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'RINGING TOWERS'

'The Ringing World' is not the only publication devoted exclusively to the art of change ringing. Last April 'The Ringing Towers,' the monthly journal of the New South Wales Association, made its first appearance, and the four issues which have reached us via Mr. A. G. Williams, of Bexley, Kent, are good reading. Much of the information is intimate and personal, but most issues contain an article of instructional value.

The New South Wales Association was formed in February, 1946, and since then has made considerable progress in raising the standard of ringing and in getting bells ringing again, not only in Sydney, its birthplace, but also in outlying places in N.S.W. The Association feels that the best method of establishing ties between the various centres of ringing in Australasia is by the journal, 'Ringing Towers,' and while present issues are in typescript it is to be hoped that funds will permit of a printed publication at an early date.

Although the standard of change ringing in Australia is below that of any Diocesan Guild or County Association in this country, the New South Wales Association embarked on a courageous policy when it was formed. The qualification of membership is the ability to ring a working bell to 120 changes of Doubles. Commonplace as this rule is to us, it was a revolutionary step to them, as no other organisation in Australasia had set any similar condition on membership. The qualification was difficult to introduce in the rules, as out of 40 odd foundation members only eight to ten could ring 120 changes of Doubles. To accommodate the majority, probationary membership was introduced.

Already 'Ringing Towers' has contacted the Christchurch Cathedral Society, New Zealand, and this society are giving the new venture every support. Apart from the Christchurch Society, other keen ringers in New Zealand are Mr. A. Roberts, of New Plymouth, Mr. Barnett, of Wellington, and the composer, Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Dunedin. At the moment, the Christchurch Society are trying to get a 720 of Plain Bob Minor on the light six. The ten bells at Christchurch are rung every Sunday. There is a ring of five at Papanui, three miles out, and hopes are entertained of buying or casting a treble for this church.

To Mr. W. M. Rowe, who we believe is acting as Editor, we wish every success. The first issue contained an Easter message from the Right Rev. C. V. Pilcher, Bishop Coadjutor of Sydney. He writes, 'I can never

forget the bells of the churches of the English countryside at the season of Easter. I was in charge of a beautiful church among the Cotswold Hills of Gloucestershire. The sound of pealing bells, rung by the skilful English bellringers, floating over valley and hill from a neighbouring village, filled the air.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 8
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 10
ALBERT W. COLES ... 5	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 11
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 6	WALTER AYRE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on twelve bells.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

MRS. R. F. DEAL ... <i>Treble</i>	*BERT J. LUCK ... 7
EDWARD J. BEER ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 8
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 9
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES ... 4	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 10
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 11
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... 6	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal of Stedman, first of Cinques and 50th peal. To commemorate the bicentenary of the Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... <i>Treble</i>	GEOFFREY DODDS ... 6
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
JOHN SCOTT ... 3	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 5	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by P. K. WILLIAMSON.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*MISS AUDREY GRAINGE <i>Treble</i>	†REX GRAINGE ... 6
PHILIP WALKER ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 3	*JOSEPH M. STRETTON ... 8
EDWIN G. MOORE ... 4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 9
HERBERT W. IMPEY ... 5	*WILLIAM ALLEN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK A. FINCH ... <i>Treble</i>	ALICK CITLER ... 5
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

A compliment to Mr. Leonard H. Bowler and Miss Jessie Kinnaird, who were married earlier in the day.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES*

Tenor 14 cwt 3 qr. 21 lb.

*FREDK. R. HARRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES FERNLEY ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 2	PETER LAFLIN ... 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 3	JOSEPH WITTAKER ... 7
ALLEN POTTS ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN E. S. MORETON... <i>Treble</i>	*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
MISS JILL POOLE ... 2	*HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 6
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 7
†L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 4	*WILLIAM A. STOTE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
HARRY BAKER ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
*WILFRED W. RING ... 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 7
PERCY PAGE ... 4	HERBERT F. GOODEARL... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in the method.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt.

MADELINE M. LYON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN FREEMAN ... 5
JACK F. HODSON ... 2	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 6
JOHN WALDEN ... 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 7
*WALTER WESTON ... 4	GEORGE FLINTHAM ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by KENNETH S. B. CROFT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor on tower bells. A birthday compliment to Messrs. G. Flintham and W. Weston.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIA AND HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDK. PRECEY ... <i>Treble</i>	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP... 2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 6
CUTHBERT W. POWELL... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	JOSEPH T. BARRETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. C. W. POWELL... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. DOWDING... 5
REV. C. CAREW COX ... 2	*HENRY G. KEELING ... 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7
*CUTHBERT W. POWELL... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Superlative Surprise on the bells.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 7th at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. C. Porter 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, Miss Norah Hovey (first quarter) 3, W. C. Porter (conductor) 4, Miss M. R. Cross 5, C. Coles 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, E. Moore 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sept. 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. D. Pilcher 1, L. P. Cook 2, R. G. Hooper 3, F. J. Sampson 4, S. E. Cook 5, W. Tate 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 3 and 4.

**HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Mon., Sept. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN <i>Treble</i> ... 1	ALBERT F. WHITING ... 5
FRANCES M. LAFLIN ... 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Mon., Sept. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.	
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	FREDK. A. COLEY ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	*ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... 6
FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7
FRANK E. WALKER ... 4	WALTER LEMON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal in the method. S.R.C.Y. September, 1747—September, 1947.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Sept. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Washbrook's.	
FRANK BLONDELL ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	WILLIAM BUNCE ... 5
NORMAN C. GENNA ... 2	WILLIAM PICTHALL ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
THOMAS COLLINS ... 4	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. A. E. Mount and Mrs. Mount, sister of the ringer of the 4th.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Sept. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.*

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.	
*RAYMOND OVERY ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	*FRANK H. HICKS ... 6
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	*WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
*CECIL H. WOOD ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1947, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.	
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	JOHN FREEMAN ... 5
*MISS BETTY BROWN ... 2	FREDK. W. STOKES ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
†MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of London Surprise Major 'inside.' † First peal in the method and 25th peal.

ASHBY POLVILE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of J. W. Washbrook's. Tenor 12 cwt.	
ERNEST BARTRAM ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	F. JOHN STIMSON ... 5
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 2	HARRY ALEY ... 6
HARRY S. PARSONS ... 3	HARRY CLAYTON ... 7
*PETER ARMSTRONG ... 4	*H. GEORGE BAILEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

* First peal. 100th peal by conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Aug. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thirty-six different extents of 120 and three 240 changes.

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
G. CARSE ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	J. GRIMSHAW ... 4
J. CARSE ... 2	R. S. MALLABURN ... 5
A. WALLACE ... 3	S. DIXON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. S. MALLABURN.

First peal by all the band. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents: (1) Kingston, London Scholars and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) London and Wells; (3) York and Durham; (4) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge; (5) College Exercise and Norbury; (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

BRYAN F. SIMS ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	RONALD J. SHARP ... 4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

56 changes of method. First attempt for a peal in 16 methods by all, in the county and for the Association.

SNODLAND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Sept. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).	
*JOHN L. F. UPTON ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	*COLIN F. MILLS ... 4
*LEONARD C. WELLS ... 2	†FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 5
†DAPHNE J. JORDAN ... 3	PETER C. WRIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First of Minor and first in the method.

GREAT CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Sept. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.	
T. FOSTER ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1	J. HALE ... 4
*E. EDMUNDSON ... 2	T. S. HORRIDGE ... 5
W. H. DEACON ... 3	J. MCKEE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by T. S. HORRIDGE.

* First peal. Rung for the wedding of Miss E. Foster and Mr. H. Halsall.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.	
*JOSEPH W. HAZLEHURST <i>Treble</i> ... 1	*GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 4
LESTER LYON GRAY ... 2	HARRY ROGERS ... 5
ERIC GILBERT ... 3	TOMMY ROGERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by TOMMY ROGERS.

* First peal. A 65th birthday compliment to Lester L. Gray.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on Sept. 7th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Bailey (first in method and on ten) 1, H. V. Frost (conductor) 2, Miss M. Walshaw (Manchester) 3, A. D. Dale 4, C. F. Sayer 5, H. G. Mason 6, R. W. Darvill 7, T. J. Southam 8, T. J. Lock (North Mimms) 9, F. J. Spicer 10.



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CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HOOLE.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
*R. GORDON CORBY ... Treble | GEORGE F. SPERRING ... 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2 | HARRY PYE ... 5
HENRY O. BAKER ... 3 | JOHN GRIFFITHS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal.

HENLOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.
*RAYMOND FULLER ... Treble | GEOFFREY MAYES ... 4
*MISS DAPHNE HARE ... 2 | JOHN CHURCH ... 5
HENRY LAWRENCE ... 3 | LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.
WM. C. STACKHOUSE ... Treble | JOSEPH GREGORY ... 4
HARRY CLARIDGE ... 2 | GEORGE COOPER ... 5
*ERIC CLARIDGE ... 3 | WILFRED ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GREGORY.

* First peal. Rung on the 23rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eastwood.

HONNINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.
MRS. F. G. GOODMAN ... Treble | CHARLES H. MOORE ... 4
GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 2 | ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... 5
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3 | F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

In memoriam Frederick Oswick, a much respected member of the local band.

HANDBELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
IN THE LIBRARY AT LINCOLN SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.
P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 1-2 | KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 5-6
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3-4 | DENNIS W. TOWNHILL ... 7-8
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFREY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10
Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

SHERWOOD, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT 74, DORNOCH AVENUE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.
*FREDK. A. SALTER ... 1-2 | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN,
* First of Grandsire 'in hand.'

A Thames Valley TourPEALS RUNG FOR THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.
FRANK BENNETT ... Treble | C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2 | HARRY WINGROVE ... 6
MISS DOROTHY FLETCHER ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
THOMAS J. FOWLER ... 4 | *KENNETH TUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight. Birthday peal to W. Henley.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

On Mon. Sept. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.
C. ALFRED LEVETT ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... 5
*MISS RUTH TABRAHAM ... 2 | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
DAVID PEARCE ... 3 | WILLIAM H. EASTWELL ... 7
*WILLIAM HENLEY ... 4 | WALTER LEE ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.

On Tues., Sept. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.
JAMES W. WILKINS ... Treble | MISS KATHLEEN FLETCHER ... 5
MISS STELLA DAVIES ... 2 | C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4 | WALTER LEE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5098 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 11½ cwt.
*DAVID COX ... Treble | F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2 | C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
MISS KATHLEEN FLETCHER ... 4 | WALTER LEE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Major.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.
GEORGE MARTIN ... Treble | JESSE ELDRIDGE ... 5
FRANK BENNETT ... 2 | C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 6
HARRY ASHTON ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
*ERNEST E. GOSLING ... 4 | WALTER LEE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

WARGRAVE, BERKSHIRE.

On Fri., Sept. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.
HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble | WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 5
MISS KATHLEEN FLETCHER ... 2 | C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4 | WALTER LEE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

MARLOW, BUCKS.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.
HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble | GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
MISS DOROTHY FLETCHER ... 2 | C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 6
MISS KATHLEEN FLETCHER ... 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4 | WALTER LEE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Phillips 1, Miss A. Brown 2, Mrs. T. Kimber (first quarter) 3, E. Shearn 4, L. Derrick 5, W. Kingcott 6, H. W. Knight (conductor) 7, J. Lott 8. First in method for 1 and 8.

BURFORD, OXON. — On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott (first quarter) 1, J. Keyte 2, J. G. Collett (first quarter inside, aged 15) 3, B. S. Nichols 4, F. W. Soden (conductor) 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8.

BADBY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Ruddlesden 1, J. Webb 2, S. Stone 3, F. Hutt (first quarter of Minor) 4, V. Perry 5, S. Osborne (conductor) 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Alphege's Church on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Chatfield 1, Miss B. Philpott 2, Miss J. Bartter 3, A. C. Philpott 4, A. E. Butler (first quarter) 5, P. J. Small (conductor) 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss F. M. Howell (first quarter) 1, O. Sippetts 2, G. Apps 3, K. Snelling 4, G. T. Jennings 5, T. Mitchell 6, R. Overy (conductor) 7, E. J. Brett 8.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Sanger (conductor) 1, R. G. Beck 2, F. Savage 3, V. Savage 4, P. Hull 5, E. Chivers 6, J. T. Dyke 7, A. Mundy 8. First quarter in the method for 3, 4 and 6.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,264 Double Double C.B.M.: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, I. Halls (first quarter in method) 3, C. Pease 4, Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter (first quarter in method) 6, P. Green (conductor) 7, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips 8. To commemorate the 20th wedding anniversary of C. Pease.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Fulton 1, W. N. Genna 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, R. Wenban 4, G. Hart 5, H. Butler 6, W. Wenban (conductor) 7, F. Wilcox 8. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Butler.

QUARTER PEALS

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, Blacklands, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Percy 1, E. Gower 2, H. G. F. Reynolds 3, S. Driver 4, J. Pennells 5, G. Piper 6, F. H. Dallaway (conductor) 7, S. Smith 8.

