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'THE BELFRY'

WE accord a warm welcome to 'The Belfry,' the Maidstone District's quarterly magazine, which made its first appearance this month. The Editor, Mr. Frank Wright, has produced an interesting first number to meet the requirements of the 31 towers in this district with about 200 members of the Kent County Association.

Canon C. B. Sampson, Rural Dean of Sutton and Vicar of Maidstone, has provided the foreword, and an extract from his message we repeat for the benefit of a wider circle. 'Church-going, we have heard this said so often, is not what it was. You can and do play a real part in witnessing to its call of God, in a special sense, to the spirit of man on Sundays. It's a grand thing that an act of service to God and man should also be a real work of art: this is really true for you. Always remember this and prize your calling very highly.'

It is the proposal of the Editor of 'The Belfry' to feature one church in each issue. The choice for No. 1 issue is St. Nicholas', Leeds, whose huge squat Norman tower has made a big contribution to the Exercise. The peal boards in the belfry tell of the famous happenings here, the most venerable being the peal of 40,320 changes of Bob Major rung on April 7th and 8th, 1761. In the churchyard is the headstone to that famous ringer, James Barham, who, according to his MS., took part in about 115 peals, of which 61 were rung at Leeds.

The ring of 10 in Leeds Parish Church is hung in a wonderfully preserved oak frame dated 1751. The oldest bell is the 20 cwt. tenor in E, cast by Joseph Hatch, of Ulcombe, in 1617. The seventh, eighth and ninth were cast in 1638 by John Wilner, of Borden, Kent, and were recast by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

Two pages are devoted to methods briefly explained with diagrams. There is, however, a light touch in the journal, and for the benefit of those who like to relax we cull from one of the letters: 'Dear Editor,—My name is Bob, and being Single am in love with a young Bell(e) to whom I would like to give a Ring so that we could Run in Double harness together. Being a Minor, this is a Major problem to me, so could you Place me on the Right Course, making it as Plain as possible, so that Before long we could make a Home together. I do not wish to go the Wrong way about it, as I may be told she can "Conductor" own affairs, as is rather Set and would tell me to Stand clear at the slightest Touch and Dodge away from me. Could you therefore compose an easy Method to use, that would "Bring Her Round" and so know where I Stand. That's all.—Yours sincerely, PLAIN BOB.'

The reply to this letter is equally to the point. 'You Start Off by taking the Lead, and after making a few Calls at Home take her Places, such as Oxford and Cambridge or London as well, if you can do it. By this time you will probably have Run Out of cash, and if she has not Come Round give her a bit of Rope's-end and Call the Attempt off.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF ALBANIAN SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES,

Tenor 25 cwt.

KATHLEEN V. TILLEY ... Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 2	*NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
JOHN R. SMITH ... 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 10
JILL POOLE ... 5	ALAN JACQUES ... 11
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 6	PETER J. STANIFORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on 12 bells. First in the method by all the band.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HIBBERT ... Treble	ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 8
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3	JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 9
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 10
HORACE BELCHER ... 5	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 11
ALFRED B. PECK ... 6	JAMES H. RUMLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. A birthday peal for W. Langdon.

TEN BELL PEALS

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

*BERTIE A. CORNELL ... Treble	†W. JOHN SOUTHAM ... 6
HAROLD V. FROST ... 2	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 7
FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 3	ALFRED J. HATTEN ... 8
ARTHUR DAY ... 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 9
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 5	‡FREDERICK C. JACKLIN Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by WM. J. ARNOLD.

* First peal in method 'inside.' † First peal in method. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

WALTER C. MEDLER ... Treble	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	*BERT GOGLE ... 7
BRYAN S. COPE ... 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 8
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 9
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 5	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in B.
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
*JOHN M. MYATT ... 2	†W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	ALAN CATTELL ... 7
MAVIS WHITEHEAD ... 4	EDW. V. RODENHURST Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Major and first peal of Surprise. † 25th peal. A birthday peal for Mrs. S. Pinder, of Old Basford, Notts.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	On the 'Margaret' eight.	Tenor 17 cwt.
JOHN J. MORRIS ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5	
JOHN M. MYATT ... 2	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 6	
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7	
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	ALAN CATTELL ... Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

A wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Belton, of Barwell.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
COLIN HARRISON ... Treble	BRYAN AUSTIN ... 5
JOHN P. FIDLER ... 2	HAROLD MARCON ... 6
PAUL LEA TAYLOR ... 3	LESLIE W. STEVENS ... 7
JOHN OLDHAM ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

The conductor's 100th peal on these bells.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ALAN DUGDALE ... Treble	CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... 5
†THOMAS H. MATHER ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
†CHARLES WARD ... 3	†WILLIAM E. ALLMAN ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	†DENIS MADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by W. HEDSON. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal. † First in the method. Rung for the centenary of the church. Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER Treble	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 5
HENRY H. FEARN ... 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 6
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 7
*TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.
* First peal of London.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE H. MOORE ... Treble	*LEONARD G. TOOKE ... 5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... 2	CHARLES H. MOORE ... 6
MRS. FREWEN MOOR ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
EILEEN BRACEY ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. For the Patronal Festival. Also a 72nd birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Lofty.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 10½ cwt.
ROBERT COOPER ... Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES ... 5
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 2	J. RODERIC LEES ... 6
STANLEY PRESTIDGE ... 3	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 7
FRED HOLDEN ... 4	JACK WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. DENNIS HOLDEN.

First peal on eight as conductor. To celebrate the centenary of the dedication of this church.



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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt.

Table of names and change counts for Repton: HECTOR A. KNIGHTS...Treble *SIDNEY F. JONES ... 5; JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 2 ALFRED MOULD ... 6; W. HARRY DUNCOMBE... 3 JACK BAILEY ... 7; WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 4 JOHN J. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Cambridge on an 'inside' bell.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 13 cwt.

Table of names and change counts for Sunderland: FREDERICK SHERATON ...Treble DENIS A. BAYLES ... 5; JOHN ANDERSON ... 2 GORDON JOHNSON ... 6; JOHN A. BROWN ... 3 *WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 7; MARGARET FIDELL ... 4 ERNEST WALLACE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

Table of names and change counts for Birmingham: JOHN N. LINDON ...Treble JOHN PINFOLD ... 5; *CHARLES T. RICHARDS 2 *ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER 6; *JAMES F. HARVEY ... 3 ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7; TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4 GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.

* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; Tenor 14 cwt.

Table of names and change counts for Deane: FRED BROWNLOW ...Treble PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 5; JOHN ASHCROFT ... 2 EDWARD IDDON ... 6; MURIEL REAY ... 3 ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7; H. WALKER ... 4 ALBERT GREENHALGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES:

Table of names and change counts for Oldswinford: CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...Treble +DEREK WOOLDRIDGE ... 5; *ROBERT LEES ... 2 +ALFRED C. BOXLEY ... 6; +GEOFFREY WESTWOOD... 3 ERNEST TURNER ... 7; RALPH MOORS ... 4 THOMAS HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. HUGHES. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. +First peal of Bob Major.

