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SUSSEX PONDERS

Some might regard the Sussex County Association's extraordinary general meeting as 'much ado about nothing.' We think not. The position was an interesting one and might well occur in any Association. The committee, in pursuance of their duties in making arrangements for the annual meeting, ruled that no rail fares or tea allowance be paid to ringing members. Sussex apparently is one of the few associations that in the past has been able to make lavish provision for the entertainment of members. Still more, the subscription of the ringing member is in the form of a block affiliation fee of one guinea, paid in most cases by the Church authority. The committee's decision was objected to at the annual meeting, and a resolution was passed that rail fares and tea allowance be paid. This was not so much on the grounds of parsimony but arose from a fear of being dictated to and the curbing of the rights of members.

Nevertheless, the position of the Master and his committee was untenable. They ruled that they were within their rights in deciding, and the matter was outside the jurisdiction of the general body of members. Before convening the special meeting they did the best possible thing in securing legal opinion upon the interpretation of the rules. Mr. F. S. Tomkins, an eminent Chichester solicitor and a former Master, was consulted, and he gave the opinion that the decision of the committee on these two points could not be revoked by the annual meeting.

Some might argue that the controlling body is the members themselves, and it rests with them to approve or veto the proposals of the committee. A Guild committee normally is appointed to carry out certain functions, prepare reports, arrange meetings and to see to the smooth running of the organisation, and the general principle is that in the absence of special executive powers they report to the members for confirmation. In the Sussex affair there were two principles upon which the committee justified their action. In the first place, it was their duty to make arrangements for the annual meeting and, secondly, Rule X, which reads: 'That third-class return railway fare (with or without limit as may be decided for the current year by the committee of the Association) may be paid to resident ringing members at an annual (or special) general meeting of the Association, provided always that this rule shall become inoperative when the amount of the balance of the general

account shall have become less than the sum of £25. The meeting on Saturday concluded on a happy note with a resolution being carried that the committee were within their right in making the decision. The rule is not easy of understanding to the lay mind, and a very useful function the committee could perform would be to redraft the rules and the conditions of membership for the next annual general meeting. The present membership fee—a block tower affiliation to embrace all the ringers practising there—is to our way of thinking unsatisfactory. More practical is the individual subscription; membership always means more if it involves a payment by the member direct.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*KATHLEEN TILLEY (18) <i>Treble</i>	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 7
*MAVIS WHITEHEAD (13) 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
†LAWRENCE GREENHOW... 4	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 10
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 11
*ALAN CATTELL (16) ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN SCOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	†HENRY H. FEARN ... 6
*RICHARD J. B. HADDEN 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	†GEORGE E. FEARN ... 8
*ALAN F. THIRST ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † 200th peal together.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*ERNEST KETTLE ... <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR PEAKE ... 6
*FREDERICK WILSHAW ... 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 7
*NEVILLE HOLLAND ... 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH... 8
†FREDERICK W. GROCOTT 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... 9
†WILLIAM F. GIBBONS ... 5	CHARLES H. PAGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. JENKINS. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. MARY, GEORGE AND DENYS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

*MARGARET RIDYARD (17) <i>Treble</i>	†VERNON SYKES ... 6
†HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH 2	*JACK CLEGG ... 7
JOHN LUNHAM ... 3	RICHARD LONGDEN ... 8
ARTHUR RIDYARD ... 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE... 9
HUGH REYNOLDS ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (229). Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Kent Royal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal.
Rung for the centenary celebrations of Manchester Diocese and a welcome to the new Bishop, Dr. W. D. L. Greer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

CHARLES A. HUGHES ... <i>Treble</i>	N. G. HOLLINGWORTH... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
*MISS A. A. M. CASTLE 3	*ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... 7
SQUIRE CROFT ... 4	THOS. W. TAFFENDER <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by O. LANG. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. A birthday compliment to Miss A. A. M. Castle.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... <i>Treble</i>	REV. E. G. BENSON ... 5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 2	*JOHN J. WEBB ... 6
GEORGE DAVIS ... 3	*WALTER TAYLOR ... 7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (C.C.C. No. 32).
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

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

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM BUCKINGHAM... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE SAYER ... 5
*ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 2	CECIL EBBERSON ... 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 7
WILLIAM CLOVER ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Golden.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. J. Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13).	
ERNEST WILSON ... <i>Treble</i>	RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... 5
GEORGE AMBLER ... 2	RALPH W. SAYERS ... 6
DENIS R. MORRIS ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	FREDK. G. YATES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

In memoriam, Thomas W. Chapman, Nuneaton, and Robert Matthews, Stourbridge.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

Pitstow's.	
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... <i>Treble</i>	†JOHN A. BROWN ... 5
*JOYCE GAYMER ... 2	ROBT. I. PATTERSON ... 6
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
MARGARET FIDELL ... 4	FRANK AINSLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Association.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 28th, a quarter-peal of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Peskett 1, H. Peskett 2, Miss E. Lonnen 3, E. Horner 4, E. Treagus (conductor) 5, E. F. Marlow 6.



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OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
EILEEN H. BASTOW Treble	*W. R. HAMMONS 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	STEPHEN L. PARRY 6
ROGER LEIGH 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
CHARLES W. BLACKLEY 4	DAVID VINCENT Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John Worth.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
MISS KATHLEEN FLETCHER 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 6
ALBERT W. BOND 3	HENRY STALHAM 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

AMESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MELORUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.	
JACK MUSSELL Treble	PETER ANGER 5
LESLIE A. PAGE 2	REGINALD F. CROOK 6
HERBERT ABRAHAMS 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	FRANK L. HARRIS Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
SYDNEY TUSON Treble	JOHN CHARNOCK 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS 6
JOHN JACKSON 3	ARTHUR HATCH 7
JOHN BOOTH 4	E. ROGER MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.
First Surprise peal on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
ISAAC EMERY Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	BRIAN J. E. WHITE 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5824 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.) in E flat.	
LESTER L. GRAY Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT 5
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM 6
CYRIL VALENTINE 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
WALTER ALLMAN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
Longest length of London for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.	
JAMES F. HARVEY Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
*RICHARD J. B. HADDEN 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. In memoriam, Robert Matthews.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.	
ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
*JOHN DAVY 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	T. MARK WHITE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MISS BETTY MORTON ... Treble		REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 5
HARRY PARKER 2	DAVID SMITH 6	
ERIC HORNBV 3	HARRY W. HOWARD 7	
ALBERT H. BOOTH 4	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... Tenor	

