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KEITH HART

The Exercise has lost by the passing of Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, one of its outstanding personalities, who was in that select band of ringers with more than 1,000 peals to his credit. Keith Hart will go down in history as an almost faultless performer, who had a complete mastery of his mental and physical faculties. Such were his gifts of concentration, that one who had rung scores of peals with him confessed that he had never seen him make a mis-blow. He was also a graceful ringer, and invariably performed on the back end. With his mastery of bell ringing he found it difficult to understand how other rational beings could make errors. Indifference in ringing and striking he would not tolerate, and because of his criticisms, for he had the reputation of being a John Blunt, he was at times misunderstood. No one, however, could be in his presence without having an admiration for his prowess as a performer.

When Mr. George F. Attree created his famous band of Surprise ringers at St. Peter's, Brighton, Keith Hart was already in the town. This company included two other 1,000 peal men in George Williams and Frank Bennett, but other names who come to mind are George Baker, E. C. Merritt, George Smart, Harry Weston, and Charles Palmer. Their performances were the talk of every belfry. Ringing weeks would be held, during which a peal of a different Surprise method would be rung each evening. Another memorable occasion was when Keith Hart rang three peals of London in 24 hours. Upon George Attree migrating to Canada in 1908, Keith Hart became the leader of St. Peter's band, a position he held with distinction and only relinquished this year.

Although he reached his 1,000th peal in 1931, to the regret of his many friends he did not participate in that peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on February 15th, 1936, in which each performer had 1,000 peals to his credit. Survivors of that peal are J. George, George Williams, F. Bennett and A. H. Pulling. Whether the fact that he never kept a record of his peals had anything to do with his not receiving an invitation we do not know, but he was the only other living ringer then alive with 1,000 peals to his credit. Since then two others have joined that select company in Mr. James Bennett and the late Mr. C. T. Coles. Perhaps the biggest day's ringing in Keith Hart's life was in September, 1912, when he rang the sixth at Sherborne Abbey to a peal of Stedman Triples, and in the evening the

eighth to a peal of Stedman Caters at St. John's, Yeovil. Ringing in both these peals were W. and E. Pye, who shared the respective tenors of 46 cwt. at Sherborne and 42 cwt. at Yeovil. Preb. C. C. Cox rang in the peal at Yeovil and the Rev. E. V. Cox at Sherborne Abbey. A great ringer thus passes to his rest.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

*LAURENCE GREENHOW ... Treble	*HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
JILL POOLE ... 2	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	*ALFRED BALLARD ... 9
*ERNEST MORRIS ... 4	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 10
*COLIN HARRISON ... 5	*GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
*J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

STEPNEY, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 31½ cwt.

*ALBERT T. BOOMSMA ... Treble	THOMAS G. FOX ... 6
CHARLES POTHECARY ... 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 8
LEONARD J. FOX ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5	JOSEPH H. BOOMSMA ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

* First peal. To celebrate the christening of the son of the Rector, the Rev. D. H. Booth, M.B.E., M.A.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., July 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 2	F. W. RISHWORTH ... 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	*ERIC CRADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal on ten bells. Arranged for E. Craddock on his 18th birthday, previous to joining H.M. Forces.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF Treble	W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 6
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 2	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
HAROLD PAILING ... 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
*ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... 4	T. VERNON JENNISON ... 9
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 5	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First attempt on ten. First of Kent Royal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 8
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. R. FARDON. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

PETER N. BOND ... Treble	+DONALD MARSHALL ... 6
*DAVID J. CHARLEY ... 2	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 7
ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... 3	GORDON BENFIELD ... 8
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 4	ALAN F. THIRST ... 9
RONALD H. DOVE ... 5	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal away from the covering bell. † First peal on ten bells. The first peal of Little Bob Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the society.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

H. RICHARD FRENCH ... Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 6
*WILFRED W. RING ... 2	BERTRAM J. LUCK ... 7
PERCY PAGE ... 3	HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 8
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 4	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 9
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH

* First peal of Bob Royal. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Chesterfield Branch.)

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... Treble	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 6
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 2	DAVID VINCENT ... 7
HAROLD PAILING ... 3	T. VERNON JENNISON ... 8
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 9
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 5	WALTER NICHOLS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal on the new bells. In grateful memory of the composer and his long and distinguished connection with this tower.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 31½ cwt.

JILL POOLE ... Treble	*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 6
*MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	*J. FREDK. MILNER ... 8
*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 9
*JOHN THOMAS ... 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.



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EIGHT BELL PEALS

LYMM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

LESTER GRAY Treble	ERIC GILBERT 5
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM 7
WALTER ALLMAN 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 5
MISS MARGARET BEAMISH 2	FRANK E. PERVIN 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

LAMBETH, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

SQUIRE CROFT Treble	HERBERT LANGDON... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
*N. G. HOLLINGWORTH 3	JAMES BULLOCK 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOS. W. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Surprise. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd; the birth of a son to the conductor; a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
RAYMOND OVERY 3	CECIL NICE 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	THOS. E. SPIGHT 5
*GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 2	ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
†SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal on eight bells. † Twenty-fifth peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. K. W. Mayer, of Lincoln.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JAMES E. BAILEY Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
†ROBERT A. JOHNSON ... 2	FREDK. A. COLEY 6
E. CHARLES PATTEN ... 3	GEO. J. BUTCHER 7
VERNON J. BENNING ... 4	JAMES M. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. J. BUTCHER.

* 150th peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

CASSINGTON, OXON.—On July 20th, for evensong, 1,680 changes of Doubles, being 120 each of (1) Stedman, (2) Union, (3) Grandsire, (4) Antelope, (5) Fortune, (6) Northrepps, (7) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (8) Reverse Canterbury, (9) Southrepps, (10) Clifford Pleasure, (11) Plain Bob, (12) Old Doubles, (13) Norfolk, (14) April Day: G. Putt 1, Miss L. Pimm 2, W. Jones (conductor) 3, H. Floyd 4, O. Jones 5, N. Floyd 6. First in 14 methods as conductor and by all the band except the ringer of the 4th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

BETTY SPICE Treble	†WILLIAM L. B. LEESE... 5
*MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	†C. JOHN DICKINSON ... 7
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor. In honour of the wedding of Dr. J. E. Spice and Miss Betty Hollingworth.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PROBUS AND GRACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*MISS JOAN E. WITHEY Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 5
E. LEONARD TAYLOR ... 2	CYRIL E. LANXON 6
HARRY MILES 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 7
MISS F. M. MARTIN ... 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal on eight. First peal of Major on the bells.

SKIPTON, YORKS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
JOHN CHARNOCK 2	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 6
*THOMAS BARKER 3	ARTHUR HATCH 7
JOHN BOOTH 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. DEBENHAM. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... 5
*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 3	*ERNEST F. BENNETT ... 7
EDNA F. BEDFORD ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire for the Branch. In honour of the birth of a son to Mr. G. R. Edwards, brother of the 2nd ringer.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN H. HUNT Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 2	PETER ANGER 6
LESLIE A. PAGE 3	ERNEST A. JURD 7
*PHILIP H. SPECK 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal in the method.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

*MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT Treble	BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 5
CECIL G. CALCUTT ... 2	EDWIN G. MOORE 6
THOMAS W. TIMMS ... 3	WILLIAM JUDGE 7
JAMES HIGGINS 4	WILLIAM J. DIXON ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL G. CALCUTT.