A 74th birthday compliment to Ralph Moors, of the local band.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Table of names and change counts for Whiston: *CYNTHIA EDMONDSON...Treble GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5; *SHIRLEY Bampton ... 2 DENNIS HOLLAND ... 6; MRS. M. TURLEY ... 3 JOHN E. TURLEY ... 7; HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 4 NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal on eight bells, aged 15 years.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;

Morris' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Table of names and change counts for Barwell: *ROY COLEMAN ...Treble CHARLES R. BELTON ... 5; +RONALD LORD ... 2 GEORGE P. GARNER ... 6; ERNEST MORRIS ... 3 ALAN H. HOUGH ... 7; WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 4 HARRY DUNCOMBE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN H. HOUGH.

* First peal in the method away from tenor. +First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Table of names and change counts for Debenham: WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...Treble GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5; WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 2 RONALD W. STEWARD ... 6; CHARLES E. FISHER ... 3 GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL... 7; GEORGE W. PIPE ... 4 CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to William J. Groom, of Pebenham. Tenor 21 1/2 cwt.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table of names and change counts for Erith: Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 17 1/2 cwt. MRS. F. I. HAIRS ...Treble ALFRED G. HILL ... 5; MRS. G. H. CROSS ... 2 FRANK I. HAIRS ... 6; WALTER J. LEMON ... 3 FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7; *ALFRED C. PATTEN ... 4 HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method. A welcome to the Rev. K. G. Horner, M.A., Vicar.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 1/2 cwt. in F.

Table of names and change counts for Frodsam: WALTER ALLMAN ...Treble JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 5; RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 2 ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6; HENRY O. BAKER ... 3 CYRIL VALENTINE ... 7; JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4 FRANCIS BIBBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Table of names and change counts for Gilmorton: PAUL L. TAYLOR ...Treble SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 5; HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2 ALFRED BALLARD ... 6; *MARY WALSHAW ... 3 EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7; ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4 ALAN JACQUES ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 1/2 cwt.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Table of names and change counts for Norwich: H. WILLIAM BARRETT...Treble NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5; *BRYAN S. COPE ... 2 GEORGE SAYER ... 6; *PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 3 HENRY TOOKE ... 7; F. CHARLES GOODMAN 4 ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. Composition, a regular two-part, contains 6th extent home, 4-5-6-7 only in 6ths, and all the 8-6's, is believed to be the first to be rung in the method with these qualities. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table of names and change counts for Church Stretton: Dexter's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. *BESSIE A. CARTER ...Treble +CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... 5; A. EDWARD REEVES ... 2 +FREDERICK G. BEDDOW 6; WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 3 THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7; +EDW. V. RODENHURST 4 *HAROLD T. HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

* First peal in the method. +50th peal of Stedman Triples.

† First peal of Stedman Triples.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Table of names and change counts for Claybrooke: BRIAN F. SIMS ...Treble RONALD J. SHARP ... 5; *RONALD C. NOON ... 2 ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 6; C. HENRY HARDING ... 3 LEWIS HARRY BYWATERS 7; ALFRED BALLARD ... 4 C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. EDW. JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Dursley peal, including Harry Newman, Thomas Newman, Harold Austin, Patrick Allen, Harry Daniels, Leslie Barry, William Richings, and Charles Larnar.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Hadleigh peal, including Ronald W. Steward, Frank Bloomfield, Frank Willis-Betts, Urban W. Wildney, Alan R. Andrews, Ronald G. Bugg, Cecil W. Pipe, and William J. Button.

LESFIELD, OLDHAM. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Lesfield peal, including Ogden Moores, John T. Walmsley, Ivan Kay, Herbert Barlow, Stephen L.L. Parry, Vernon Sykes, Arthur F. Taylor, and S.S.M. P. H. Tocock.

SIX BELL PEALS

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Whetstone peal, including Brian Chapman, Harold Kilby, Arthur E. Bodycote, Ernest Morris, and W. Arthur Riddington.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise Minor. ‡ 1.150th peal. § 100th peal.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Holywell peal, including Harold S. Peacock, Frank Warrington, Ronald J. Sharp, Andrew C. Sinfield, C. Henry Harding, and Brian F. Sims.

MILTON REGIS, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lbs.

Table listing names and positions for the Milton Regis peal, including Stanley V. Rayfield, Francis J. Cheal, Wilfred I. Palin, Eric Naylor, William A. Wood, and George A. Naylor.

* First peal of Minor.

SMARDEN, KENT. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

Table listing names and positions for the Smarden peal, including Harry Baker, Leonard W. Giles, William C. Marshall, Charles A. Bassett, John O. Weller, and William A. Kitchenside.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE. THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Talgarth peal, including Leonard H. Hart, David J. Griffiths, William G. Smith, Jones L. Gwynne, David H. Bennett, and James A. Smith.

* 50th peal. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Harper, members of the Church.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Wistaston peal, including M. Morgan-Wynne, Richard T. Holding, Kenneth W. Macintosh, Brian Harris, J. Derek Smith, and Albert Crawley.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. A compliment to the conductor on his 71st birthday.

KING'S WALDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Table listing names and positions for the King's Walden peal, including Helen V. Gardner, Lewis R. Runnacles, Albert E. Symonds, George Cherry, William J. Croft, and Frank W. Croft.

* First peal of Minor. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

NECTON, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. approx. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Necton peal, including Gordon C. Chambers, Vincent R. Ovens, Sidney Marshall, George T. Bunning, George P. Adams, and Bert Gogle.

To celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the fourth.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob (different callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Countesthorpe peal, including L. Edgar Chapman, Brian Chapman, Richard T. E. Hubbard, Neville Moyes, Ernest Morris, and W. Arthur Riddington.

* First peal away from treble.

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

On Wed., Oct. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Beoley peal, including Albert H. Fitter, James F. Harvey, H. James Turner, Arthur D. Cook, Edward T. Lloyd, and George E. Fearn.

* First peal with Treble Bob hunt. † First peal of Cambridge Minor.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Kingsley peal, including John Thompson, Ernest Twigg, Joseph V. M. Mosley, William Potts, William Edwards, and William Carnwell.

* 25th peal together. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to J. G. Cartledge, and Cheadle.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 30, 1949, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

12 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor size 12 in F.

ERIC NIXON ... 1-2 | *FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT 3-4
*GEOFFREY W. BEECH ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand.' First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Fri., Sept. 30, 1949, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
AT 11, EXTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2 | MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 3-4
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 2, 1949, in 1 Hour and 20 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores. Tenor size 12 in F.

*FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 1-2 | FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT 3-4
GEOFFREY W. BEECH ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT. Umpire: E. NIXON.

* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD ... 1-2 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6
DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 3-4 | *BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5004 CHANGES;

In eight methods, comprising 1,456 Plain' Bob, 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 464 Reverse Bob, 304 each of Double Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 232 Crayford Little Bob, with 397 changes of method.

Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT 52, ACACIA ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*DAVID G. HORN ... 1-2 | MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 3-4
CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ... 5-6

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER G. WOODHEAD.

* First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

No. 92. Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | *KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal 'in hand.'

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. WIGHTMAN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1-2 | WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 5-6
FRANK L. FISHER ... 3-4 | GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7-8

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

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LATE NEWS.