Composed by W. NICOLL. Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the sixth.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK E. PERVIN ... Treble	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5
*CLARENCE R. STEED ... 2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 6
*REGINALD C. CHAPMAN 3	*VIVIAN B. HUNT 7
WILLIAM COLLETT ... 4	*LEONARD KINCHEN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.
* First peal in the method.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's No. 7. Tenor 12 cwt.	
THOMAS W. HAMMOND Treble	WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 5
JOHN LUNHAM 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
*GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 4	† DENNIS BOOTH Tenor

Composed by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* 600th peal. † First peal. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT 5
*MARGARET BEAMISH ... 2	*HARRY HARRIS 6
*JOHN THOMPSON 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 4	*LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal in the method.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10½ cwt.	
JOHN THOMAS Treble	RALPH HARRIS 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	*PATRICK HARRIS 6
*MISS M. ROWLAND ... 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 7
MRS. J. THOMAS 4	† ERNEST ROWLAND ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. A wedding compliment to Mr. Tom Griffiths, of the local band and Miss L. Parker.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.	
JOHN HAYES Treble	HARRY PVE 5
JAMES S. WEBB 2	HENRY O. BAKER 6
JOHN W. BEST 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 7
PERCY SWINDLEY 4	GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

MICHAEL J. FOSTER ... Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	CLIFFORD BIRD ... 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A peal of welcome to Hilary Golden.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE M. KILBY ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
ALICK CITLER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

This is the first peal ever rung in this method.

SIX BELL PEALS

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN MYHILL ... Treble	ERNEST J. RUNTER ... 4
MISS ANNIE WHITE ... 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ... 5
*A. G. BARTHOLOMEW ... 3	HENRY W. SHADRACK ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. SHADRACK.

* First peal of Minor. A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. R. C. C. Hargreaves. Also a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and tenor.

BRATTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

P. W. J. HARDING ... Treble	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ... 4
*Mrs. F. A. PENN ... 2	*FRANK A. PENN ... 5
†JOHN H. S. GIDDINGS ... 3	JACK LUCAS ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Stedman. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ROBERT BAMBER ... Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4
MISS RHODA BROWN ... 2	JOHN R. KEMP ... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal. For the coming-of-age of A. E. Flatters' daughter; also birthday peal for ringer of treble.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

WM. C. STACKHOUSE ... Treble	JOSEPH GREGORY ... 4
HARRY CLARIDGE ... 2	GEORGE COOPER ... 5
ERIC CLARIDGE ... 3	WILFRED ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GREGORY.

Rung as a dedication peal.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 16 extents Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 in C.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
*ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First handbell peal. First handbell peal by Northern Branch.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.	
ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... Treble	CHARLES GREEDY ... 4
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 5
MRS. L. BAINHAM ... 3	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

First peal of Kent Minor for all excepting the ringer of the 2nd. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Powell, leader of the Llanfrechfa band, who unfortunately was too ill to take part.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

An extent each of York and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single and Double Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

*MAURICE LOCKEY ... Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4
BETTY SPICE ... 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 5
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	C. HENRY HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAISTER-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.

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

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE WHITE HOUSE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

FRANK W. PERRENS ... 1-2	ALBERT WALKER ... 5-6
Mrs. EDITH K. FLETCHER 3-4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7-8
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 9-10	

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN A. POTTS ... 1-2	JOHN WORTH ... 5-6
JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 3-4	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8
JILL POOLE ... 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 9-10
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 11-12

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire: Joseph S. Carter. Witness: E. C. Turner.

This is the first peal of Surprise Maximus ever to be accomplished on handbells, and the coursing order of the bells was checked throughout by the umpire.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

'The Barrabool Peal.' Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	JACK BRAY ... 7-8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

To celebrate the christening of Gillian Margaret Feirn, daughter of the conductor.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MISS L. K. BOWLING ... 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5-6
FRED HODGSON ... 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

A farewell to Miss Bowling.

BARNWOOD, GLOS. — On Sunday, Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Wright 1, S. Romans 2, T. Newman 3, W. Cox 4, G. Case 5, L. Barry (conductor) 6, H. Newman 7, W. Jones 8.

QUARTER PEALS

CARLTON JUXTA SNAITH, YORKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Hereward Bob and 540 Plain Bob): L. Gerrard 1, J. Thorley 2, T. D. Leask 3, J. Martin Thorley 4, E. Thorley 5, C. Thorley sen. (conductor) 6. Also 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. First extent of Hereward by all the band.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,344 Ashted Surprise Major: M. S. Laucefield 1, P. Page 2, W. W. Ring 3, W. A. Oldfield 4, F. G. Huckslepp 5, A. J. Lancefield 6, W. Bottrill 7, T. Cullingworth (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all.

CRAYFORD, KENT—On Sept. 21st, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. J. E. Bailey 1, E. A. Barnett (conductor) 2, Mrs. E. A. Barnett (first tower-bell quarter of Major) 3, G. V. Murphy 4, C. Brett-Smith 5, F. A. Coley 6, H. E. Audsley 7, H. Hovard 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Morris 1, P. G. Parrott 2, J. Warner (first inside) 3, R. G. Long 4, F. W. Richardson 5, J. E. Warner 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, E. S. Owen 8.

DERBY.—On Sept. 25th at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Walklate 1, E. H. Clarke 2, H. Waterfield 3, H. Letts 4, A. E. Thompson 5, George Freebrey (conductor) 6, K. Hudson 7, R. Jackson 8, F. R. Lowe 9, S. Walklate 10. Longest length by all except ringers of 2, 4 and 6.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At Christ Church on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. C. Birt 1, A. Cutler 2, J. King 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, D. R. Judd 5, K. L. Brown 6, F. A. Finch 7, L. H. Bowler 8. Conducted by E. C. S. Turner from a seat in the ringing chamber.

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Folwell 1, W. A. Stote (conductor) 2, A. E. Bristolow 3, D. Ellender 4, I. A. Morrison 5, T. A. Hastings (first quarter of Minor inside) 6.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Sept. 28th, 780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob: A. Murphy (first quarter) 1, R. Sharp 2, M. Lockey (first quarter inside) 3, C. E. Jeffries 4, A. C. Sinfield (conductor) 5, S. Sharp 6.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Bishop (first quarter, aged 12) 1, R. Franklin 2, F. Tindall 3, C. Heskins 4, A. Cross 5, T. Bates (first as conductor) 6, W. Welling 7, S. Boore 8.

RICHMOND, SURREY.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, T. G. Miller 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, C. Otley 6, J. Bullock 7, E. T. Beauchamp 8.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Smith 1, W. White 2, R. Teed 3, H. Dyer 4, P. Davis (conductor) 5, R. Woodley 6, R. Pike 7, T. Pouracre 8. A farewell to R. Smith.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: S. J. Hector 1, Mrs. F. Penn 2, C. F. Andrews (conductor) 3, C. Butcher 4, T. Davidson 5, W. Baxter 6, F. Penn 7, E. Parker 8, G. H. Harding 9, S. Francis 10.