* First peal, aged 13 years. First peal as conductor.

LONDON.—On July 27th, at St. James', Clerkenwell, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Prockson 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, F. A. Barker 3, W. J. Ellis 4, C. Potheary 5, A. W. Coles (conductor) 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. G. Nash 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

HOLME-HALE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent of Double Oxford Bob, 2 extents of Kent Treble Bob, one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and 3 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK W. WILLIAMS <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT E. DIXON 4
FREDERICK C. JOHNSON 2	THOMAS A. A. POTTER 5
CYRIL J. BURNS 3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AD VINCLA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and one extent of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD F. WOOD 4
CECIL R. LONGHURST 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of St. Clement's.

Tenor 4½ cwt.

K. F. GREAVES (age 16) <i>Treble</i>	P. H. WRIGHT (16) 4
R. M. E. RICHARDS (14) 2	E. J. STERLAND (16) 5
E. G. HOLDGATE (16) 3	B. A. RICHARDS (16) ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by B. A. RICHARDS.

First peal by all. A compliment to the ringer of the treble, who is serving in the R.A.F.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in B.

*ERIC DODDS <i>Treble</i>	GEOFFREY DODDS 4
MARY E. DAVIS 2	†MICHAEL R. D. HARFORD ... 5
†JOHN HARTLESS 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal in two methods.

MABLETHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*G. HENRY DUNNINGTON <i>Treble</i>	†J. IVOR SMITH 4
†DOROTHY CLARK 2	†GEORGE E. MANSER 5
‡CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... 3	CHARLES MARSHALL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal on tower bells.

MEDBOURNE, LEICS.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 St. Dunstan's, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Plain Bob, 2,880 Grandsire (720 Morris', 720 Pitman's, 1,440 Ordinary).

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

EDGAR LEWIN <i>Treble</i>	CARADOC T. WHITMAN ... 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
ERNEST MORRIS <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells since restoration in 1939 and only the second since being made five in 1768.

SANDY, BEDS.—At St. Swithun's, on July 20th, for the Patronal Festival, 1,260 Bob Minor: Joan Ashton (first quarter) 1, Miriam Pettit 2, Joan Harding 3, C. Blain 4, C. H. Harding (conductor) 5, C. J. Ball 6.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM RANFORD ... <i>Treble</i>	C. WILLIAM NUTT 4
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 5
ROLAND E. LEWIS 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal on these bells for 24 years.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*KENNETH MEDWAY ... <i>Treble</i>	*HAROLD PARFREY 4
*ERNEST WHITE 2	†EDWARD J. FRY 5
*EDWARD CONNOCK 3	ROGER O. FRY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT 45, ENGLETON ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7-8
JOHN W. TAYLOR 9-10	

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

* First peal of Stedman in hand.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT 76, DIMSDALE VIEW, PORTHILL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

F. WILSHAW 1-2	R. S. ANDERSON 5-6
W. F. GIBBON 3-4	G. W. BIDDULPH 7-8

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by R. S. ANDERSON.

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. BETTY PERCY 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	Mrs. R. G. CROSS 7-8

Arranged by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

In memoriam, Keith Hart.

JENKINSTOWN, CO. LOUTH.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of eight 480's and 10 extents, each called differently.

MISS ADA C. DUKES ... 1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3-4
*T. W. WARREN-JONES ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

Witness: Mrs. F. E. Dukes.

* First handbell peal. First handbell peal in the county.

JENKINSTOWN, CO. LOUTH.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 16 extents Plain Bob and 26 Grandsire.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
MISS ADA C. DUKES ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

Witness: T. W. W. Jones.

* First peal on handbells and in two methods. First peal in two methods by all on handbells and in Ireland.

QUARTER PEALS

AUDLEY, STAFFS.—On August 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. F. Holding 1, G. A. Packer 2, R. T. Holding 3, W. Kerr (first in method) 4, W. Longman 5, A. Crawley 6, R. D. Langford (conductor) 7, J. Holloway 8.

BAMBER BRIDGE, LANCS.—On August 3rd, at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Harrison 1, C. Hardacre 2, H. Hardacre 3, A. Hatch 4, J. Jackson 5, S. Tuson 6, F. McCarthy 7, W. A. Stote (Coventry) (conductor) 8.

BARNBY DON, YORKS.—On August 2nd, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Linsay 1, C. Thorley 2, M. Thorley 3, R. Lunn 4, J. Thorley 5, E. J. Padgett (conductor) 6. A compliment to Miss I. Lamb, daughter of a local ringer.

BURFORD, OXON.—On August 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Collett 1, F. Soden (conductor) 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, T. H. J. Prince (first quarter inside) 4, B. S. Nichols 5, F. W. Soden 6, W. J. Dixon 7, T. W. Timms 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At St. John's on July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Warner (first quarter-peat) 1, F. W. Richardson 2, F. Morris 3, R. G. Long (conductor) 4, J. E. Warner 5, A. F. Bennington 6, G. H. Daynes 7, F. Stevens (first quarter-peat) 8. To commemorate the 92nd anniversary of the consecration of the church.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church on July 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Mould 1, G. Ward 2, C. Walklate 3, George Freebrey (conductor) 4, S. Walklate 5, S. Merry 6, F. Lowe 7, S. Barsby 8. First in the method by 3 and 8.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's on August 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Shaw 1, W. A. Parsons 2, J. Glew 3, W. Lancaster 4, F. Lowe (conductor) 5, K. Hudston 6, A. Mould 7, W. Steen 8. In honour of the Queen's birthday.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On August 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Eric Critchley (conductor) 1, E. Ba'dwin 2, J. Holmes 3, F. A. Staveley 4, R. Thompson 5, L. Webb 6, J. McCluskey 7, P. J. Daw 8. For the wedding of Miss Nora Holmes, ringer at Doncaster, to Mr. Edward B. Wall.

DOVER, KENT.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. T. Ellender 1, W. Bottrill 2, C. Turner 3, Harry Wood 4, Percy Davis (conductor) 5, T. Anderson 6, R. Benson 7, R. J. Harling 8.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On August 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. H. Hewett 1, Miss M. Addison 2, W. E. Robinson 3, J. Hedley 4, K. Arthur (conductor) 5, F. Pearson 6, T. W. Crowe 7, R. Applewhite 8. A farewell to F. Pearson on his forthcoming departure to London.

PINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Tubb 1, F. Cherret 2, B. Tubb 3, B. Willis 4, P. Blake 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. H. J. Prince 1, J. Keyte 2, F. Soden 3, M. C. F. Collett (age 13) 4, I. D. Harris 5, T. W. Timms (conductor) 6. First quarter as conductor, and first of Minor by 4th and 5th.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On August 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Morley 1, J. Keyte 2, R. H. Jarvis 3, B. S. Nichols (conductor) 4, F. W. Soden 5, T. W. Timms 6, I. D. Harris 7, L. Clifton 8.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On August 2nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Minor: G. Holland 1, F. C. Case 2, C. Hinton 3, M. Saunders 4, E. Lines 5, W. Yates (conductor) 6. First quarter in the method by all except the 2nd.