Nearly every tower in the Dunster Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association rang on the night of October 10th in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. John Pugsley, who for the past 20 years has been Ringing Master of the Deanery. Mr. Pugsley, who is now 77, has been a ringer for 61 years and is a foundation member of the Association.

When the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild met at Westbury on October 1st, a warm welcome was accorded to Mr. Hart, a former chairman, who is now in his 89th year. Five new members were elected. Ringing included Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

Mr. Alfred Bolland has now rung 100 peals 'in hand.'

Mr. W. J. Button has 'circled' Debenham, Suffolk, tower.

Miss Kathleen E. Fletcher, of Beaconsfield, who is now a resident of Bournemouth, has scored her first peal 'in hand.' Another recruit to Mr. D. T. Matkin's ever-growing band.

A Leicester Guild landmark.—Mr. Ernest Morris rang his 1,150th peal and 61st this year, and Mr. W. A. Riddington his 100th, at Whetstone on September 28th.

The bells (6) of St. John's, Duxford, Cambridge, have been re-installed at St. Peter's, Duxford, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, after receiving attention at their foundry. They will be dedicated on October 28th at 7 p.m. by the Archdeacon of Ely.

The peal at Dodderhill of Spliced Surprise Major, published last week, was not the first peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells. The first of Spliced Surprise was rung by members of the Worcestershire Association on April 10th, 1948, conducted by Mr. S. T. Holt.

Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, of Whitechurch, will remember his peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry. The peal appeared to be lost when it was realised that the band started without first putting on the light. Hopes were not abandoned, and rescue came from the gas lamp on the wall of Cobden Street, which gave sufficient light to discern the ringers.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Owing to dangerous cracking of the apex of the spire of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, London, ringing has been ordered to cease until further notice. It is hoped to have the spire repaired as soon as possible and also attention to the bells, the fittings of which are not all than can be desired.

One of London's most promising youngsters, Michael V. Chilcott, has recently succeeded in ringing his first peal of Stedman Cinques at Reading. It was at the third attempt, the first failing owing to a shift course, and the second owing to the eleventh clapper breaking.

The band was welcomed by the father of the College Youths, that grand veteran, Canon G. F. Coleridge, who came specially to wish them luck, and to hear the start of the peal. The newly-appointed Vicar of St. Laurence's also added his good wishes. The peal was rung as a 74th birthday compliment to William Langdon.

A company of 53 attended the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Guild at Easton Maudit on October 1st. The president (the Rev. S. F. W. Powell) announced his impending departure to Daventry, news which was received to the great regret of the members.

The bells of St. Paul's, Shadwell, London, E.1, have not been rung for some 30 years. The new Vicar, the Rev. B. E. T. Jansz, is anxious to get them in ringing order. The cost is £500 and the parish is in a poor part of London. Will ringers please help? Donations (however small) will be gratefully received either by the Rev. Jansz, St. Paul's Rectory, 298, The Highway, Shadwell, E.1, or Mr. D. Riley, 7, Ross House, Prusom Street, Wapping, E.1.

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Royal Society of Cumberland Youths Dine

OPPOSITION TO BELLS—A SIGN OF CONSCIENCE PRICKING.

NINE ringing visitors from Newark-on-Trent, the former living of the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards, Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, were among the company at the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on October 8th. The event was most successful, the Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards.

The company included Mrs. Cross, Miss J. Hollins, the Rev. Ken Davis, Mrs. Winterton, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hawthorne, Mr. G. W. and Miss Steere, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkby, Mr. and Mrs. G. Radley, Mr. and Mrs. Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bowler, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGinness.

Dr. E. L. Taylor, Dr. W. L. B. Leese, Messrs. T. Clarke, D. Bartholomew, D. Beveridge, J. Acres, J. Neller, L. Stilwell, A. Cutler, H. Burton, T. A. Ross, J. W. Raithby, E. Dodds, T. H. Francis, P. N. Bond, H. W. Brown, D. N. Layton, G. F. Carter, A. Pearmain, S. W. Brown, N. J. Diserens, Garrett and T. W. White.

Mesdames Winterton, J. E. Davies, N. Pearmain, the Misses P. Holmes, J. Pett, J. Brittain, M. E. Davis, D. Lidbetter, M. Lidbetter, P. Smee, D. Colgate, J. Askew, A. Bailey and P. Kitchen.

Mr. Geoffrey F. Carter, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said he had one small ambition as a ringer, and that was to be a service ringer at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Ringers were the custodians of the most expensive thing in the church, and the greatest gratitude they could show to the church, their mother, was in the care of those bells and ringing them in her service when required.

CHURCH'S TREMENDOUS STRUGGLE

The Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards, who replied, said the Church did not, as the ordinary man in the street thought, consist of Bishops and clergy but of the laity. To-day they were faced with a tremendous struggle between the Christian outlook and the materialistic outlook, and he had no doubt that the clash would get stronger. That was why the role of a bellringer was so vital. When people came and attacked the Church they invariably attacked it in the belfry. During the war it was not that Hitler wanted bells for guns but because Sunday by Sunday, when the bells were rung, they extended the challenge of another form of life. Recently a man wrote to him in regard to St. Martin's bells, 'Do stop those blessed bells.' His reply was, 'Your conscience is wrong.'

Mr. J. W. Raithby, of Newark-on-Trent, proposed the toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.' That dinner, he said, was one of the principal functions of the ringers' calendar, and men and women from all parts of the country were bound together by their great society.

The Cumberlands were a national and not a territorial society, and their influence on the Exercise was considerable. Times were changing, and ringers must keep abreast of modern developments. One of the most important challenges was in the question of noise. However much they loved the sound of bells there were people who hated them, and ringers should give very close attention to the proper control of sound from belfries.

Another thing the Exercise must be ever watchful about was 'canned' or synthetic bells. Parsons are only human, and could one blame them if they could get their bells rung by pressing a button? It should be their first concern to see that every belfry was

manned for Sunday service ringing. No society could live on past achievements; it must be constantly seeking new recruits.

Mr. Peter Bond, assistant secretary, responded and reminded the company that the Cumberlands' members extended from the North of England to Cornwall, and even in South Africa and South America. The society was in its 202nd year, and they had a lot to be proud of. During the past year they had gained a large number of members, and it was to the young members they had to look to the future.

The toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies' was submitted by the Master, who had a special word of welcome for the ringers from Newark, whose visit was due to the Vicar. They also welcomed Mr. D. Layton, and congratulated him on the good work he was doing with the Universities Association.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, in reply, said one of the changing signs of the times was the way the Cumberlands and College Youths now rang together. They were losing that spirit of rivalry in trying to outdo one another. There was a feeling among the kindred societies that they were all one big brotherhood, and with the Central Council of Church Bellringers wielding great force year by year, the various societies were being linked together in one great brotherhood. To-day any man could go into a strange tower and be welcomed as a brother.

The concluding toast, 'The Ringing World,' was proposed by Mr. G. W. Steere, and the Editor, in his reply, urged ringers when they elected branch chairmen to appoint men and women who were competent ringers, keen and enthusiastic for advancing the Exercise, and who did not regard Grandsire Doubles or St. Dunstan's as the limit of a ringer's capabilities.