IN MEMORIAM THE REV. E. S. POWELL.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Plain Bob and April Day Doubles: H. Cummings 1, E. R. Lambert 2, F. J. Lambert 3, J. Higgins 4, E. C. Lambert 5, F. Tustain 6.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Priscilla Jackson 1, Miss Maud Clarke 2, G. H. Hancock (conductor) 3, F. W. Hancock 4, S. Osborne 5, W. C. Moore 6.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (360 Kent, 360 Oxford Bob, 720 Plain Bob): J. Shatford 1, A. Kinkman 2, Miss E. Walklate 3, P. I. Chapman 4, B. Lumbers 5, G. E. Watson (conductor) 6. First quarter in three methods by 1, 2, 4 and 5. Average age of band, 18.

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The Fredericks have rung
a name peal at Bedding-
ton, which is believed to
be the first name peal of Royal. Any correc-
tions, asks Frederick E. Collins?

The quarter-peal at West Clandon on Sept.
28th was the first since 1934. All who rang
learnt their elementary knowledge of change
ringing in the tower, of which Mr. G. L. Grover
is the conductor.

The peal of Kent at Chilvers Coton, War-
wickshire, on September 29th, marked the re-
dedication by the Bishop of Coventry of the
rebuilt portion of All Saints' Church, which
will serve as the Lady-chapel of the larger
church to be built later.

The day after passing her 17th birthday,
Miss Margaret Ridvard rang her first peal of
Kent Treble Bob Royal at Manchester Cathed-
ral. The bells of the Cathedral were rung
twice for the enthronement of the new Bishop
on October 7th.

A seven-method peal of Minor, in which she
participated, was the welcome the Bedfordshire
Association gave to Miss Betty Spice, who now
lives at Bedford. The peal at Maulden was
the 50th together of Messrs. A. C. Sinfield and
C. E. Jeffries, and the latter's 75th peal.

The appreciation of the small party of
ringers and their wives from London, Coventry
and Birmingham to Mr. and Mrs. George
Fletcher for the pleasant week-end at Caister
has been expressed by the scribe of the party.
Apart from a handbell peal, service ringing
took place at Gorleston Parish Church.

An interesting fact concerning the annual
peal for the Dudley and District Guild on
September 27th was that it was the 200th peal
together by the brothers George and Henry
Fearn. When they rang their 100th peal to-
gether Henry's total of peals was 109. The
200th together brings his total to 209, so his
brother has rung in every one of his last
century of peals.

BELFRY GOSSIP

One of the youngest to
qualify for the grand-
fathers' peal is Mr. R. W.
Rex, of Donnington, Berks, at the age of 44.
In honour of the christening of the twin grand-
sons on September 21st, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent
Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob) was rung by M.
Rosier 1, Mrs. S. Brown 2, Miss Stella Davis
3, G. Stocker 4, R. F. Crook 5, R. W. Rex
(conductor) 6.

Latest Surprise method to be rung is East-
cote, credit for which goes to the Middlesex
Association, conducted by their Master (Mr.
C. W. Roberts).

St. Andrew's, Derby, have a promising band
of young ringers who have rung quarters of
Grandsire Triples and Caters. They have
ambitions towards a peal.

Mr. A. W. Searle, of Exeter, has completed
his aim of ringing in every 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12
bell tower in Devon where the bells are hung
for change ringing. Congratulations are due
to him for a unique accomplishment.

Circle completed: Mr. Isaac Emery at Cray-
ford, Kent (his first peal on the bells being in
May, 1895).

Thirty-four years ago Mr. C. H. Dobbie and
Mr. A. H. Pulling rang their first peal to-
gether. The peal at Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Guildford, on September 27th, was on the
anniversary of their respective wedding days.

This is a noted year for 600th peals. We
have already recorded Mr. Albert Walker's
and Mr. J. Dyke's. The latest to join them is
Mr. George R. Newton, of Liverpool.

Letters of congratulation are to hand re-
garding the broadcast by eight members of St.
Mary-the-Virgin Society of Ringers, Diss, of
touches of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.
Those who rang were W. Musk 1, W. Elsey 2,
A. G. Harrison 3, W. Saunders 4, T. Ford 5,
F. C. Roper 6, W. A. Lock 7, E. G. Bennett
(conductor) 8.

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION PROBLEMS

SPECIAL MEETING TO DEAL WITH FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Sussex County Association held a special general meeting at Brighton on Saturday to straighten out their financial position. A Sussex tradition has been to pay part of rail fares and provide a free tea or allowance for those attending the annual meeting. The committee announced the discontinuance of the privilege at the last annual meeting on financial grounds. The right to make such a decision was challenged at the annual meeting and resolutions were carried that rail fares and tea allowance be paid. The committee felt this decision keenly, maintaining that the rules permitted them to take such action. The Master and his officers also interpreted the decision at the annual meeting as a lack of confidence.

The Master (Mr. F. I. Hairs) presided, supported by Mr. S. E. Armstrong (hon. secretary), Mr. O. Sippetts (hon. treasurer) and the divisional secretaries, Mrs. Hairs, Messrs. G. T. Jennings, J. Downing and E. Treagus, Mr. J. Dearlove (peal secretary) and Mr. R. G. Blackman.

The hon. secretary explained that there were three points. At the annual meeting discussion took place on the subject of the Association's income, and it was decided to urge members to pay a voluntary subscription of 2s, in addition to the tower affiliation fee. Four months had elapsed since the annual meeting, which was attended by 140 members, and the total sum received in voluntary subscriptions was less than £2, which he thought was a disgrace.

The second point was the question of a raffle. At the committee meeting in March a lot of time was spent considering this matter. In previous years they had held raffles, and this year it was exceptionally well supported and cleared about £7. There were objections, but no other way had been found of clearing the cost of the annual meeting.

The third point was the question of rail fares and tea allowance. That was considered by the committee in March, and it was decided to look round and see what economies could be made. It was obvious that the working expenditure and income was not balancing. The greatest cost was the annual meeting, and the item of that which they thought they could justly economise on was the rail fare and tea allowance. It seemed to him that the Association had existed largely during the whole of its life on charity. In the early days there was a large number of honorary members, and when they became tired of dipping into their pockets the Association went bankrupt. For the next few years George Attree paid for the Association out of his own pocket and set it going. They had now £300 in hand, some of which was in the Benevolent Fund, but the main part of this sum had not come from the ordinary ringing members.

After the decision of the last annual meeting that the rail fares and tea allowance be paid, he decided in consultation with the Master and the hon. treasurer to get legal opinion. He wrote to Mr. Tomkins, who used to be Master and was a leading solicitor in Chichester. Rule 10 read: 'That the amount of third class railway fare (with or without limit as may be decided for the current year by the committee of the Association) may be paid to resident ringing members at an annual (or special) general meeting of the Association; providing always that this rule shall become inoperative when the amount of the balance of the general account shall have become less than the sum of £25.'