HOLYWOOD, N. IRELAND.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James on August 5th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Edgar 1, Mrs. Ada Taylor 2, W. A. Patterson 3, F. E. Dukes 4, A. E. McGrath 5, J. T. Dunwoody 6, R. Adamson 7, H. Brown (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all except the conductor.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On August 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sandford 1, G. E. Retter (conductor) 2, Miss E. Lomas 3, Miss Q. Pring 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, A. J. C. Holway 7, G. Richards 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On July 19th at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Porter 1, E. Drewitt 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, J. Higgins 4, W. Judge 5, F. White 6, C. G. Calcutt (conductor) 7, W. Cross 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On July 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. Madeley 1, W. J. Chester 2, A. M. Hickman 3, R. H. Tyler 4, T. Price 5, F. Price 6, W. H. Tyler, R.A.F. (conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8. Also on August 3rd, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. Madeley 1, W. Lycett (first in the method) 2, W. J. Chester 3, R. H. Tyler 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On July 27th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Lawrey 1, M. D. Pilcher 2, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 3, L. P. Cook 4, S. E. Cook 5, E. A. Jurd 6, H. A. Nobes 7, F. Edwards 8.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church on July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Watkin 1, Doris M. Killingley 2, J. Southam 3, T. Watkin 4, E. Hudson (conductor) 5, G. A. Dalton 6, H. Parrish 7, A. H. Morton 8. First quarter by ringers of 5, 6 and 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 2 and 4. Longest length as conductor.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. M. Plimmer (first quarter) 1, Miss P. A. Cartwright 2, T. L. Elliott (first quarter) 3, Ed. Large 4, Ed. Holt 5, H. W. Haslam 6, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 7, F. Walters (first quarter) 8.

SMARDEN, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael on July 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. C. Marshall 1, Harry Baker 2, M. W. Marshall 3, W. J. Lancefield 4, A. J. Lancefield (conductor) 5, M. S. Lancefield 6.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Trueman 1, I. H. Trueman 2, C. J. Gardner 3, H. W. Bishop 4, W. E. Court (first in method) 5, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 6, T. Townsend 7, J. Durham 8.

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1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

The attempt by mem-
bers of the Lincoln
Diocesan Guild to ring
14,144 London Surprise Major on August Bank
Holiday at Heydour was unsuccessful. The
breakdown occurred after more than 11,500
changes had been rung in 6 hours and 36
minutes. All the band were resident members
of the Guild, and all with the exception of
the treble ringer ring regularly at Lincoln
Cathedral.

It was a pleasing thought that the first peal
on the new Chesterfield bells should be in
memory of G. Arthur Knights, who had such
a distinguished connection with the tower.

We cannot resist a word of congratulation
to the company of 16-year-olds who rang a peal
of Minor at Morton, Derbyshire. A useful
company for any association.

Mr. Ernest Morris now knows the Leicester
Diocese almost blindfold. Medbourne is the
125th tower in the diocese in which he has
rung a peal.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton assures us that he lays
no claim to the handbell feat to which he was
credited in our last issue. The size of the
tenor was 14 in C sharp. We regret the error.

The marriage will take place at Chipping
Barnet Parish Church on August 23rd at 2.30
p.m. between Mr. B. P. Morris, of Warkton,
Kettering, and Miss Mary Swift, of 86, Nor-
mandy Avenue, Barnet.

Not only from London, but from all parts
of the country will come birthday greetings to
Mr. Thomas H. Taffender, who on July 25th
celebrated his 70th birthday. The peal in
honour of the event was at Lambeth on the
following day. Also commemorated was the
birth of his grandson (Thomas Richard Bruce
Taffender) on July 20th, and the birthday of
his daughter-in-law, Mrs. T. W. Taffender.
The bobs were called by his son, Mr. T. W.
Taffender.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. H. C. Chandler, one
of the original members of
the Middlesex Association,
has completed 58 years of ringing, 55 of which
have been at St. Leonard's, Heston. The
anniversary was marked by 1,260 Stedman
Triples on August 3rd at Heston by J. B.
Sansom 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, H. C. Chandler
3, W. A. Lewis 4, J. Cobb 5, E. R. Gladman
6, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 7, W. J.
Winter 8.

An even longer record has Mr. G. Thompson,
of Hinckley, Leicestershire, with 59 years as a
Sunday service ringer to his credit. He rang
the treble in a quarter-peal on August 3rd,
which was rung as his eightieth birthday com-
pliment. Others were G. Ballard (conductor)
2, O. E. Turner 3, G. Charlton 4, H. Knights
5, B. Ritgway 6, E. Vallance 7, T. Friar 8.
Leicester is in the news this week with a
peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus, in which
there were nine firsts.

Will the Nottingham reader who offers for
sale a set of handbells please forward his name
and address? We cannot insert box numbers
without knowing to whom replies may be sent!

Coinciding with the holding of the Scouts'
Jamboree at Paris comes the suggestion of a
Boy Scouts' peal in South London area. Par-
ticulars are given in our notice columns.

The peal at Probus, Cornwall, was Miss J. E.
Withey's first 'touch' of Major. It was a
good performance. Miss Withey rings at Cam-
borne, where change ringing has taken root
and replaced 'stoney.' Several quarter-peals
have recently been rung by the local band.

Mr. E. Connock, who rang his first peal in
England at Farmborough, Somerset, on August
4th, had previously rung a peal at Melbourne,
Australia. His fellow ringers would like to
express their gratitude to him for the welcome
entertainment provided after the performance.
Incidentally everybody in the peal had a first
of 'something.'

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THE PASSING OF TWO FAMOUS RINGERS

Mr. J. Armiger Trollope

We regret to record the death on Friday, August 8th, at 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, of Mr. Jabez Armiger Trollope. As an authority on all matters appertaining to the Exercise, Mr. Trollope held a unique position. He was a vice-president of the Middlesex Association and an honorary member of the Central Council. His age was 71 years.

The following biography has been written by his close friend, E.C.S.T. :—

Jabez Armiger Trollope was born at East Dereham, Norfolk, on January 8th, 1876, and was educated at King Edward VI. School, Norwich. During his school days he and various school friends, including J. and G. Burton and C. Borrett, used to visit various five and six-bell towers of the city and taught themselves ringing. They also obtained some handbells and rang several peals of Plain Bob, including what was for many years, if not still, the record length of Bob Major on handbells.

In about 1904 he came to live at Ealing and for a few years his chief interest was photography. He joined the Ealing Photographic Society and was always very proud of a silver medal he was awarded at one of their exhibitions. The subject was St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, taken from an unusual viewpoint. He never lost his interest in ringing, however, and eventually joined the Waterloo Society, who used to ring at St. John's, Waterloo Road. He later held the office of vice-president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild for more than 20 years.