The entertainment was presented by J. B. Potterill, a member of the Magic Circle, Mrs. Pearmain, with Mr. A. I. Pearmain at the piano.

Barnsley and District Society

SUCCESSFUL INAUGURAL DINNER.

A very happy and successful gathering was held at the King George Hotel, Peel Street, Barnsley, on October 1st, when a commemoration dinner was held to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the society. Some 76 members and friends were present, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Barnsley (Alderman and Mrs. W. Hunt).

The hon. president, Canon A. P. Morley, Rector of Barnsley, was the chairman, and kept the proceedings moving. The toast list was 'The King'; 'Church and State,' moved by the Vicar of Monk Bretton (Rev. G. Hodgshon), and responded to by the Mayor; 'Past Officers of the Society,' proposed by Mr. H. Rowley, of Horbury and replied to by Mr. J. W. Moxon, Sandal; 'The Visitors,' moved by Mr. J. R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, and acknowledged by the Vicar of Cawthorne (the Rev. H. Meanley); 'Continued Prosperity of the Society,' by the Vicar of Felkirk (the Rev. D. Moxon), and replied to by Mr. H. Chant, Felkirk; 'The Chairman,' by Mr. N. F. Moxon (Cawthorne). The entertainment was of a high standard. Mr. E. Winn, of Barnsley, provided the comedy, and the Cawthorne ringers entertained with a quartette and an instrumental trio.

This event proved to be a success in every way, and it is the hope of the officers of the society that this is the first of many such events.

TAYNTON, OXFORD.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Baldwin 1, F. W. Soden 2, A. J. Parker 4, W. J. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms (cond.) 6.

Chester Diocesan Guild

ANNUAL DINNER REVIVED.

The Chester Diocesan Guild revived its annual dinner on October 1st, the last occasion being in 1938. Over 70 sat down at the Blossoms Hotel, Chester, the Lord Bishop, as president of the Guild, and the Dean, as one of its vice-presidents, being present. After an excellent meal and the loyal toast, the Bishop proposed 'The Guild.' He emphasised the importance of ringers as officers of the Church, and mentioned a particular church where the service was always delayed for five minutes to allow the ringers to descend from the tower and take their seats for service, an example which, he suggested, might be widely followed. It was with great pleasure that he proposed the toast and wished the Guild every success in its work for the Church.

The Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke), in replying, welcomed the Bishop and the Dean. He recalled the prosperity of the Guild in pre-war days, especially in the year of its jubilee, 1937, when in celebration of the event it sponsored a scheme for the addition of two trebles at the Cathedral. In spite of the pessimists who declared that the Exercise would hardly survive the war-time ban, events had proved to the contrary, and ringing was never in a more flourishing condition. In this revival the Chester Guild had in no small measure led the way.

Mr. C. W. Lawton proposed 'The Clergy,' and made mention of the very obvious signs of renewed interest in religion, and said that he felt that the clergy who were members and officials of the Guild were doing a great deal to foster it.

The Rev. J. D. Pearson, formerly secretary of the Guild, replied and spoke of the fellowship which existed among ringers and of the great pleasure he had experienced during his period of office when he was in close association with so many of them.

In a felicitous speech, Mr. R. D. Langford, of Crewe, proposed 'Kindred Societies.'

'The Ladies' was proposed by the Rev. J. Kingdon, secretary of the Guild. With some wit he suggested that, whereas in the operative world they would be known as prima donnas, in the belfry they might suitably be called 'bella donnas.' He also put in a word of sympathy for the wives of ringers so often kept waiting for the return of their husbands, although there might be occasions when the wives were glad that their husbands were ringers. Acknowledging the toast, Miss N. M. Bibby mentioned some of her earlier experiences in the belfry in the days when lady ringers were not so numerous as at present. She thought that Mr. Kingdon's sympathy with the wives might be somewhat misplaced, as the wives at least knew where the husbands were on such occasions!

The toasts were interspersed with some excellent handbell ringing, arranged by Mr. John Worth, fresh from his conquests in Suffolk, and by humorous items and songs by Mr. J. Nield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

A pleasant meeting was held at the exquisite little church at Cranford on September 24th, which is set amid beautiful surroundings and has a light easy-going ring of six. A warm welcome was extended to the 25 members and friends by the Rector (the Rev. Maurice Childs) and Mr. P. J. Woodgyer, of the Livery of St. Dunstan.

Learners had every opportunity at this meeting and should have benefited greatly from the forthright methods of Mr. Tony Price, whose lectures on striking and proper bell control after each touch should be taken to heart.

The Rev. John Carr took the service, and there was a short business meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTRAL COUNCIL DECISIONS

Dear Sir,—The result of the sub-committee's call for suggestions from those holding strong views on controversial subjects has been rather disappointing.

Very few letters have been received, and we are, indeed, grateful to those who have found time to write, but there must be a large number who could render useful help by letting the sub-committee have their views.

Possibly the difficulty is that very few people possess a copy of the last summary of the 'decisions' of the Council, which is now out of print.

We are anxious to get on with this work, so that the new edition can be printed, but before that the draft has to be approved and possibly amended by the Council. It is very desirable that, in order to save time, we should get the feeling of the Exercise on the various debatable points which have arisen during the past few years, so that we may feel confident that the recommendations we may make have a fair chance of acceptance, and time be saved in debating 'knotty' points.

We would stress that our function is only to report and suggest, not to alter any of the decisions already taken, and any assistance we receive from the Exercise generally will be gratefully appreciated. Also we would appeal for guidance on matters concerning the 'decisions' only, and not (as we have already received) complaints about matters outside the scope of the work of the sub-committee.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

122, Lee Road, Blackheath, London, S.E.3

GREETINGS FROM DOWN UNDER

Dear Sir,—May I, on behalf of the rest of the Editorial staff and members of the N.S.W. Association of Change Ringers, offer our congratulations to you and the members of the committee of 'The Ringing World' on the achievement of your 2,000th copy, which has just come to hand.

As the established publication of bell-ringing news it is most encouraging to read of the success of the older established magazine. Your success gives us hopes that our small contribution to the Exercise will be equally successful.

Our members appreciate the interest which 'The Ringing World' has shown in all bellringing activities in Australia, and we hope that your success will be continued in the years to come.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM M. ROWE,

Editor of 'Ringing Towers,'
Official Organ of N.S.W.B.R.

THANKS TO THE POLICE

Dear Sir,—It was a great pleasure to myself to receive a telegram from the members of the National Police Guild on the occasion of their annual meeting at Loughborough. I was lying in bed at our Royal Infirmary looking at the ceiling and thinking of them all when a nurse said, 'Here you are, Mr. D., a telegram for you.' I expect our dear old friend, Jack Jones, had a similar feeling to what I had and was sorry that it was impossible to be with them all except in spirit. I think it was darned nice of them all to think of us, don't you, Jack? Anyway, they tell me that I am well on the uptake again. You policemen, again thanks.—Yours sincerely,

F. H. DEXTER.

Home address: 4, Stuart Street, Leicester.