Mr. F. S. Tomkins, in his reply, wrote: 'Under Rule 3 the General Committee are the governing body of the Association. While it is true that rail fares have been paid in the past, my recollection is that this appears in the notice of the annual meeting, which is prepared by order of the General Committee, and this payment has always been made by

resolution of the committee. The committee has executive powers to set the limit of the amount to be paid. . . . I think that the decision of the committee not to pay rail fares or tea allowance could not be revoked by the annual general meeting.'

It was quite obvious, continued Mr. Armstrong, from the decision of the annual meeting, that the committee did not hold the confidence of the general meeting, and that meeting had been called to find a way out of that difficulty.

Mr. Stalham: The main point was that it should be put to the meeting and not dictated to by the committee.

Mr. R. Blackman maintained that the onus was on the committee to keep the Association in a good position. They realised that it was necessary for them to show a slightly increased balance rather than a deficit at the end of the year. On finance there was always two sides—judicious spending or judicious saving. He thought if the money was available it was far better to spend it carefully than not to spend it. As to the powers of the committee, he had always held that the primary object of the committee was to act in an advisory capacity. Very seldom had a committee the right to legislate.

Mr. Armstrong: It is set out clearly in the rules that the committee is the governing body of the Association.

Mr. H. Stalham submitted that the activities of the committee were subject to the confirmation of the annual meeting.

Mr. Armstrong replied that the committee had gone to a lot of trouble and taken legal advice.

Mr. Downing explained that all the committee were concerned with was the making of arrangements for the annual meeting. It was open to members to decide what appeared on the agenda.

Mrs. Hairs contended that in these days it was not a hardship on any member to pay his own rail fare and tea.

Mr. S. White felt it was most necessary that rail fares be paid for youngsters.

In reply to a question, Mr. O. Sippetts said that at the meeting before the cost of rail fares was £5 2s., and at the last annual meeting it was 9s.

The Chairman: The point at issue is whether the committee is the governing body or not.

Mr. Levitt: You elect a committee to serve your interest. They spend a lot of time on it. They are in sole possession of all the facts concerning the financial position, and it was their decision that rail fares and tea allowances be not paid. You have in the past accepted their decision.

After further discussion Mr. W. C. Hart proposed a vote of confidence in the officers, and Mr. Russell, in seconding, said he thought their officers did a good job of work and they ought to support them much better than they did (applause).

The Chairman: There is only one way to show that confidence, by withdrawing the resolution at the last annual meeting.

Mr. W. C. Hart then proposed that the resolution be rescinded.

An amendment, moved by Mr. Stoner and seconded by Mr. A. F. Lewry, that in the opinion of the meeting the committee were within their rights in making a decision on rail fares and tea allowance, was carried by a substantial majority.

A discussion then followed on improving the finances of the Association in view of the expenses of printing the annual report. It was the general opinion that each tower should pay for its copies of the report.

Mr. Downing suggested that the rules be amended at the annual meeting to place the subscription on a proper basis.

Mr. Armstrong pointed out that if each member paid a subscription of 2s., the Association would be solvent.

Society Cumberland Youths

THIRTY-ONE NEW MEMBERS.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths held a most enjoyable meeting at St. Mary's, Apsley, on September 27th, over 50 members and friends attending from a wide area covering Brentwood, Bedford, Luton, Burnham, Wimbledon and the London area.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. J. Kaye), who also presided over the gathering when the business side of the arrangements had to be dealt with. This consisted chiefly of confirming belfry elections and making new members, of whom there were 31 in all, viz., Mrs. J. M. Kippin, the Misses B. Spice, E. Upton, P. and O. Martin, A. Wren, A. Bailey and J. A. Southurst, Messrs. E. H. Rayner, D. R. Marshall, G. Benfield, W. J. Puddifoot, H. Gates, H. C. Hillyard, P. M. J. Gray, R. A. F. Clark, E. Pennington, A. C. Sinfield, R. J. Sharp, C. H. Harding, George A. Sparks, B. J. Luck, F. G. Huckstepp, W. A. Oldfield, A. J. and M. S. Lancefield, P. Page, T. Morton, L. Baines, D. Latchford and H. Groom.

The Secretary announced the receipt of two books: 'Notable London Churches' and 'Notable Churches of the City of London,' presented to the Society by Mr. J. Hawkins.

Mr. W. Ayre, who welcomed the Society to the tower, said how pleased he was to see so many present, although he did regret very much that the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, was not there. So far as he knew, he believed it to be the first occasion the Cumberlands had held a meeting in that particular part of the country, but he did hope it would not be the last.

The Secretary (Mr. G. W. Steere), in reply, thanked the Vicar, Mr. Ayre and his henchmen, Messrs. Hughes, Upton and Good, for the excellent arrangements.

In the evening the party transferred their activities to Hemel Hempstead for a ring on this fine old peal of eight, but it was regretted that darkness settled down so soon that it was not possible to get a clear view of this ancient church nor the historical old town itself.

THE LADIES' GUILD SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT MACCLESFIELD.

On October 4th, the North-Western District of the Ladies' Guild held a very successful meeting at Christ Church, Macclesfield, when some 40 members and friends were present. The bells were set going soon after three o'clock, and touches in various methods, together with rounds for the less advanced, were rung until service time.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, president of the Lancashire Association, who, speaking from the text, 'Be ye therefore perfect even as your father which is in heaven is perfect,' urged his hearers to strive for perfection in everything, though it might never be attained. He suggested three ways in which they could further the aim of perfection in ringing—through constant and diligent practice; the whole band working together as a team; and through striking. He commended the motto, 'Ears and eyes open and mouth shut.'

Tea, provided by the local ringers, followed in the school, after which, when the gentlemen had been dismissed to the tower, a short business meeting was held. It was decided, if possible, to hold the next meeting at Bolton in February, 1948, to be followed by a meeting at Southport in April. One new ringing member, Miss E. Gray, of Chorley, and one honorary member, Mrs. W. Fernley, of Hazel Grove, were elected. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and wardens for permission to hold the meeting, to the Rev. F. F. Rigby for his service, to the local ringers for their assistance, to the ladies who served tea and to all who had in any way contributed to the success of the meeting.

James E. Davis

MEMORIAL AT ST. BOTOLPH'S,
BISHOPSGATE.

The chiming apparatus at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, has recently been modernised, and an inscribed plate mounted on the case, in memory of James E. Davis, who died suddenly on December 25th, 1944.