He was without a doubt the most gifted ringer of his age. His peals totalled well over 600 and he conducted a fair proportion of them. Twenty years ago they comprised a greater variety of methods than had been achieved by anyone else. He was even more talented in his knowledge of the theory of ringing, and it is only within recent years that a few others have caught up with and in perhaps one or two directions even surpassed him. Furthermore he could impart his knowledge to others, both in his writing and in his conversation. He devoted a considerable amount of time to the study of the history of the art of change ringing from its earliest days, and his work on this subject alone occupies at least ten hand-written volumes illustrated with his own pen and ink drawings of churches.

This wealth of knowledge was freely drawn upon when he was Editor of 'The Ringing World' in the many weeks when the amount of copy received by post barely filled a single page. Without it 'The Ringing World' must have ceased publication altogether.

His published works include most of the books prepared by the Methods Committee of the Central Council, the latest edition of 'Stedman' in the 'Snowdon' series and 'The College Youths'—a history of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He had recently been engaged on a new edition of 'Grandsire' for the 'Snowdon' series and had completed a book on Surprise Major methods, which has long awaited publication by the Central Council.

He had been a member of the Central Council since 1897 and served on the Methods Committee, of which he was for many years convener.

His work for 'The Ringing World' during the most difficult period of its existence when there was a complete ban on the ringing of church bells cannot be over-estimated, and it was a great disappointment to him to learn that his efforts were not adequately appreciated. He endeavoured and, in the opinion of many, succeeded in making the paper as interesting and as useful to the majority of its readers as possible, and steadfastly refused to allow its pages to be used to satisfy the

personal vanity of a minority. His treatment at the Central Council meeting at Norwich in 1946 over this matter was the direct cause of a serious decline in his health, from which he never really recovered for any length of time.

AN APPRECIATION.

By the sad news of the death of J. Armiger Trollope, the Exercise will learn of the loss of one of its leading personalities.

I must leave it to others to write of his great work for the Exercise during the last 50 years—his technical knowledge and skill, shown in his published and unpublished writings; his unsurpassed knowledge of the history of ringing and ringers and his ability to make such knowledge live in his writing. (His book, 'The College Youths,' is a mere selection of appropriate extracts from his manuscript history.) For many years he could claim to have rung a greater number of different Major methods than anyone else. Although a small man physically, he could turn in a heavy tenor to Major with the next man. His work for the Central Council and its Methods Committee over nearly half a century is well known.

All this led up to and was crowned by his greatest work for the Exercise, when, on the death of his friend, J. S. Goldsmith, he assumed the editorship of 'The Ringing World.' At that time there was no ringing and, therefore, no ringing news—no peals, no notices or reports of meetings. Mr. Goldsmith had managed, with his wide experience and his accumulated material, to carry on, largely with the help of special articles by Mr. Trollope. But during Mr. Goldsmith's illness and from his death in 1942 Mr. Trollope was

able week by week to produce—often from nothing—our paper, without which the Exercise would have lost its homogeneity and perhaps have dwindled into a number of isolated units. Many weeks practically the whole paper was written by him—leader, special articles and correspondence, and yet he set and maintained a high standard and, as paper allowed, increased the journal's circulation.

J.A.T. did not shine in debate and was never at ease in public speaking. He was at his best in the company of a few friends—after a peal or on a day in the country. For although ringing was his life, he had, in full measure, the ability of the well-educated man of his generation to talk interestingly and knowledgeably on an infinite variety of subjects.

But to me, and I know that this is true also of Mr. Ernest Turner, his death is a great personal loss. He taught us to ring just over twenty years ago, and from then on he was our guide, philosopher and friend, and we were proud that he regarded us as 'his boys.' Week by week he rang with us at Christ Church, Ealing, and at other local towers content, if the band could manage no more, with call changes or Doubles, so long as the striking was good. Bad striking he could not tolerate. Many a visitor to the tower was surprised to learn that the little man ringing call changes or standing behind a beginner was the J. Armiger Trollope whose article or 'Notes by the Way' he had read in that week's 'Ringing World.'

I shall be grateful if you, Mr. Editor, can find space for my very inadequate tribute to the memory of a great ringer and a true gentleman.—Wilfrid G. Wilson, 28, Abbey Avenue, Alperton, Wembley.

Mr. Keith Hart

We regret to record the death on July 30th of Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, aged 73. The following memoir is contributed by F.I.H. :—

The name of Keith Hart probably means little to many present-day ringers, as his peal ringing career ended in 1938, but he was without doubt one of the outstanding ringers of his generation. He kept no record of his peals, but so far as can be ascertained he rang 1,164 in all, of which he conducted 462. No fewer than 924 of his peals were for the Sussex County Association, and one man only—William Pye—has ever rung more for one society.

His first peal was at Brighton in 1891, and his 1,000th some time during 1931, so that he must have been the eighth or ninth ringer to reach that total. In several years he rang over 50 peals—60 in 1898, 52 in 1909, 55 in 1912, while in 1913 he rang no fewer than 76, of which he conducted 61.

It was not only as a peal ringer, however, that his reputation was gained. One had only to see him handling the 25 cwt. tenor at St. Peter's, Brighton, with an easy, graceful style, and with perfect accuracy of striking, to realise that he was no ordinary ringer. Not only did he ring his bell supremely well, but it was said of him that rarely, if ever, did he make a mistake.

In January, 1905, he took part in three peals of London in two days, and 'The Bell News' of January 28th, 1905, referring to these, said: 'It is worthy of record as an instance of concentration of the mind that one of the company—"K.H."—rang the 15,296 changes without making a trip.'

Mr. Hart was associated throughout his career with St. Peter's, Brighton, and was a member of the band which made history there at the end of the last century. He took part at St. Peter's in the first peals of Champion, Oxford, Norfolk and Westminster Surprise, and in 1926, on the modern peal of ten, he called the first and only peal of George Baker's version of London Surprise Royal. It is not

known how many peals Mr. Hart rang at St. Peter's, but the number must be close on 200.

In recent years he had done very little ringing, but until a short while ago he retained charge of the tower, and the condition both of the bells and the ringing chamber testified to his care and attention.