LEICESTER'S BRILLIANT TRIO

Dear Sir,—In connection with the paragraph in last week's 'Ringing World' titled 'Leicester Youth's Century,' I do not think that Alan Cattell can 'claim the honour of being Leicester's most brilliant young ringer, whether on tower or handbells.' In my mind there are at least two others (of almost exactly the same age) who are more entitled to claim that honour.

One is Harry Poyner, who started ringing in February, 1948, and within two or three months was producing Surprise Major methods at the rate of two and three a week. One of these has been rung—Stanton Surprise—which created a certain amount of correspondence in 'The Ringing World' at the time. He has also composed peals in other methods, though none have yet been rung. As far as ringing is concerned he has only rung two peals on tower bells (both Cambridge Major), but it is on handbells that he has done the most brilliant work—Grandire Triples, Caters, Cinques (all on 'inside' pair), Stedman Caters, Cinques, Plain Bob, Major and Royal.

The other person is Alan Jacques, who also has rung 50 peals this year, and all have been Surprise except one each of Stedman Caters and Cinques. They include Cambridge Major, Royal, Lindsey Royal, Maximus, Lincolnshire Major, Royal, Maximus, Belgrave Major Royal, Maximus, as well as London and Bristol Major.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Leicester Cathedral.

THE LOST BEAT

Dear Sir,—Complaints about the ringing of church bells appear to be more common. Yet in 'The Ringing World' of October 7th an open admission that a peal of Maximus on a fairly heavy 'twelve' lost the 'beat' after about an hour's duration.

What of the long-suffering, non-ringing and often disinterested public who have to live near? Are they never to be considered? It gets their 'back up.' They write to the local papers and sometimes to the London ones. Can you blame them? What is the idea—a peal at any price, whether good, bad or indifferent? What would the old masters have done on such an occasion? Their action surely would be to set their bells, exclaiming, 'A good peal or none.'

R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

THE BULWELL PEAL

Dear Sir,—I did not intend to enter the dispute in connection with this peal which has already received wide publicity—and publicity of a nature calculated to harm the dignity of the ringer rather than enhance it. Nevertheless, Mr. L. J. Clark's references to the Southwell Guild leave me no option.

The peal was not officially arranged. My information is that it was rung at the express wish of the Rector, who issued a personal invitation to that particular band.

Mr. Clark's glib reference to peal-grabbing tactics is unwarranted and should be treated with disdain.

It is probably not generally realised in the Exercise that Bulwell bells have not recently been restored but have been eight for very many years.

The whole dispute would appear to be nothing more than a storm in a teacup. After reading the fable about the dog-in-the-manger, Bulwell ringers should go back and cease their self-pity.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. RAITHBY,

Hon. General Secretary,
Southwell Dio. Guild.

Patron Saint

Dear Sir,—Further to my note on p. 480, I am informed by the vergier there is a 'Tantony bell' at Lichfield Cathedral and is still used. It is in the central tower. Also there is a small figure of St. Anthony over the belfry window at the south side of the south-west tower wherein the 10 bells hang.

—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

ST. GUTHLAC'S CLAIM

Dear Sir,—St. Guthlac makes his claim as the Patron Saint of Ringers as follows:—

- (1) I am a true Anglo-Saxon, not a native of Campana in Italy, was born 673 A.D.
- (2) I lived in Crowland, in the Lincolnshire fens.
- (3) Paulinus, the bell man of Campana (which name became the Italian word for bell), came and converted Mercia, the native province of my parents.
- (4) Through his influence I became a Christian, a hermit and lover of bells.
- (5) I landed at Crowland 697 A.D. The Christian King of Mercia vowed to me he would build me an abbey.
- (6) He fulfilled his vow in 716, just after my death, hence St. Guthlac's Church.
- (7) A ring of seven bells was installed in my abbey, the first ring in England.
- (8) Ingulphus, my historian, wrote of these bells: 'Nec erat tunc tanta consonantia campanarum in tota Anglia.' There was not then such harmony of bells in the whole of England.

J. MAURICE TURNER.

Washfield Rectory, Devon.

MAYFIELD AND ST. DUNSTAN

Dear Sir,—It might interest Miss Dorothy Fletcher and others to know that St. Dunstan was, according to local history, born at Mayfield, Sussex, although brought up at Glastonbury. He is reputed to have built the first church at Mayfield, no longer surviving, and the present church which is dedicated to him.

St. Dunstan's forge is stated to have been on the site of the building of the Convent of the Holy Child, Mayfield, and according to legend it was here that he pinched the devil's nose with red-hot tongs so that the Prince of Darkness leapt right across to Tunbridge Wells to cool his nose in the spring waters at the Pantiles. A pair of blacksmith's tongs and an anvil are preserved in the convent, and it is claimed that these were used by the saint in his work.—Yours sincerely,

W. A. KITCHENSIDE.

Mayfield.

P.S.—The fine old church at Cranbrook, Kent, is also dedicated to St. Dunstan.

ST. DUNSTAN & REV. C. D. P. DAVIES

Dear Sir,—The following paragraph is taken from a guide book of the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Tewkesbury, Glos:—

'We come next to a double chapel, containing altars dedicated to St. Edmund, King and Martyr, and (in recent times) to St. Dunstan. Bosses in the roof show the martyrdom by the Danes in the ninth century of the East Anglian King. St. Dunstan is the patron saint of bellringers, and his chapel was furnished in 1934 in memory of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies by the ringers of England, who also added two new bells to the ring and had the existing ten retuned. The frontal depicts, "The Voices of the Bells."'

Similar notes are found in the Eynsham Parish Magazine made by the Vicar of Eynsham recently.—Yours sincerely,

CECIL G. CALCUTT.

Eynsham, Oxon.

Yorkshire Association
SNOWDON DINNER ABANDONED FOR 1949.

The September meeting of the Association was held at Doncaster on September 17th, and was well attended by representatives of all the districts. The fine new ring of eight bells, tenor 30 cwt., was set going early to a variety of methods, and the needs of all were duly catered for.

A meeting of the committee took place at 3 p.m., followed by a brief service conducted by the Vicar, who gave the Association a very hearty welcome. Some seventy sat down to tea, as against about forty who had given notification, and it is a matter of regret that members and friends intending to be present should add to the already great difficulties of those responsible by failing to give due notice. Luckily the foresight of the Doncaster company had allowed for a substantial number of extras, or otherwise quite a few would have been disappointed.

At the business meeting the president presided. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and authorities for the use of the bells was ably moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris and carried with applause. Canon Davies, in reply, said he and the wardens at Doncaster were always pleased to have the Association at Doncaster, and wished them every success. They had a ring of bells of which they were proud, and it was a very real pleasure to have the privilege of entertaining members of the Association.

Similar sentiments were expressed by the churchwardens, who said it was a good thing to hear the bells at other than the orthodox ringing times, in that it struck more forcibly at those who quite often did not respond to their call, reminding them that in the midst of business or pleasures the Church and all it stood for was still carrying on.