For 22 years, with few exceptions, Jim had chimed for morning service, doing so, for the last time, the day before he passed away. Thus, it was felt, the improvement of the old apparatus would form a fitting tribute to his memory.

A short dedication service will be conducted by the Assistant Rector of St. Botolph's, the Rev. J. D. Richards, on Saturday, October 18th, at 1 p.m. It is hoped that old friends will find it possible to be present.

Many who used to take part in those enjoyable Monday night practices before the war will think of others who are no longer with us. The quiet personality of Jim Brett, the oddities of Fred Pike, which still bring a smile to the faces of his old associates when they meet together and recall old times—not a bad legacy to leave to one's friends after all, a smile.

Another would be William Madgwick, who used to turn up, when least expected, at all times and places. Strange to have wandered all over the world and then return home to be the only one of the immediate circle to meet death through enemy frightfulness.

Then there was Tom Coles, a frequent visitor to the tower for practice and service ringing, who took his ringing very seriously, but did much service for his fellow ringers and enjoyed their company.

The memory of Harry Hoskins (the Mayor of Greenwich) will long remain green. What a character he was. Doubtless the thoughts of some will go back a few more years and call to mind one other who heard his last 'This is all,' 'Stand,' at St. Botolph's one Monday night. Then Ike Shade started off for the earthly home he never reached. He was called higher. Heavenly Father, we leave them in Thy loving care, and there we find them worthier to be loved.

Footnote.—Owing to suspected structural defects in the tower there will be no ringing at St. Botolph's during the afternoon on Saturday, October 18th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD NEWBURY BRANCH.

The autumn meeting of the Newbury Branch was at Aldermaston on September 20th, when visitors included Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford. The compass of the ringing extended from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Newham, and Mrs. Wilcox, a ringing member, was the organist.

Tea at the Hind's Head Hotel was followed by a business meeting, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (branch chairman) presiding. A letter of thanks from the Rev. A. E. D. Youles, for a gift of two guineas towards restoring Midgham bells, was read.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION MEETING AT NORTH LOPHAM.

Forty ringers attended the South Norfolk Branch meeting at North Lopham on Sept. 27th.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. T. Poole), who also presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), Mr. W. L. Duffield (branch chairman), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), and Messrs. E. G. Bennett and C. E. G. Banham (members of the committee).

The Rector of Lopham was elected an honorary member and Mr. A. E. Whiting, of Helmingham, made a life member. The annual meeting of the branch is to be held at New Buckenham on January 24th.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

BOZEAT BELLS REDEDICATED.

Bozeat bells have been retuned and rehung in new fittings in memory of those who fought in the last war. The dedication took place at the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. F. W. Powell) and the dedication performed by Canon R. E. Ford, R.D., of Finedon, who gave the address. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 15s. 8d.

At the business meeting the Rev. S. F. W. Powell, who presided, spoke of the sad loss of the Rev. E. S. Powell, late Guild Ringing Master, and Mrs. W. Perkins, wife of one of the oldest bellringers, Mr. W. Perkins, of Irthlingborough. Members stood in silence in tribute to their memory.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Irthlingborough in January if possible.

Tributes were paid to the great improvement in the bells.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

A quarterly meeting was held at Cannock on September 27th, 74 members and friends being present.

A short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, who prefaced his address by giving a welcome to the members. The Rev. C. H. Barker was the organist. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar and the local ringers, and served by ladies of the congregation.

When tea was over the following resolution, proposed by the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, and seconded by Mr. H. Knight, lay secretary, was carried unanimously: 'That this meeting, having in mind the age-long skill and personal devotion felt by all true ringers towards the art of campanology, strongly deplures the use of mechanical devices for the production of the sound of bells.'

A vote of thanks was carried with applause to all who helped to make the meeting a success.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Bilston on January 24th.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION DUNSTER DEANERY MEETING.

Mention was made in a previous issue of the absence from the Dunster Deanery meeting at Wiveliscombe on September 13th of the veteran secretary, Mr. George Stacey. There was a gathering of 70 members and friends, Preb. A. J. Hook presiding in the absence of the chairman (the Rev. F. M. Etherington), who wrote resigning his office. Members decided to ask him to continue to the annual meeting.

The meeting remembered in silence two members—Messrs. G. Cridland (Old Cleve) and F. J. Norman (Timberscombe), who had passed on since the last meeting.

Mr. F. C. Arscott (Selworthy) was elected a member and Withypole was selected for the next meeting. Votes of thanks included a tribute to the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Bishop) for conducting the service and giving an address.

The bells were 'exercised,' methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Major and rounds.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The ringing competition for the shield given by the late Petty Officer Harry T. Chandler, R.N., for towers in the Clifford and Kington districts was held at Kington on September 27th. Mr. F. Jaine, Ringing Master of the Leominster District, was the adjudicator.

The competition was won by Eardisland with 35 faults. Other competitors were Clifford, New Rednor and Pembridge. The shield was presented by Mrs. H. T. Chandler, and a vote of thanks was passed to her and the Vicar of Kington for the use of the bells.

Ringers' Outings

EWELL RINGERS.

'Seely' Sussex, happy Sussex—county of sunshine and little rain, rolling downs and spacious weald, ancient castles and exquisite village churches. Five of these West Sussex churches were visited by a party from St. Mary's, Ewell, Surrey, on Sept. 13th. With them were a number of very welcome 'paying guests,' the whole party numbering 28.

Setting off at 8.30 a.m. by coach, the first stop of the day was made at St. Mary's, Pulborough, tenor 13½ cwt. Hard by the ancient Stane Street, that relic of the Roman invasion of A.D. 43, a flight of wide steps leads up to a 14th century lych gate. A feature of the ringing room is the large wooden clock case almost covered with pencilled records of notable peals and touches. After an hour's ringing we said farewell to Mr. Stilwell and were soon back on Stane Street.

Westbourne, our next stop, has a large church, approached through an imposing avenue of very old and magnificent yew trees. The eight ropes are set rather close together in the middle of the big ringing room here, and the low worm-eaten wooden beams supporting the ceiling add to the impression of size.

Luncheon was enjoyed at Chichester, after which some of us had a quick look round the Cathedral before setting off for Walberton. Here all the company took the opportunity of trying the six bells.

Another five miles or so of glorious scenery brought us through Arundel, across the river and skirting the park, to Lyminster, an imposing Early English six-bell church, where we were welcomed by Mr. G. Lee.

By the time Henfield was reached, 20 miles further on, we were ready for the lavish tea prepared for us by Mr. F. Cruttenden. J.E.B.

A LINCOLNSHIRE TRIP.

On September 27th the Thorne (Yorks) ringers and friends, making a total of 30, had their annual outing by bus into North Lincolnshire.