His peal list is as follows :—

Cambridge Minor, rung 1; seven Surprise Minor, 1; *Grandsire Triples, 29 (conducted 5); Stedman, 259 (178); Grandsire Major, 1; Bob Major, 47 (21); Double Norwich, 123 (60); Kent Treble Bob, 55 (28); Oxford, 2; Cambridge Surprise, 108 (28); Superlative, 195 (84); London, 92 (6); Bristol, 29 (1); Champion, 2; Gloucester, 3 (2); New Cumberland, 5; Norfolk, 3 (1); Westminster, 2; Yorkshire, 5 (1); four Spliced, 4; Grandsire Caters, 12; Stedman Caters, 72 (24); Bob Royal, 15 (4); Double Norwich, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 42 (14); Oxford, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 37 (4); New Cambridge, 1; London, 1 (1); Yorkshire, 7; Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire, 1; Stedman Cinques, 12; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 1; total, 1,164 (462). *4 on handbells.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place quietly at Hove Cemetery on August 5th. The family mourners included Mrs. Hart (widow), Messrs. Harry and Stanley Hart (sons), Messrs. A. and W. Hart (brothers). Amongst the ringers present were Mr. F. I. Hairs (Master, S.C.A.) and Mrs. F. I. Hairs. Mr. O. Sippetts, Lt.-Comdr. R. G. Cross, Messrs. A. H. Pulling (Guildford Diocesan Guild), W. Clayton (Surrey Association), G. Cecil (Master, Ancient Society of College Youths), W. J. Coppard, A. W. Bond, F. Bennett, J. Dearlove, A. Gravett, G. Ades, H. Stalham, F. C. Cruttenden, E. Rapley, A. J. Steele, Miss S. Wickens, Messrs. W. J. Hart and A. D. Stone.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (half-muffled) was rung at St. Peter's in the evening, those taking part being: Mrs. F. I. Hairs 1, A. W. Bond 2, R. G. Cross (conductor) 3, W. Clayton 4, F. Bennett 5, G. Ades 6, F. I. Hairs 7, W. Hart 8, J. Dearlove 9, A. Hobden tenor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, Part II

(Continued from page 379.)

THE MASTERS.

The first Master of the Guild was Mr. George H. Phillott, son of the Rector of Staunton-on-Wye (to whom we have already referred), although he had already left home and was living in Cheltenham. Here, in 1889, while still Master of the Hereford Guild, he took part in the record length of Grand-sire Caters (15,227 changes). In 1890 he resigned the Mastership and was succeeded in 1891 by the Rev. G. M. Custance, who had hitherto been the secretary. Three years later, Mr. J. G. Buchanan, of Clun (afterwards at Hereford), became Master, which office he held until 1923.

In the early nineties, besides Ross and Bridgnorth, local bands (with occasional outside help) were ringing peals at Coalbrookdale, Welshpool and Colwall, and by the end of the century also at Ludlow and Hereford Cathedral.

Under Mr. Buchanan steady progress was maintained. Though he never conducted a peal, he was a genial leader of men, a fine figurehead, whose personal qualities inspired others and did much to maintain the spirit of loyalty in the Guild. This progress is exemplified by taking a few random notes from the reports of these years. In 1902, for example, it is reported that 'Ludlow and Ross have made excellent progress in Stedman,' and in the following year scored their first in that method. In 1903 'Colwall scored its first peal of Bob Major, while Ludlow and Hereford were busy but unlucky with peals.'

During 1908 there were 51 peals rung to the credit of the Guild, the largest number so far in one year.

After the Great War of 1914-18 an important change was made in the organisation of the Guild. It was no longer financially possible to engage a qualified instructor nor was it any longer necessary. Instead, therefore, a scheme was drawn up for the division of the Diocese into twelve Districts, each with its own Ringing Master. Henceforth, the duty of instruction was to fall largely on the District Ringing Masters, each in his own District. This was a wise move, and the scheme has worked well, though some Districts have shown greater activity and progress than others.

The other important event of this time was the recasting of the tenor bell of All Saints' Church, Hereford, by the Guild, as a memorial to the fallen ringers from the Diocese.

In 1920, Mr. Charles Edwards was appointed Ringing Master of the Guild to assist the Master, now there was no longer a paid instructor, and on the resignation of Mr. Buchanan in 1923 took over the office of Master. He threw himself energetically into the work of Master of the Guild, visiting the Districts to encourage and instruct. He also arranged and conducted many peals in the Diocese. By 1922 the Guild had well recovered from the set-back due to the war, and 60 peals were rung.

By 1924 the total number of members had reached 850, but in this year and the following the two Welsh Districts of Brecon and Welshpool withdrew from the Guild. Welshpool had been active centre of change ringing from the early days of the Guild. In 1926 the first peal of Grand-sire Caters at the Cathedral was rung; it was also the first peal of Caters by resident members of the Guild and was conducted by the Master.

In 1932 the first peal of Bob Royal was rung by the Guild at Leominster, also conducted by the Master, and in this year, too, Ross District was very active, scoring four peals of Stedman Triples and the first of



ST. LEONARD'S, BRIDGNORTH

Little Bob, Double Norwich (by a district band) and Oxford Treble Bob. In 1934 the 1,000th peal of the Guild was rung at Ross.

1936 marked the jubilee of the Guild, and this was fittingly celebrated at Hereford on Whit Monday by a dinner presided over by the Bishop, at which Mr. W. H. Fussell was the guest of honour. Sixty-six peals were rung in 1938, the record number in one year, and in the same year the Bell Restoration Fund was inaugurated.

One important work undertaken by Mr. Edwards was the visiting of towers at the request of incumbents, to advise and report on the bells. This has been a valuable work, and encouraged the proper rehanging and augmenting of the bells throughout the Diocese, a process which had been going on since the formation of the Guild as a direct result of its widespread cultivation of change ringing.

When Mr. Charles Edwards left the Diocese in 1939 he was succeeded as Master by Mr. William Saunders, of Coalbrookdale. Mr. Saunders was the leader of an enthusiastic band of ten-bell ringers in the far corner of the Diocese, and held the unusual position of holding office in two Associations at the same time, being Master of the Hereford Guild and representative on the Central Council of the Shropshire Association. Unfortunately the war broke out soon after his appointment, so that he could do little more for the Guild as Master than 'keep things going,' and his death in 1945 was a great loss to both Associations.

He was succeeded by Mr. William Poston, of Bridstow, near Ross, who has done a great work for the Guild in the Ross area since

1911. He has done much to encourage Minor methods in the six-bell towers, and as District Ringing Master since 1920 he has conducted many 'firsts' on the eight bells of Ross and Bridstow, including a peal of Cambridge Surprise by resident members in 1933. This year he was succeeded by Mr. Arthur W. Davis, of Hereford.

THE HONORARY SECRETARIES

From the first the Guild has done much to bring the clergy and their ringers together and to create a mutual appreciation and understanding between them. Under its influence many of the clergy started to follow the example of the Revs. F. E. Robinson and C. D. P. Davies and learn ringing. Thus in 1892 it was possible to report that 'in at least nine heltries in the Diocese the clergy are now found as regular ringers with their men.' Unfortunately such active interest of the clergy has not been wholly maintained, but it well illustrates the spirit of the Guild in its early days. The clerical contact has remained however. A number of clergy, for example, have been active members of the Committee, some serving for many years; and, except for two years, the hon. secretaries have all been clergy of the Diocese.

The first secretary of the Guild was the founder, the Rev. G. M. Custance, Rector of Colwall (1886-91). Mr. Buchanan held the post from 1891-93; since then the secretaries have been as follows: The Rev. A. C. Lee, Vicar of Lugwardine, 1893-1911; the Rev. J. S. Roper, Rector of Quatt, 1911-20; the Rev. G. W. Turner, Vicar of Madley, 1920-28; the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of St. Nicholas', Hereford, 1928-37; and the Rev. E. G. Benson, Vicar of Burghill, since 1937. Most of these clergy have been themselves ringers, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson being the most outstanding. As a fine ringer and conductor he had many peals to his credit; in his younger days he had rung several peals with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and in 1910 took part in the clerical peal of Royal at Warwick. He was also a prominent member of the Central Council, and did a great deal of work on peal compositions for it. As secretary of the Guild he set himself the aim of ringing in every tower in the Diocese, and with bicycle and train or bus visited local bands far and wide, and was everywhere welcomed.