A similar vote of thanks was passed to the local company for their excellent arrangements moved by Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. A. Firth. The president announced that no invitations had been received regarding the next meeting, and the committee had decided that unless any were forthcoming to endeavour to arrange it at Bradford on January 15th. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved, and H. S. Morley seconded, that the committee's recommendation be accepted. This was carried.

The general secretary reported on the effort that had been made to arrange the Snowdon Dinner. He had received a kind offer from Mr. F. A. Staveley on behalf of the Doncaster company, and in consultation with the president and vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, had decided to proceed. Unfortunately subsequent difficulties arose regarding the time, when it was found that to accommodate a 5.30 p.m. dinner would mean going outside the town. It was with reluctance, therefore, that they had found it necessary, particularly in the light of last year's experience, to abandon it this year. The president moved, and Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded, that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Staveley and the local company for their kind offer and assistance. This was carried.

Donald Wheat, of Bentley, was elected a member. This concluded the business meeting, and an adjournment was made to the tower, where ringing continued in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Bristol and London Surprise Major.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held at Lightcliffe on October 1st. Five teams entered, and the result was as follows: Liversedge, 138 faults; Meltham, rang out; mixed company, 210 faults; Friezland, 113 faults; Thornhill, rang out. Friezland were therefore declared winners of the silver cup.

The Ladies' Guild
MIDLAND DISTRICT.

On September 24th a party of 30 ringers and friends left Leicester via bus for the Ladies' Guild meeting at Northampton. In pouring rain they arrived at the Holy Sepulchre Church, and an enjoyable ring was had here on the eight bells together with ringers of this tower.

At 3 p.m. the party moved on to St. Peter's Church. Here ringing ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major, and a ladies' band rang a course of Grandsire Triples. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Chybnall.

At the Deaf and Dumb Institute about 70 people participated in a delightful tea arranged under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine. Before the business meeting Miss Thompson (vice-president of the Midland District) welcomed one and all to the meeting.

After the 'male folk' had left for more ringing at St. Peter's, ladies from Burton Latimer, Castle Bromwich, Desford, Isham, Leicester, Northampton, Nottingham, Rugby and Surfleet settled down to their meeting. A discussion took place with a view to recommencing the working of the Northampton district, but a final decision was arrived at to link up with the Midland district for the time being. One new member and five re-joined members were proposed.

The next meeting is to be at Kettering on November 26th.

Leaving Northampton at 7.45 p.m., the Leicester party made their way to Moulton, where they were met by Mr. T. Tebbutt. Ringing for half an hour or more took place here, and then the ringers turned homewards to Leicester after a pleasant half-day.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
WEST DORSET BRANCH.

Whitchurch Canonicism and its stately church, with one of the finest towers in Dorset, provided the setting for the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch on September 24th.

The Vicar, Canon W. H. Davidson, conducted the service, giving a brief address of welcome and advice. The chairman (Rev. C. Carew Cox) deputised at the organ.

Tea was enjoyed through the kind hospitality of Mr. Mills and the local ringers. The chairman presided at the business meeting, and Bridport was agreed upon as the centre for the annual meeting on December 3rd, and the secretary was asked to arrange for neighbouring towers to be open. Canon Davidson was unanimously elected an hon. member. Miss Gwen Dickinson and Mr. Tony Street were elected ringing members. Mr. Mills promised that the Whitchurch band would seek re-affiliation.

Warm thanks were accorded the local ringers for their hospitality and the ladies who had catered and served the tea.

5,184 SPLICED MAJOR, IN 8 METHODS
By NOLAN GOLDEN.

W	M	H	23456	
—	—	—	—	45236 A
—	—	—	—	24536 B
—	—	—	S	56243 C
—	—	—	—	24563 A
—	—	—	—	52463 B
—	—	—	—	42365 C

Repeat 11 times.
S.H. end of 6th and 12th parts.
Courses called as follows:
A: Plain, Little, Gainsborough, Plain, Double, St. Clement's, Gainsborough.
B: Plain, Little, Crayford, Reverse, Gainsborough.
C: Plain, Little, Gainsborough, Wellington, Gainsborough.
If either course B or C is substituted for course A, on 5 occasions, the peal is reduced to 5,004.

First rung at Bournemouth as a 5,184 on September 12th, 1949, 'in hand,' conducted by D. T. Matkin.

St. Mary's, Ewell

Seven towers in three counties were visited by Ewell ringers on the occasion of their annual outing.

The first stop was at All Saints', Maidenhead, just before 9 a.m., where an enjoyable hour of ringing terminated in the breaking of the clapper of the 17 cwt. tenor a foot or so above the ball. It knocked a hole in the wall and fell with a noise heard throughout the church.

The sad news was carried to Marlow that practice was off until repairs had been done, and soon the bells (tenor 15 cwt.) were got going. Then came a 14 miles' run to Reading. Here ringing on St. Mary's splendid eight was enjoyed.

On arrival at the quiet, unspoiled little village of Aldermaston, the handbells, of which there were two sets aboard, and which had enlivened the journey at intervals since 7.30 a.m., were again brought forth and a pre-prandial touch was rung in the middle of the road to the entertainment, amusement, and it is hoped edification of the few villagers and frequenters of the public bar of the Hind's Head. The party received a warm welcome from Mr. A. Randall, for many years headmaster of the local school, who described some of the many interesting features of the church. The bells (tenor 10 cwt.) are not musical, but go very well.

St. John-the-Baptist's, Padworth, was reached after a pleasant drive through narrow, hilly country lanes almost off the map. It is a small but interesting Norman building, too small even to hold a pulpit, but containing six tuneful bells, of which the third is pre-Reformation. The others bear various dates from 1597 (5th), 1654 (treble), 1660 (2nd), 1816 (4th). They were all recast in 1890, when the 7 cwt. tenor was probably added.

Leaving tiny Padworth Church to ruminate on its history and the hundreds of chickens scurrying about the adjoining farmyard, the visitors were, soon passing along more winding lanes on their way to Basingstoke and a hilarious tea.

Ringings and evensong at St. Michael's (8) and an hour at All Saints' (9) brought eight o'clock and time to depart on the final forty miles' drive home. Mr. H. E. Good and Mr. C. W. Munday were in charge of the ringing throughout the day, all the other arrangements being in the hands of

J. E. B.

IRISH NEWS

St. Comgall, Bangor, Co. Down, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the installation of its ring of eight by a visit to the tower by the Holywood and Belfast bands.

Members are progressing favourably under the guidance of Miss M. Seyers and Mr. Tom McBride and encouraged by the Rev. F. S. Ebbitt, one of the curates, who is a ringer.

Visiting ringers were hospitably entertained to tea by the local band and the select vestry. Thanks were expressed to them by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody (district secretary) and Mr. A. E. McGrath.

FINCHLEY QUARTER PEALS

Six ringers of the Finchley band rang four quarter peals on October 1st in four different towers, viz.: St. Michael's, St. Albans, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor; Kimpton, 1,260 Oxford Bob; Old Warden, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob; Sandy, 720 Plain Bob, 540 Oxford Bob. Those taking part were F. Tubb, L. Tubb, B. F. Tubb, B. Wills, A. Warren and F. Barker. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. B. F. Tubb (41 years) and a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Barker, wife of the captain.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.