Epworth was the first tower to be visited, and the grand peal of eight was rung to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Leaving promptly on time, a pleasant run brought us to Gainsborough, where the half-yearly meeting of the North Lincoln Guild was being held.

Such was the attendance that it was almost impossible to get into the belfry, but several of the party were able to take part in a touch of Double Norwich. Unfortunately a broken rope cut short the ringing and we had to leave for our next tower—Lea, where touches of Hereward, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford were brought round. Tea at Gainsborough was arranged by Leslie Lunn.

Our next port-of-call was Messington, where we found a recently augmented peal of six (tenor 9 cwt.). Touches of Woodbine Treble Bob, Hereward and Kent Treble Bob were rung to our usual quick beat on this handy ring, and David (aged 10), the youngest ringing member of the Thorley family, was able to ring rounds.

Burton-on-Stather, with its delightful ring of eight, was our last call. We were pleased to meet old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bray. J.T.

WELLINGTON ST. JOHN'S.

The annual outing to Westen-super-Mare on Sept. 20th resulted in ringing at St. Martin's, Worle, St. John's, Weston, and Bleadon. The ringing throughout was most enjoyable.

SIX SOMERSET TOWERS.

The Shepton Beauchamp ringers, together with friends from the neighbouring towers of Drayton, Puckington, Curry Rivel, Barrington and Kingstone, had a very successful ringing tour on Sept. 27th. Six towers were visited, Chewton Mendip, Burrington, Churchill, Banwell, Weston-super-Mare and North Petherton, where Grandsire Triples and Doubles, Bob Major and Minor were rung. R.B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IN DEFENCE OF DEVON

Dear Sir,—In your issue of September 12th, the leading article, under the headline 'Propaganda Needed,' recounted the impressions formed, and some of the opinions arrived at, by a ringer from Lancashire during a holiday spent in what he called the 'round and call-changes counties'—presumably Devon and Cornwall. The article ended with an appeal for a missionary effort on the part of half-pull ringers to convert the call-changers from the error of their ways.

Devon and Cornwall are very popular holiday centres, and despite the pre-war activities of the jerry-builder and the post-war attentions of the War Office, their appeal is not likely to diminish. Visiting ringers are always welcome, whether in method or call-change towers, and whilst most half-pull visitors are wise enough when in Rome to do as the Romans do, a minority of well-meaning but over-zealous individuals adopt a superior and somewhat patronising attitude. Their hosts are, of course, polite, but after the departure of your guests their comments tend to be in a slightly different vein. This letter is an attempt to describe the conditions obtaining in Devon—the writer cannot claim to have more than a superficial acquaintance with Cornwall—in order that future visitors may be spared the rude shocks and avoid the more obvious pitfalls which have apparently been experienced by at least one 'foreigner' this summer.

There are approximately 375 rings of five bells and over in Devon, whilst the Guild of Devonshire Ringers has about 55 towers in union. Not all of the latter, however, practise method ringing, but the Guild does make a valiant and by no means unsuccessful attempt to keep the flag flying, and its numerical strength is increasing. Although the number of methods rung may not be large, the average standard of striking does not compare unfavourably with that obtaining in other parts of the country. But in the majority of Devon towers call changes are the rule, and there exists the Devon Association of Ringers, under whose ægis over 300 towers are somewhat loosely organised, and whose avowed object is to promote the cause of call-change ringing. This it does by organising competitions, at which prizes, in the form of shields and certificates, are awarded. The Guild has approached the Association with a view to amalgamation, but negotiations, through no fault of the Guild, have, it is hoped temporarily, fallen through.

The quality of the striking, as well as of the rising and falling in peal, in most call-change towers is very high indeed. Whilst all are naturally not on the same level, it is not too much to say that the striking which is tolerated in very many half-pull towers Sunday after Sunday would horrify a Devon call-change ringer. It is this poor striking, heard perhaps at meetings or on the wireless, which causes the Devonian to regard method ringing not so much with indifference as with open hostility and contempt. Efforts to improve the striking of call-change ringers by selling them 'The Ringing World,' as suggested in your article, would not, it is feared, meet with any startling success.

Let it not be thought that this superiority of call-change striking is due to the fact that it is easier than method ringing. The writer can claim to have a good acquaintance with both, and to know what he is talking about. First-class call changes require intense concentration, and any man who attempts to take part in them without putting his whole mind to the task is making a great mistake. The reason for the high standard of striking in Devon is to be found in the fact that call-change ringers are trained from the very beginning to listen with both ears, every man to his own bell. The slightest infringement is instantly corrected by the leader of the band. Competitions, both the local affairs run

by individual towers, and those officially sponsored by the Association, afford bands frequent opportunities of comparing their own striking with that of their neighbours, and it is this factor, perhaps more than any other, which tends to keep up the general level of striking.

Call-change ringers are not often stylists in handling their ropes, the open lead at hand-stroke is unknown, and the bells are rung at a much lower swing than in 'Scientific,' as method ringing is known in Devon. If the visiting ringer will bear these facts in mind, and try to strike his bell as best he can, he may well earn the high praise which was once bestowed upon an eminent member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in the writer's home tower, 'Well, young man, you didn't ring that tenor too bad. One word of advice to visiting bands. Do not expect that call-change ringers will like to hear the tenor turned in: that is something which they cannot appreciate, and it is, therefore, much better to stick to odd-bell methods. If you can produce some really first-class striking do not, however, fear that your efforts will not be appreciated. The peals rung by visiting bands—of whom Canon Coleridge is now the only survivor—in the 80's and 90's are still remembered in North Devon and Cornwall, and the proudest moment of the writer's ringing career was at the end of a peal of Grandsire Triples in his home tower by a mixed band of Devonians and visitors, when the local call-change ringers were warm in their praises. The only note of criticism came from their captain. 'Don't tell me,' said he, 'that all Scientific is like that. I'll warrant you had to scour the country to get that band.' He was not, alas, very wide of the mark.

It is the considered opinion of the writer that it would be a thousand pities if call-change ringing were to die out in the West. It is a survival of the days of the three-quarter wheel when stays were unknown: it is capable of creating as much enthusiasm among its performers and of giving as much delight to its hearers as method ringing; and since it is, generally speaking, more strenuous than the latter, it raises a thirst in a much shorter time.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. TAYLOR.

National Provincial Bank, Ltd., Tiverton.

HANDBELL ACHIEVEMENTS

Dear Sir,—I was rather surprised to read your comment in Belfry Gossip on the Leicester peal of Cambridge Maximus.

There is no question as to its being a fine performance, but it is certainly open to question whether it merits the statement 'The finest handbell achievement to date.' There would be, I am sure, several candidates for this honour, and I consider the Cashmore Spliced Surprise Major comes first, with the Lincolnshire Spliced Minor second, to say nothing of Mr. A. H. Pulling's band's marvellous peal of Stedman Caters.