Finally some reference should be made to the many ringers who have done loyal and steadfast work for the Guild in their own towers or districts, who who are not widely known to the Exercise in general. The late Mr. J. P. Hyett, J.P., was one of these. He was a ringer at Clifford (8) for 35 years, secretary of the Clifford District from its formation and peal recorder of the Guild from 1923 till his death in 1944, and for many years a representative of the Central Council. He did much spade work for the Guild, visiting the smaller towers, encouraging beginners and getting them through their first peal of Doubles.

But most Districts have had, and still have, two or three such members on whom the vitality of the Districts so largely depends.

THE PRESENT POSITION.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild is steadily recovering from the serious effects of the war and the ban. Out of the 140 towers in the Diocese with rings of five or more bells, some 67 are in union with the Guild according to the latest report (in 1939 there were 103), with 538 ringing members. Amongst these there is a large number of young members, and in some Districts the Ringing Masters are very active, visiting towers and assisting in instruction.

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Weddings

DR. J. E. SPICE—MISS HOLLINGWORTH.

The wedding of Dr. John E. Spice, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Spice, of Sittingbourne, Kent, to Miss Betty Hollingworth, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hollingworth, of Blackpool, Lancashire, took place at Liverpool at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas and Our Lady on July 30th. The Rector, Canon R. A. Reeves, conducted the ceremony, which was followed by a nuptial Mass.

The bride wore an afternoon dress of grey crepe-de-chine, and a hat of white crushed straw. She carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Constance Miller, was dressed in pale blue and carried red carnations. The best man was Mr. William Leese.

The reception was held at the Adelphi Hotel, where over 50 guests were present, amongst whom were the following ringers: Frances A. Edgar, Julia M. Preston, Jean A. Southerst, Betty Spice and Margaret L. Tutt, George R. Newton, Ralph G. Edwards, John Dickinson and Wilfrid F. Moreton.

The honeymoon is being spent at Shepton Mallet, Somerset, and in Cornwall.

A peal attempt was made at Emmanuel Church, Liverpool, by members of the Oxford University Society later in the day, which unfortunately came to grief after two hours' ringing, but a peal was rung in honour of the wedding at Frodsham, Cheshire, the following evening.

MISS NORA HOLMES.

Miss Nora Holmes, a ringer at St. George's, Doncaster, was married at this church on August 5th to Mr. Edward B. Wall, also of Doncaster. The local company formed a guard of honour as the bride entered the church and then climbed the 138 steps to the belfry to ring a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the magnificent bells (tenor 30½ cwt.). The ringers attended the reception and some of them left hurriedly to ring a peal of Bob Major at Conisborough in honour of the wedding.

EYNHAM'S PROGRESS

Dear Sir,—I should like to contradict one statement in the Master's report at the Oxford Guild festival regarding the progress made at Eynsham under the leadership of Mr. Harry Floyd.

May it be pointed out that Mr. Floyd has not rung at Eynsham for at least a year, but nevertheless good progress has been made with the helpful instructions given by Mr. C. G. Calcutt.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

'AN EYNHAM RINGER.'

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church on July 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: C. Pothecary 1, W. Nash 2, W. J. Ellis 3, A. W. Coles (conductor) 4, G. A. Parsons 5, R. Charge 6, H. Miller 7, R. H. Begrie 8, J. G. Nash 9, S. Wade 10.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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It is not the largest or the most prominent of the ringing Associations of England, and with such a limited number of eight and ten-bell towers (especially as many of these eight are in small country parishes) there are few bands capable of ringing advanced methods, but it is striving for the same ideals as the others in its quieter way in the most rural Diocese of England, and it is not unworthily attempting to fulfil the objects of its founders. It is still alive and still has much to do in the service of the Church. Indeed it can proudly claim to be the oldest, largest and most active Church society for men in the Diocese.

E. G. BENSON.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild

MEETING AT BENTWORTH.

Amidst beautiful surroundings and in glorious summer weather, the first Guild meeting ever to be held at Bentworth, near Alton, took place on July 12th. The Vicar, the Rev. Peter C. Cazalet, was present throughout the afternoon and evening and warmly greeted members who came from Blackmoor, Bentworth, Petersfield and Steep. Mr. C. W. Ward, a former Bentworth ringer, was present from Middlesex. The five bells were rung to various Doubles methods, and the Guild's service was held at 4.15. Tea and business meeting followed in the Parish Hall.

In the absence of the district chairman, the Vicar was unanimously elected to the chair. Two new members were elected—the Rev. Peter C. Cazalet and the Rev. A. D. Somerset Ward (Vicar of Blackmoor). New ringing members elected were R. E. Crockford (Petersfield), P. E. Ayling, H. Mills, W. Westbrook, F. E. Smith, W. Laney (Bentworth). The next quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was fixed for October 18th at Buriton.

ANDOVER BELLS DEDICATED

After being silent for nearly ten years because they became unsafe, the bells of Andover rang out again on July 30th. The occasion was their rededication by the Bishop of Southampton, who was assisted by the Vicar of Andover (the Rev. A. C. Fletcher) and the district secretary of the Diocesan Guild (the Rev. F. S. H. Marle).

Among the large congregation, which contained many ringers, were the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton), the Rev. P. K. Venner (Abbot's Ann), Mr. Geo. Williams, now in his 92nd year, and Mr. W. Andrews, captain of the Winchester Cathedral band.

In the course of his address the Bishop referred to the great effort that had been made by the Vicar and parishioners of Andover, and congratulated them on reaching their objective.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and included re-hanging the fine peal of eight in a metal frame, recasting the treble and laying a new floor to the ringing chamber. The handsome sum of £1,500 has been raised, which will allow for a maintenance fund to be started. Andover may well be proud of her effort and her bells. Hearty congratulations to all who had any part in the matter.—P.S.H.M.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

MARTINSTOWN'S NEW BELLS.

Over 40 ringers were present, representing 17 towers from the Dorchester Branch, with visitors from Southampton, Lyme Regis, Bournemouth, Ringwood and Salisbury, at Martinstown on July 19th, to test the bells which had been dedicated the previous Sunday.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. M. Oswald), assisted by the Rev. A. F. Godley, of Stratton, conducted the ringers' service. At the business meeting which followed tea the ringers at Winterbourne St. Martin were elected to membership of the Branch, together with the new band at Fordington St. George. Thanks were extended to the Vicar and the local ringers, and the lady helpers at tea for their hospitality.

The thanks of the branch were also extended for the invitation to ring at the dedication when six towers in the District were represented by F. C. Preecy (Wool, Ringing Master of the Branch), Mrs. Godley (Stratton), J. H. Hayne (Abbotsbury), J. Squire (St. Peter's, Dorchester), F. Stedman (Wyke Regis) and H. R. Pink (Fordington St. George).