HORSELL, WOKING.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Charman (first quarter) 1, G. Oliver 2, F. Uwins 3, R. Collins (first quarter) 4, D. Sleet (conductor) 5, R. Andrews 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Oliver on the occasion of their silver wedding.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Aug. 31st, at St. Giles, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. W. Callis 1, E. Nobles 2, S. F. Millward 3, W. G. Callis 4, F. Burgess 5, W. R. Parker 6, F. Hopper 7, W. J. Dove 8, W. R. Hammons (conductor) 9, P. Bishop 10. First quarter on ten by 1, 4 and 10. Also on Sept. 6th, 1,480 Kent Treble Bob Royal: W. J. Dove 1, E. E. Whitmore 2, W. R. Hammons 3, P. Jones 4, G. E. Watson 5, W. Yates 6, E. Nobles 7, W. J. Whitmore 8, G. Care 9, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 10. First quarter of Royal by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 11th, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major: A. Hibbert (first quarter of Major) 1, J. A. Milner 2, A. Potts 3, J. Fernley 4, P. Laffin 5, W. Fernley 6, J. Whittaker 7, J. Worth (conductor) 8.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Colyer 1, Ruth Geraghty 2, Elsie Savory 3, W. N. Genna (conductor) 4, F. Blondell 5, H. Punt 6, T. Collins 7, H. Stratford 8.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Austin 1, B. Cope 2, Miss E. Walklate 3, A. York 4, C. W. Bird 5, H. Baxter 6, P. I. Chapman 7, G. E. Watson (conductor) 8. First in method by 1, 2 and 3 and as conductor.

SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (in hand): V. W. Rigg 1-2, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 3-4, J. N. Jukes 5-6. First quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles by all.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Aug. 31st, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, T. G. Miller 2, E. L. Miles 3, E. E. Bish 4, W. J. Ellia 5, C. D. Nichols 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, S. Howard 8.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Impey 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, J. B. Ford 4, D. H. Pearce (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 5, W. H. Coles 6, F. Corke 7, W. Honor 8.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ian Glenton 1, J. W. Smithson 2, H. Spencer 3, F. W. Knowles (first in method) 4, W. H. Barker 5, E. Hudson 6, Bert Sutton (first quarter as conductor) 7, George Beach 8. First quarter by 1, 3 and 8. A farewell to Joyce West and Ian Glenton on their departures to Castleford and Leicester respectively.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey on Sept. 7th, 1,344 Bob Major: W. Newman 1, M. Clifford 2, G. Walters 3, C. Rouse 4, P. Baker 5, F. Miles 6, E. T. Newbury (first quarter of Major as conductor) 7, L. E. Aston 8.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: P. K. Williamson 1, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 2, E. J. Lindley 3, F. S. Poole 4, Rev. E. G. Benson 5, B. D. Price 6, J. B. Rowsell 7, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow 8, C. W. Woolley 9, F. E. Haynes 10.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jack Tickle (first quarter) 1, John Rigby (first quarter) 2, A. Greenhalgh 3, F. Brownlow 4, J. Ashcroft (first as conductor) 5, W. Smalley 6.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Mundy 1, P. Sparkes 2, P. Hull 3, V. Savage 4, F. Savage 5, H. J. Sanger (conductor) 6, E. Chivers 7, J. T. Dyke 8.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, despite his 70 years, rang seven peals during a week's tour in the Thames Valley. Marlow was the 565th tower in which he had rung a peal. Does this constitute a record? Mr. G. R. Pye's total was 562.

The second section of 'Surprise Methods' will shortly be published by Mr. A. J. Corrigan. It contains more than 100 unnamed methods, so that bands wishing to adopt a new method for the royal wedding will be able to make their choice. Some 70 of them are unpublished ones by Gabriel Lindoff taken from his notebooks.

The bells of Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, will be broadcast on the West Region wave-length on Sunday, September 28th, before the morning service at 9.30 a.m.

The peal of Little Bob rung at Runcorn on August 30th was for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

An increasing number of notices arrive too late for publication each week. Remember, to guarantee insertion notices have to reach Guildford by first post Monday, not be posted first post Monday.

Cambridge University Guild have a good story to tell of a flat motor-car tyre and the anonymous note warning about parking too close.

Peals that delight an association's heart are those like that of Grandsire Doubles at Benwell, Newcastle. It was the first peal by all performing, first for the Benwell Guild and first in the method on the bells.

By his peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Newington (Hythe), Kent, Mr. William Bettrill has rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. T. W. Sheppard, of Foleshill, Coventry, came of age in true ringer's fashion. He called his first peal of Surprise and rang his first of Yorkshire Major on his natal day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

For 44 years Mr. George Stacey has been hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. The quarterly meeting at Wiveliscombe on September 13th was the second meeting of the branch he had missed during this long period. The day coincided with his 85th birthday, and a telegram conveying birthday greetings was sent to him.

Mr. A. Pat Cannon informs us that the peal at Merrow was the first on the bells since 1911.

Peals of Stedman at Ruislip, Middlesex, are rare. The last peal in this method previous to September 10th was on February 13th, 1898, by the Ancient Society of College Youths and Hertfordshire Association.