It may be merely journalistic exuberance at a fine performance, but I would beg of you to reserve such comments for achievements which cannot be challenged.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Marple, Cheshire.

Dear Sir,—Re item in 'Belfry Gossip' on October 3rd concerning the peal of Cambridge Maximus, are you quite sure that it is 'the finest handbell achievement to date'?

What about the peal of Spliced Minor in 105 methods rung at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, on June 30th this year?

I would also like to congratulate the Lincoln band on their fine achievement at Heydour on October 4th.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. RICHARDSON.

Pinchbeck, Spalding.

OBITUARY

MR. C. POTHECARY, MITCHAM.

The death took place at his home at Mitcham, Surrey, on October 3rd, of Charles Pothe Cary, for many years a member of Mitcham Parish Church band.

Charles Pothe Cary had gained the affection of a great number of ringers in the Surrey Association, on the committee of which he served for a number of years, and also in London, by his quiet, humorous manner. He was a good ringer and always willing to stand in to help beginners.

The funeral took place on October 8th at Figgs Marsh Cemetery, Mitcham, and among the ringers present were Messrs. R. and G. Charge (Holloway), A. W. Coles (Middlesex Association), W. S. Smith and A. Miller (Mitcham), R. Saunders and E. Bish (Streatham), R. Lathbury and C. W. R. Grimwood (Walton), C. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Oatway (Croydon). A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by D. Cooper 1-2, R. Lathbury 3-4, A. W. Coles 5-6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7-8.

In the evening 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung half-muffled at Christ Church: J. Chapman (conductor) 1, Miss A. Castle 2, F. Miles 3, T. Miller 4, S. Howard 5, R. Sanders 6.

MR. F. J. PORTCH, BRISTOL.

The death of Mr. Frederick James Portch, Bristol's oldest ringer, occurred on October 3rd, under tragic circumstances, as the result of injuries received in an accident while crossing the road near his home at 44, St. Andrew's Road, Bristol.

Mr. Portch, who was in his 90th year, had of late been troubled by failing sight, and for this reason was in the habit of carrying a white stick. He learned to ring nearly 74 years ago and was with the St. James' Society, Bristol, when that society was later re-formed under the leadership of his brother, Henry Portch.

Fred later became steeplekeeper at St. Peter's Church and occupied that office for many years. For the past 25 years he had been a greatly respected member of the SS. Philip and Jacob Guild.

The interment took place at Greenbank Cemetery and there were many floral tributes, including wreaths from the City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and the SS. Philip and Jacob Guild. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. C. W. Aldridge, and as a tribute to his memory a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells at the graveside by his colleagues from St. Philip's: Miss A. Brown 1-2, A. E. Reeves 3-4, T. Harris 5-6, E. J. Brown 7-8, A. L. Gale 9-10, followed by touches of Yorkshire Surprise Major on the muffled bells of the church.

MRS. POWELL'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—So many of our ringing friends from all over the country have been kind enough to write to me since my husband's death that I venture to ask the hospitality of your columns to thank them for their sympathy, which has helped me greatly. I hope to answer all these letters personally in the not too distant future—meanwhile my most grateful thanks.—Yours sincerely

MOLLY POWELL.

East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham.

BROADCAST CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—I am sure that those of your readers who happened to hear the broadcasts from Twerton and Diss on the last two Sunday mornings will join in congratulations to the ringers of both churches on their admirable performance. In the case of Diss one can also give a good mark to the B.R.C. The timing was perfectly done to allow that grand octave to come into rounds.

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

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PUBLICATIONS

'Surprise Methods.'—About 160 unnamed Major Methods in Place Notation, including 70 unpublished by Gabriel Lindoff. Post free 1s., 3 for 2s. 6d. Postal orders only.—Corrigan, Ryedown Lane, Bitton, Bristol.

'College Youths,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, the method and its proof,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 1s. (postage 1d.), from Hollebeke, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. 1946

'Hereford Diocesan Guild Report,' containing complete list of towers with five bells and over, founders, dates, etc. Few copies available for non-members, price 1s. 7d.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 2118

'Church Bells and Ringers of Norwich,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, 52, The Close, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities; well illustrated with plans, cross-sections, and pictures. 'This is the best book of its kind that I have ever seen; please send three more.'—A reader's opinion. 2124

MISCELLANEOUS

THE DARKER EVENINGS ARE HERE. Now is the time to enter your peals and 'towers' into a Delight Ringers' Record Book. Details and prices from William H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 2148

MEETINGS

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Oct. 18th, at Deeping St. James (6 bells), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Bridge Hotel.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 2044

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Jubilee Service and dinner, Oct. 18th. Ringing Clerkenwell, 2.30-4; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30-4.30. Service, St. Giles', 4.30; preacher, Bishop of London. Dinner (12s.), Slater's, 393, Strand, 6.30. 1963

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL. —

New ring of 13 bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated on Sat., Oct. 18th, 2.30, by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Rev. Henry McGowan, D.D. All ringers most cordially invited. A limited number of teas will be provided in the Cathedral School (2s. per head). Tower open for ringing from 5.30 onwards. 2022

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Oct. 18th, at Rochester Cathedral. Bells available *3. Service 4. Tea, City Cafe. 2077

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting Cranleigh, Saturday, October 18th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30 —A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 2047

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Curdridge, Sat., Oct. 18th. Usual arrangements. —J. H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 2086

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., Oct. 18th, St. Stephen's, St. Albans (6), 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. St. Albans Cathedral (12), 6.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. — T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2096

OXFORD GUILD.—Oxon District.—Annual meeting, Thame, Oxon, Oct. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. 2092

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Frittenden (8), Sat., Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. — R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec. 2091

BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTER ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting Chipping Sodbury (6), Saturday, Oct. 18th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify E. D. Townsend, 24, Gauntsfield, Chipping Sodbury. 2121

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey, Sat., Oct. 18th. For tea notify H. Turner, 3, Frinton Close, Sale, Cheshire. 2115

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Hemingbrough (6), Sat., Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—T. H. Foster. 2143

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Copt Oak (6), Oct. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Copt Oak Inn. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 2127

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —

Christchurch Branch.—Practice meeting, Sat., Oct. 18th, Ringwood. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea in Ringwood 5. Fordingbridge bells from 6.15 p.m.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 2104

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Practice meeting at St. Mary's, Windmill Hill, Enfield Chase (8), Thurs., Oct. 23rd, 6.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 2130

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Annual district meeting, St. John's, Erith, Sat., Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than Monday, Oct. 20th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2087