Yorkshire Association

NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS.

The Northern District of the Yorkshire Association is larger than most counties, and includes, in addition to the whole of the Archdeaconry of Cleveland, in York Diocese and the Archdeaconry of Richmond in Ripon Diocese, parts of the Archdeaconries of York and the East Riding in York Diocese and part of Leeds Archdeaconry in Ripon Diocese.

Despite the largeness of the district successful meetings have been held recently and much progress has been made.

On July 5th a very good meeting was held at Middleham, famous for its association with Richard III. and for its racing stables. The fine old Church of SS. Mary and Alkelda possesses a fine ring of eight bells, and a visit was also paid to the neighbouring village of East Wetton, where there is a good light ring of six bells. The Rector of Middleham presided over the business meeting and also conducted a service at which the district secretary read the lessons.

On July 12th a few members of the Northern District visited Richmond and rang some good touches, including a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, recorded elsewhere, together with the local company. Tea, provided by the local ringers, was served on the Rectory lawn. This visit was made in connection with 'Ringers' Sunday,' observed on the next day at Richmond.

Saturday, July 26th, found the Northern District members meeting at Helmsley. Good use was made of the ring of eight bells, and the generous hospitality of the local ringers was greatly appreciated. A pleasant feature of this meeting was the ringing of evensong by the ringers, led by a choir of men and boys and with Helmsley's veteran organist, Mr. Buckley, playing the organ.

Helmsley has a noble church with a great reputation for dignified ceremonial and good music. The present Vicar is himself a ringer and is a son of the Bishop of Shrewsbury. Plans for assisting other towers were discussed at this meeting, and some excellent practice on tower and handbells was obtained.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

JOINT MEETING WITH LADIES' GUILD AT MONKEN HADLEY.

The meeting at Monken Hadley on July 26th, held jointly with the Central District of the Ladies' Guild, was attended by forty ringers, and opportunity was taken to welcome country visitors to the London area.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. Bentley, Rector, who expressed pleasure that his tower had been chosen for this occasion.

After tea, each Guild held a short business meeting in its own rights, and at the ladies' meeting six new members were elected, viz., Mrs. R. Darvill and Miss Audrey Bailey (St. Albans), the Misses Jean and Mary Burrows (Sandridge), Miss Amy Wren (Wheatthampstead) and Miss Pauline Jackson (Monken Hadley).

At the Middlesex meeting the following provisional elections were confirmed: Messrs. F. Oakshott (Epsom) and W. F. Moreton (Hereford), as non-resident life members, and Miss M. F. Emore (Edmonton) as a ringing member, and new members elected were Messrs. R. Waters (Harrow), J. V. Johnson (Tottenham) and A. H. Russell (Holloway) as ringing members, and Mr. G. F. Swann (Birmingham) as a non-resident life member.

The ringing catered for all tastes under the supervision of Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president, in the absence of Mr. A. Cutler, who was on holiday.

AN AFTERNOON IN THE SHIRES

Saturday, July 19th, had been chosen by some enthusiasts of the Oxford Guild for an excursion amongst some of the lesser known towers in the Banbury district, and fortune favoured us, for the day was fine and warm. One member of the carload from Eynsham was quickly in good humour, for the route chosen took him close to his birthplace, which he had not visited for many years.

The first objective was South Newington, situated in delightful Cotswold country, which was at its loveliest, the hills and turns in the road revealing wide views over peaceful valleys and distant vistas of Edge Hill, and the roadside wastes were ablaze with poppies. At South Newington we were joined by members from Adderbury, Banbury and Aynho, and the musical ring of five in St. Peter's Church was soon in action to various Doubles methods. Half an hour was the allowance for each tower, and this sufficed throughout the day to give everyone a pull in each tower, and for a large variety of methods to be rung. South Newington's allowance was very nearly shortened by a fraying rope, but it just managed to last the time with some doctoring.

No time was wasted in getting away to the next tower of Tadmerton, our route lying through more glorious parklike scenery. Here the captain of the local band had the bells up ready for us, and we were fortunate, for a new treble had only just been added to the old ring of five in memory of one who died in the last war. The ascent to the ringing chamber is somewhat precarious, being a lengthy vertical ladder situated in a sort of wooden funnel in one corner of the tower, and the gentlemen waited in some trepidation to see if the lady of the party had a 'head for heights.' All was well, and a good touch of Plain Bob was soon under way. More Doubles and Minor followed, but the bells didn't know Oxford Bob, or was it the ringers? The splice was generally agreed to be a good one, and will be even better when the new bell has mellowed.

There was just time to take a quick look at the remarkable Early Norman font and the carved bench ends (14th century) in St. Nicholas' Church before embarking on the short run to SS. Peter and Paul's, Swalcliffe. Here again we were met by the local ringers, one of whom joined us in a touch. A good rise and fall was one of the features of the ringing here. The ring of six (tenor 13½ cwt.) go excellently, a tribute to the efforts of Messrs Gillett and Johnston, who rehung and returned them in 1933. We thought, however, that the trebles sounded a bit thin. Oxford Bob came round successfully in this 13th century tower, where the width of the spays to the windows of the ringing chamber caused comment. Tea was partaken of in Banbury and enjoyed by all. No effort had been spared so far this day to point out the 'blondes' to one of the party who appears to have a weakness that way, and at this meal he was fortunate in almost rubbing shoulders with two excellent specimens.

After tea the Cotswolds were left behind for the green plains of Northants, and only a few of us knew what a treat was in store at the next stop in Middleton Cheney. The Church of All Saints is a magnificent building, mainly 14th century Decorated, but with a wonderful Perpendicular tower and spire rising to a height of 150ft. and a typical specimen of that great belt of spired churches which runs through Northants and Lincolnshire, the home of England's finest spires.

We had now been joined by the Bicester and Banbury branch secretaries, and one from Oxford 'fresh' from an abortive peal attempt, and the bells being up Stedman Doubles on this glorious six, tenor 24 cwt., was soon charming the ear. The long

draught with no guides, although difficult, was successfully overcome, and the full glory of these beautiful bells was heard in a touch of Treble Bob. One is tempted to ask the old question whether there can be a better ring of six of comparable weight.

Inexorable time drove us to our next tower at St. Peter's, Brackley, where the handy ring of six (tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 28 lb. in F) was retuned and rehung by the Whitechapel Foundry in 1939, and is all that can be desired. Here we found our only evidence of the day of change ringing amongst the local ringers, and opportunity was given them to progress. Minor and several Doubles methods were rung before going to Croughton, where in the low tower of All Saints' Church we found a handy ring of five, recast and rehung in 1923 after a fire. Opportunity was taken further to confuse the mind of the member from Banbury, who was heard to declare that he hadn't the least idea what many methods were called but he didn't mind having a shot at them. Mr. F. H. Crossley, in his book, 'English Church Craftsmanship,' tells us that the finest of England's 14th century wall paintings are to be found in this church. Frankly, we were disappointed, but there was compensation in the shape of an excellent 15th century oak chancel screen with some of its original colouring still adhering. The benches are also of this date and well carved, although not comparable with the magnificent work of the West Country.

