcome.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 1755

COVENTRY DIO. GUILD.—Coventry and Nuneaton Districts.—Joint monthly meeting at Monks Kirby, Sat., Aug. 9th, 3. Names for tea to Miss S. Pittham, Kirby Lane, Monks Kirby, Rugby, without fail by Wednesday the 6th. Good attendance, please.—L. Trevor. 1771

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting Hadleigh, Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9.—C. W. Pipe, Gen. Sec. 1770

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Aug. 16th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 6.15 to 8. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1769

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Braunston (6), Sat., Aug. 16th. Names for tea to me by Aug 7th, please.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 1751

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Great Waltham (8), Sat., Aug. 16th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, New Hall, Boreham. 1745

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during August.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1746

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OUTINGS

Finchley and Holloway.—On June 28th, a short touch of Minor was rung at Finchley before starting, and then to Sonning (met by George Gilbert), Thatcham, Newbury (lunch), East Hagbourne, Taplow and Burnham.

Chichester Cathedral Guild.—On June 28th, with ringing at Egham, Old Windsor and Chertsey. An enjoyable river trip from Windsor to Chertsey was included. Thanks are accorded all who assisted with the arrangements.

Balcombe, Sussex.—By early train to London, and then boat to Southend with handbells to the delight of the large company on board. After lunch at Southend, by bus to Prittlewell, where several of the local band met the visitors. The bells were soon going to Grandire Caters and Bob Royal, and later some of the party rang for a wedding. On the boat home a 720 Minor was rung. The outing was a huge success.

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