—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260
Grandsire Triples: J.
Pearce (first quarter) 1, F. G. Barron 2, H.
Reynolds 3, G. Verrill 4, H. Nobes (cond.)
5, J. Boadle 6, E. Brown 7, J. Hedges (first
quarter) 8.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Oct. 2nd,
1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Beryl Stott (first
quarter) 1, Miss Vera Burton 2, G. Arrand
3, Mrs. E. Wylie (first of Bob Minor) 4,
Mrs. I. Somerville 5, E. Cooper (cond.) 6, B.
Birkitt 7.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Oct. 2nd, at St.
John's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss
F. Child 1, B. Gould 2, Miss B. Adlam 3, G.
Evenson 4, P. Goldsworthy 5, D. Emery 6, H.
Mitchell (cond.) 7, J. Daniels 8. First of
Stedman 1 and 3.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Oct. 2nd, at the
Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: F. Townsend 1, H. H. Jones 2,
F. Vickers (cond.) 3, W. C. Gough 4, W. A.
Yates 5, E. Nichols 6, G. W. Holland 7, W.
H. Yates 8.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd,
1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Chapman 1, F.
C. Arnold 2, F. Pearson 3, R. Burt 4, T. C.
Brown 5, C. F. Phillippo (first of Minor as
conductor) 6. First of Minor for 1, 4 and 5.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On Oct.
5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Beck 1,
A. J. Hazzard 2, Gwen Speed 3, H. Babb 4,
P. Gallop 5, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 6, E. J.
Chilvers 7, D. Dando 8. First quarter 2, 3, 5
and 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Oct. 2nd,
1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, R.
W. Green 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. Charge 4, W.
Prockson 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie 7,
A. W. Coles (cond.) 8. 71st birthday compli-
ment 4th ringer.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-
Baptist's, Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples:
E. Razzell 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, C. Parks 3,
T. Bulgin 4, R. Abbott 5, G. H. Humphries
6, D. Cooper (cond.) 7, W. Oatway 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 2nd, at
St. Stephen's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss
D. Luke (first quarter) 1, E. C. S. Turner 2,
F. A. Finch 3, W. J. Ellis 4, A. Jones 5, J.
C. Birt 6, D. R. Judd (cond.) 7, W. J. Cook
8.

FULHAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,263 Stedman
Caters: J. Chilcott 1, H. M. Page 2, H. Lang-
don (cond.) 3, J. Allsop 4, W. J. Paice 5, P.
Clark 6, J. Stephenson 7, P. Chalk 8, M.
Chilcott 9, G. Debenham 10.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280
Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Piper 1, K. Smith
2, E. Percival 3, B. Webb 4, T. Evans 5, G.
Evans 6, S. Piper 7, J. W. Dyer (cond.) 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280
Superlative Surprise Major: W. F. Todd (first
in method) 1, E. W. Winters 2, A. E. Symonds
3, G. Cherry 4, J. Church 5, C. U. Hare 6, L.
Fidler 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8. First in
method 'inside' for 4 and 5.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Oct.
2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 each of Plain Bob
and April Day and 300 Grandsire): W. J.
Gait (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Naish 2, Mrs. T. W.
Kimber 3, J. Naish 4, J. Brooks 5, Miss A.
Wareham 6. To celebrate the birth of a
daughter to Mr. J. Brooks.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd,
1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. T. Beau-
champ 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. M. Castle
3, C. A. Hughes 4, C. W. Otley 5, J. Bullock
6, G. Dawson 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd,
1,260 Grandsire Triples: Olive M. Drake (first
quarter) 1, R. J. Jackson 2, A. Jordan 3, E.
C. Turner 4, E. W. Tipler 5, W. A. Wood 6,
F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, H. G. Gobsey 8.

QUARTER PEALS

NORTHENDEN, MAN-
CHESTER.—At St. Wil-
fred's on Oct. 2nd, 1,260
Bob Minor: H. Barlow 1, J. Miller 2, F.
Briekill, jun. 3, B. Walshaw 4, A. Barrett 5,
J. Clegg (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 3
and 5. First quarter since rehanging.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd,
1,260 Stedman Triples: B. A. Cornell 1, C.
F. Sayer 2, J. E. Lofty (first in method) 3,
G. Spencer 4, F. J. Spicer 5, W. J. Southam
6, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 7, T. J. Southam 8.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On
Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A.
Walpole 1, B. Barber 2, S. Fenn 3, D. Fenn
4, G. Walpole 5, E. Long (cond.) 6.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd,
1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cousins (first
quarter) 1, A. J. Burt (first 'inside') 2, F.
Tindall 3, C. Heskins 4, R. Franklin 5, A. H.
Bates (cond.) 6, W. Welling 7, A. Cross 8.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Oct. 2nd,
1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cotton 1, W.
H. Curson 2, A. Patrick 3, H. Carter 4, G.
W. Clayfield 5, A. Parker (first quarter) 6,
P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—At the Church of
St. Mary, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire
Triples: Mrs. F. Hawthorne (first on eight)
1, S. Howard 2, T. Miller 3, A. Jones 4, W.
Elson 5, W. T. Winter 6, F. Hawthorne
(cond.) 7, F. Wicks 8.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 28th,
1,260 Stedman Triples: E. V. Williams 1, C.
Drewitt 2, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 3, W.
Hacker 4, A. Newman 5, S. Seymour 6, R.
G. Clemens 7, P. R. C. Williams 8. First of
Stedman Triples 2, 6 and 7.

ST. ALBANS.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. Peter's,
1,287 Stedman Caters: A. Dale 1, H. V.
Frost 2, Miss O. Martin 3, Miss A. Bailey 4,
R. W. Darvill 5, H. G. Mason 6, B. C. John-
son 7, W. J. Southam 8, T. J. Southam
(first in method as cond.) 9, F. J. Spicer 10.

SPALDING, Lincs.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260
Stedman Triples: S. E. Bennett 1, A. J. Farr
2, M. Bennett 3, G. W. Mills 4, Mrs. A.
Richardson 5, A. D. Mills 6, J. G. Ames
(cond.) 7, L. Wright 8. A farewell to Canon
P. C. A. Carnegie on leaving for Rugby.

SPEEN, BERKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Treble
Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford: T. Curtis 1, R.
Christopher 2, R. F. Crook 3, G. Dodd 4, G.
Townsend 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th,
720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 540 Plain
Bob: Miss J. Thomas (cond.) 1, Miss M.
Shadrack 2, E. J. Runter 3, R. C. Thrift 4,
P. J. Eves 5, H. W. Shadrack 6. To cele-
brate the 21st birthday of the conductor.