This actually concluded our ringing for the day, for our visit to Aynho was not to be, a death in the parish preventing the use of the bells. However, everyone was well satisfied, and farewells were said, coupled with the avowed intention of having a similar outing next year. Every ring of bells had been good, but how sad to think that change ringing is seldom heard from them. A. R. P.

KENT RINGER'S CENTURY

Mr. Arthur S. Boar, M.P.S., of Sittingbourne, who rang his 100th peal on August 3rd, has a remarkable century as follows:—

Grandsire: Doubles 3, Triples 7, Caters 2, Cinques 1.

Stedman: Triples 12, Caters 1, Cinques 7.
Bob: Minor 6, Major 8, Royal 2, Maximus 1.
Double Norwich: Major 8, Royal 1, Maximus 1.

Kent Treble Bob: Minor 1, Major 4, Royal 1, Maximus 3.

Cambridge Surprise: Minor 2, Major 4, Royal 2, Maximus 3.

Oxford Treble Bob: Minor 1, Major 4, Maximus 1.

Superlative Surprise Major 1.
Newbanbridge Surprise Major 1.

Doubles: In two methods 1, one method 1.
Minor: Three methods 3, four methods 5, seven methods 2.

OUTINGS

St. Margaret's, Ipswich.—A party of 31, including wives and friends, had a very enjoyable day in Hertfordshire on July 19th. In the morning there was ringing at Royston and Barkway. Lunch was enjoyed at the George Hotel, Buntingford, before going on to Aspenden, where the Rector arranged a short service. Superlative was rung on these light but musical bells. After an hour's ringing at Braughing the party proceeded to Bishop's Stortford for tea and ringing.

Lavenham (Suffolk) ringers visited Essex on July 26th and rang at the following churches: Great Waltham, Brentwood, Romford, Hornchurch, Widford and Chelmsford. Methods were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative.

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BIRTH

FEIRN.—To Frances and George E. Feirn, at Cleatham, Kirton-Lindsey, Gainsborough, Lincs, on Thursday, Aug. 7th, a daughter, Gillian Margaret. A sister for Veronica.

1815

DEATH

TROLLOPE. — Jabez Armiger, passed peacefully away on Friday, Aug. 8th, 1947, at 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, aged 71 years. 1807

FOR SALE

Forty-eight HANDBELLS, giving four octaves of chromatic scale of G; four bells damaged, but remainder in good condition; complete with box and music.—Write in first instance to Wm. Lonsdale, 273, Bolton Road, Hawkshaw, Bury, Lancs. 1788

SALISBURY GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Charminster, Sat., Aug. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service. 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please bring food. Buses from Dorchester 2.30 onwards.—I. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 1784

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

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Northiam (6), Sat., Aug. 16th. Please make own tea arrangements. — R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec. 1806

HEREFORD DIO. GUILD. — Hereford Branch.—Quarterly Allensmore (6), Aug. 16th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. W. Downes, Roundway Cottage, South Bank Road, Hereford. 1790

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Tewkesbury Branch. — Annual meeting, Tredington, Aug. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5.30. — E. T. Newbury, Railway Avenue, Beckford, Tewkesbury. 1789

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Llanelly (Brecon), Aug. 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. 1791

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at Heswall on Sat., Aug. 16th. Cups of tea only provided. Bring own food. 1799

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice, Chiddingly (6) tomorrow, Sat., Aug. 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. A. Downing, Hon. Sec. 1823

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

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Meeting North Mimms (8), Sat., Aug. 16th, 3. — T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 1767

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea if can be arranged. Reports are ready.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec. 1824

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A meeting at Loxton on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells (6) 6.30 p.m. — E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 1815

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Wilburton (6), Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 1812

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Stoke Poges, Sat., Aug. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Aug. 18th or no tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1802

GUILDFORD GUILD.—A meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Puttenham on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Please send names for tea by Monday, 18th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 1798

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting at Bedale (8 bells), Sat., Aug. 23rd. Names for tea to Geoffrey A. Dalton, Wycar, Bedale, before Aug. 21st. — Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec. 1786

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—Western and Northern Districts.—Meeting at Wylam (6), Aug. 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. M. Gordon, Ochil, Woodcroft Road, Wylam, Northumberland.—John A. Brown, Dis. Sec. 1817

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Quarterly, Chepstow, Aug. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 1780

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Olveston (8), Aug. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 1800

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—Meeting at Whaplode (6) on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Bring own food. Cups of tea will be provided. — A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 1801

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Clifton (York), Aug. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Meeting in tower 4. Make own tea arrangements. — T. H. Foster. 1819

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Cranford, Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. No tea arrangements. Cafe nearby.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. 1803

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Coston, Sat., Aug. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea promptly, please, to C. E. G. Banham, Coston, Attleborough. 1805

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting Claverley (by kind invitation) on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for those only who have obtained tickets from Mr. F. Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, before Aug. 19th. Bus leaves Wolverhampton 3 p.m., also every 30 minutes Bridgnorth bus to the Red Hill. Come and spend a pleasant afternoon. Remember, no ticket, no tea.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec. 1776

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Sat., Aug. 23rd. Measham bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. (approx.) in Schoolroom. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 1809

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Swindon Branch.—Castle Eaton (6), Aug. 23rd. Bus from Swindon (Weymouth Street) 2.15 p.m. Bring food.—W. B. Kynaston. 1814

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, nr. Warrington, on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6. Cups of tea at Pack Horse Hotel, 5.30 sharp. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1816

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD AND DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Joint meeting at Repton, Aug. 30th. Tea 4.30. Names to S. H. Jones, 3, Brook End, Repton, by Aug. 25th. No name, no tea. 1821

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting Sandal (6), near Wakefield, Sat., Aug. 30th, 2.30. Tea for those who send names by Aug. 25th to Mrs. Kelly, 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9. All ringers welcome. 1773

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Colaton Raleigh, Sept. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers by Sept. 1st to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. Phone, Budleigh 719. Four peals of bells available. 1818

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Meeting, Gorseinon, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 1811

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Loughton (6), Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 26th. — R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 1809

BOY SCOUTS' ASSN. PEAL (method undecided) is proposed for Sat., Sept. 13th. South London area. Write if interested, stating circumstances, to B. D. Price, 36, King Edward Avenue, Worthing, Sussex. 1820

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Preliminary.—Annual dinner, Guildhall, Worcester, Sat., Oct. 4th. Seating accommodation for 150. Tickets (6s. 6d. each) shortly available from Secretary.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 1795

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.—Sat., Oct. 25th. H.Q., Bell Hotel, Humberstone Gate. Social evening with handbells, Friday. Peals outside Leicester, Saturday morning. Ringing in City afternoon. Service, Cathedral, 4.45 p.m. Dinner 5.30 p.m., 6s. 6d. Dance 7.30 p.m., 3s. 6d. Ticket applications with remittance to Jill Poole, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD South, Braunstone, Leicester. Peal applications to E. Morris, St. Margaret's, Verger's Lodge, Church Gate, Leicester. Many good sixes and eights available. 1804

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