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Blofield (6), Sat., Oct. 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify names or numbers for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 21st. This is very essential.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 2100

OXFORD GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Meeting at Bicester (8), Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. Ambrosden (8) bells available. 2108

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sarum Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Downton (8), Oct. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea by Oct. 22nd to J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 2114

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Sutton (6), Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 2129

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District.—Sat., Oct. 25th, at Codicote. Bells from 3. Tea 5.15. —A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 2131

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—A Surprise practice will be held at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, on Sat., Oct. 25th, 6 to 9.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., Walton-on-Thames. 2132

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton District.—Meeting St. Mary's, Deane, Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 2134

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—A meeting at St. Ives, Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec. 2123

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Cary Deanery.—Meeting Barton St. David, Oct. 25th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 2126

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Oct. 25th, St. Mary's, Battersea. Ringing and business 2.30. Tea at Old Swan 5. Service 5.45. St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6.45 to 8.30. Notify for tea by Oct. 21st.—P. R. Blackman, c/o Imperial College Union, Prince Consort Road, S.W.7. 2128

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.—Sat., Oct. 25th.—All Saints' (6) and Belgrave (8), 10.30 to 12.30; St. Saviour's (8), 2 to 4; St. Margaret's (12) noon to 3.30; Cathedral (12) and St. John's (10), 2 to 4.30. Service 4.45, Cathedral. Dinner, Bell Hotel, 5.30. Dance, De Montfort Hall, 7.30 to 11.30. Dinner tickets 6s. 6d. Dance tickets 3s. 6d. from Jill Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Braunstone, Leicester, with remittance. Peal arrangements for Saturday morning, E. Morris, Vicarage, St. Margaret's, Church Gate, Leicester. Visitors arriving Friday assemble Balmoral Room, Bell Hotel, 7.30. All dinner tickets sold. 2122

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Meeting at Westonzoyland, Oct. 25th, 3. It is hoped to arrange tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 2133

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting Ide (6), Oct. 25th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Notify by Oct. 20th. Alphington (8) from 6.30.—E. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 2135

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting Sat., Oct. 25th, Old Windsor, 6.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2137

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Winterbourne (6), Oct. 25th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 2136

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Adwick-le-Street, Oct. 25th, 2.30. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hill Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 2142

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting Oct. 25th, St. Mary Quay, 2.30. St. Clement's 3.30. Tea Tudor Cafe 5. Business and election of secretary after. Other towers in evening.—C. W. Pipe. 2138

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Annual meeting Stow-on-the-Wold, Oct. 25th, 3.30 to 8.30. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30. Names for tea to Raymond Hicks, Claremont, Stow-on-the-Wold. 2120

CRUSADERS OF SOUTH-WEST ESSEX.—Hornchurch (8), Oct. 25th, 3 to 9. Interval 5 to 6. Tea shops close handy. This is a practice meeting. Anything from rounds up. Everybody welcome.—J. H. Crampton, Hon. Sec. 2139

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—Southern District.—Bishop Auckland, Sat., Oct. 25th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea arranged; bring own refreshments.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 2141

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Branch.—Meeting at Compton Bishop, Sat., Oct. 25th, 6.30 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol. 2155

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Hilgay (8), Oct. 25th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 2153

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting Aston-on-Trent, Oct. 25th, 3. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—W. A. Parsons, Dis. Sec. 2152

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Heathfield (8), Oct. 25th. Bells available 2.30. Names for tea, not later than 22nd, to W. Booth, Vines Cross, Horam.—F. H. Hicks, Assist. Div. Sec. 2147

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting at Rothwell, Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells from 3. Names for tea to Mr. H. Homer, 37, Temple Avenue, Rothwell, near Leeds, by Tues., Oct. 21st. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 2146

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Ickleton (8), Sat., Oct. 25th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Red Lion.—H. L. Martin, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2145

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—At Exning, Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. (Please advise Rev. C. S. Scott, The Vicarage, Exning, Newmarket.) Business meeting 5.30. Newmarket All Saints' and St. Mary's bells available afterwards. All ringers and beginners invited to attend.—R. A. Wallis, Dis. Sec. 2145

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.—The 10 bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor, will be rededi-

cated by the Bishop of Stafford (Rt. Rev. L. D. Hammond) on Sunday, Oct. 26th, at 11 a.m. Ringing until 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—F. A. Sedgwick, 10, Dam Street, Lichfield, Staffs. 2113

BARWELL, LEICESTER.—Sat., Nov. 1st, dedication of memorial peal tablets to the memory of Chas. H. Belton and William White, whose service totalled more than 110 years in the belfry. Ringers and friends invited to service 3 p.m., followed by tea in Church Institute. Tower (8) and handbells available to visiting ringers 5 to 7.30. Names for tea before Monday, Oct. 27th, without fail, please, to T. C. Belton, Arden Cottage, Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leicester. 2140

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—310th Anniversary Dinner will be held at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate Street, E.C., Sat., Nov. 8th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d. Numbers limited to 100.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 2102

QUARTER PEALS

BICKER, LINCS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor; W. B. Dawson 1, R. Howard (first quarter in method) 2, C. Wander (conductor) 3, J. P. Morriss 4, W. G. Short 5, A. H. Bennett 6.

BROCKENHURST HANTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,296 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 576 Plain Bob): Miss M. J. Tiller (aged 17) 1, C. W. Reed (17) 2, John Hartlett (18) 3, M. R. D. Harford (21) 4, D. R. Reed (17) 5, B. R. Tiller (conductor, aged 16) 6. First quarter as conductor and first of Minor in two methods by all the band. Colin and David Reed are twins.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Modwen's on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6-4-8 behind): Gloria Inwood 1, T. Pryce 2, J. H. Brittan (conductor) 3, C. Green 4, H. Cornwell 5, Jill Cochrane (first quarter) 6, K. Pratt 7, A. Skelton 8.

CHRISTLETON, CHESTER.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,344 Tiverton Little Bob Major: G. F. Sperring 1, J. Hayes 2, J. Swindley 3, J. W. Best 4, H. O. Baker 5, J. W. Griffiths 6, J. S. Webb 7, P. Swindley (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. F. Holding 1, W. Kerr 2, H. Edge (first quarter) 3, R. D. Langford 4, R. T. Holding 5, W. Edge 6, G. A. Packer (conductor) 7, J. Holloway 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Coker 1, Miss Stoker (first quarter inside) 2, F. Hayes (conductor) 3, J. W. Wilkins 4, L. M. Squires 5, R. Coles 6, S. T. Goodchild 7, P. Squires (first quarter) 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Callard 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, W. D. Ashdown (first quarter in the method inside) 4, G. E. Retter (conductor) 5, E. E. Retter 6, J. Salway 7, A. J. C. Holway 8.

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