THAMES DITTON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260
Grandsire Doubles: F. Hawthorne (cond.) 1,
Mrs. F. Hawthorne 2, H. G. Andrews 3, Miss
P. G. Kitchen 4, Mrs. A. Kitchen 5, F.
Wicks 6.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260
Grandsire Triples: Miss B. M. Tomlin 1, A. E.
Richardson 2, S. A. White 3, R. E. Wood 4,
E. A. Ladd 5, J. T. Medhurst 6, W. H. Dobbie
(cond.) 7, F. W. Tomlin (first on eight bells) 8.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Russell on the
birth of a daughter.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260
Grandsire Doubles: B. Vine (first quarter) 1,
R. Perry 2, C. Harris 3, L. Vickery 4, H.
Churchill (cond.) 5, R. Harris 6.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On
Sept. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor, 509 Grand-
sire Doubles: G. Wills 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, J. M.
Daniels 3, A. Armstrong 4, V. Adams (cond.) 5,
C. Sharp 6. Rung for the birth and christen-
ing of V. Adams, first grandchild, also birth-
day compliment to F. Sharp.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260
Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain
Bob, 420 Grandsire): J. Jordan (first quar-
ter) 1, R. J. Darch (1st of Doubles) 2, R.
S. Payne 3, J. Thurlow 4, J. Blythe (first
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TION.—Winning numbers drawn at Olde
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1,164, 6th 882. Thanks support.—Gilbert. 5967

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dral on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Usual arrange-
ments. 5910

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Bramley, Oct. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Shalford bells (8) available after tea.—A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 5903

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting at Bradninch, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.15.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 5940

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Autumn meeting, St. Mary's, Penzance (8), 3 p.m., Oct. 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Gulval (8) and Madron (6), also 2.30 to 4, and after tea.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 5922

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Woburn, Oct. 22nd, 3.30 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5928

ST. LUKE'S, DERBY.—Rededication of bells, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Service 3. Ringing after service until tea, 5. After tea, ringing resumed until 7.30. All welcome. 5930

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Odiham, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. 5936

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Annes, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) 3. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 5950

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hatfield, Oct. 22nd, 3. Cups of tea only.—W. E. Critchley. 5960

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Egham, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 26th, to W. Peck, 19, The Hythe, Staines, Middlesex.—F. Hawthorne. 5925

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Coddham, Oct. 29th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 5927

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Harlow Common, Oct. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. Green Line from Aldgate to Bishop's Stortford passes church every 30 minutes.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5932

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Frampton, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Church House, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Young, Park Gates, Frampton, near Boston, by Monday, Oct. 24th.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 5939

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Stansted (8) on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 5935

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Meeting, King's Somborne (6), Oct. 29th. 2.30. Names by Oct. 25th.—L. A. Tremeer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 5917

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Wilmslow, Oct. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. G. Blackshaw, 4, Mill Street, Wilmslow.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 5917

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Harlestone (6), Oct. 29th. Tea, if ordered, by Tuesday, Oct. 25th.—Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston. 5957

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Saturday, Oct. 29th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3. Ringing after the meeting at Woodford.—A. B. Peck. 5945

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Double Norwich and Surprise practice, Caversham, 6-9 p.m., Oct. 29th.—T. N. Lanaghan. 5958

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Oct. 29th. Ringing at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3. Meeting 6. Tea at 'The Hole in the Wall' (opposite) 4.30. Names for tea to Miss Matkinson, 42a, Westerfield Road, Ipswich, by Oct. 26th. 5924

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Tredunoc, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Cups of tea only provided. Bus 2.30 from Newport Station.—F. J. Hannington. 5923

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting Bury St. Edmunds, Oct. 29th. Both towers from 2.30. Tea and business 5 p.m., followed by district meeting. Tea only by notification to W. R. Goodship, 48, Southgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds. 5951

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Christ Church, St. Leonards, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open 2.30.—P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 5953

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Tennell practice at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Oct. 29th, and Saturday, Nov. 26th, at 6.15. 5955

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Lyndhurst, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m.; Brockenhurst (6) in the evening. Names to Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5954

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at the Cathedral on Oct. 29th. Tower open from 3 to 5. Bells again available after the 6 o'clock evening service. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. All ringers are cordially invited. 5973

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Whetstone (6), Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 3. Tea and meeting 5. Names by Tuesday, Oct. 25th, to W. Root, 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester. 5970

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Harby, Saturday, Oct. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. J. Butcher, Harby, by Oct. 27th.—J. H. Cook. 5968

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Amesbury (8), Oct. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 5966

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Knebworth on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 5.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5964

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Hathern, Oct. 29th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, price 2s. 6d. Names to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, Markfield, by Oct. 25th. 5963

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting Christ Church, Erith, Saturday, Oct. 29th, 3. Service 4.45. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 25th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5961

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting Alvaston, Oct. 29th, 3. Names for tea by Oct. 26th.—J. F. Wilkinson, 1, Cromford Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 5959

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—On Oct. 29th, Winterbourne (6), 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 5948

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Burley, Leeds, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members bring own food; cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow tea. No. 4 tramcar from City Square; Keighley, Shipley and Gufsey buses pass near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 5976

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Ormesby, Oct. 29th. Names for tea (5.15) to Mr. Ralph Jackson, 19, Ormesby Bank, Middlesbrough, by Oct. 27th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 5977

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Seale (6) on Saturday, Oct. 29th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 5978

NORTHWRAM, HALIFAX.—Ringers' Sunday, Oct. 30th. Bells available 2.30. Meat tea 4.30. Special service 6.30. A nominal charge of 1s. 6d. will be made for tea, and names must be sent to the undersigned not later than Oct. 22nd. All ringers welcome.—W. G. Turner, 4, Marlton Road, Northwram. 5984

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—312th anniversary dinner, Saturday, Nov. 5th, Pimm's Restaurant, Bishops-gate, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d. Ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 1-2.15; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4-5.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5891

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Names for tea by Nov. 1st to G. C. Briggs, 32, Franklyn Drive, Staveley, Chesterfield. 5975

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Colwich, near Stafford, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5.30. Names by Nov. 1st to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5962

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Merstham (6), Saturday, Nov. 5th, 3. Service 5. Tea and business. Names to J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshot, Oxted, Surrey, by Tues., Nov. 1st. 5969

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting Barton-on-Humber, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd to A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 5972

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Wickhambreaux, Sat., Nov. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation. Names, please, to Mr. S. White, The Nurseries, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 2nd.—B. J. Luck. 5974

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ruskington on Saturday, Nov. 5th, 2.30. Bells 6. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 for those who notify Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, by the Tuesday previous. 5956

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gedney, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tea only for those who notify me before Nov. 5th.—J. E. Allen, 31, Quadring Road, Donington, Spalding, Lincs. 5965

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WOKINGHAM.—Thanksgiving service for the restoration of the bells, Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 4 p.m. Bells (8) available 4.30-9. Tea in the Parish Room 4.30. Admission by ticket only (1s. 6d.), payable there. Application should be made not later than Nov. 5th to Mr. F. G. Brooks, Flat 1, North Brook, Finchampstead Road, Wokingham. 5946

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Next quarterly meeting, Halesowen, Dec. 3rd. Further notice later. 5949

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NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

What is believed to be the first meeting to be held at St. John's, Old Coulsdon, took place on September 24th. Some 20 members enjoyed ringing on this good-toned and ancient ring of five bells (dating from 1675) recently rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Several of the local ringers attended the meeting, and it is hoped to get them interested in change ringing.

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