Congratulations on reaching their century of peals to Mr. J. A. Fenton, of Melton Mowbray, and H. William Barrett, of Kingston.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

To the list of blind ringers is added the name of Mr. A. H. Richardson, who rang his first quarter faultlessly at Finchley, Middlesex, on September 7th. It was 1,260 Bob Minor: A. H. Richardson 1, L. Tubb 2, P. Blake 3, F. Cherrett 4, B. F. Tubb 5, F. G. Nash (conductor) 6.

Two 70th birthdays were honoured by the 1,260 Grandsire Triples at Hillingdon, West Middlesex, on September 14th. They were S. Childs and R. Carter. The band was H. Imphy (conductor) 1, F. Cooke 2, S. Childs 3, P. E. Jones 4, G. Swift 5, W. Honor 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR

The annual ringing week was held from September 1st to 6th at Birmingham, headquarters being at Primrose Hill, Selly Oak, and arrangements being in the very capable hands of Frank Haynes. Other members present were E. M. Atkins, Dr. Poole, M. Lindley, R. Leigh, J. Butler, W. H. J. Hooton, C. W. Woolley, P. Williamson, B. Price, A. Rouse, Dr. Cunningham, G. Dodds and the Revs. E. G. Benson, B. F. Sheppard and A. G. G. Thurlow. Some of these were only present part of the time.

During a fairly good peal of Cambridge on September 1st at St. Laurence's, Northfield, amongst the many 'phone calls received by the Vicar was one asking whether 'those diabolical and selfish people' might be stopped—despite this we went on to the bitter end. Touches at Edgbaston concluded a pleasant opening day. On September 2nd a peal of Bob Royal was greatly enjoyed on the grand new ten at Solihull, and the afternoon passed pleasantly with Double Norwich, etc., at Shirley; one of H.P.'s queer touches—spiced Grandsire and Stedman—at King's Norton; then a visit to the carillon at Bournville, whose keyboard proved too great a temptation for some members. A very pleasant evening was spent at St. Martin's with members of the local band.

On September 3rd we visited Walsall, where we were encouraged to read on a peal board that on October 17th, 1859, a 'true and excellent peal of Grandsire Majors, 5,007 changes, was rung in one lesson.' Despite this encouragement, Little Bob Royal went west after 26 minutes, after which we rang a quarter-peal in the same method by way of 'prep' for our next lesson. We greatly enjoyed this fine twelve, also lunch at the George. We were interested to note here that on February 4th, 1861, 10,032 Grandsire Majors was rung in excellent style, also on June 20th, 1843, 7,248 Grandsire Majors was rung in a masterly style—our style had been too quick, and for our quarter-peal we tried to 'go slow and strike,' which policy proved more successful in ringing than in some other spheres. Walsall possesses two churchwardens and two foreign wardens, of what nationality we did not discover. It also has a peal board recording on October 25th, 1809, 5,040 Bob Majors, on the Grand National Jubilee.

Tamworth, our next tower, more appropriately records in 1913 a peal for the 1,000 year millenary of Tamworth Castle. This tower possesses a most convenient arrangement of two spiral staircases arranged round one newel. This is not immediately obvious to the visitor, and if a peal band were to notice a hostile crowd coming up one stair, they could silently descend the other stair. On the way from Tamworth, one car load nearly came to blows on the question whether such a stair could have both its bottom doors at the same level or not. Peace prevailed, and we enjoyed the pleasant eights at Sutton Coldfield and Erdington. In the evening we had a good time at St. Mary's, Selly Oak, and finished up with a business meeting, at which we decided to hold the 1948 week at Manchester if possible.

On September 4th some took part in a peal attempt at Willenhall, followed by a course of Cambridge Royal, whilst others rang at Lye, on England's lightest eight—the tenor weighs 3½ cwt. and the treble 60 pounds. The bells have to be rung 'wrong clappered' or the clappers will not strike hard enough. Despite these difficulties, several touches were more or less successfully completed. Then to the fine eight at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, and an enjoyable ring at Brierley Hill. The undersigned 'scribe' had to leave at this point, and takes no responsibility for the accuracy or otherwise of what follows.

Undismayed, the rest lunched at Dudley. At Wednesbury, Cambridge Royal, etc., were rung on a fine ten recently rehung by G. and J. At Coseley, hidden in the Black Country, the eight rehung by Taylor in 1936 provided

enjoyment, as did tea kindly provided by some of the local band. A poem on the subject, including 'He giveth water for His thirsty children to drink,' aroused feelings of more or less sympathy amongst various readers. At Halesowen the Ringing Master was not unnaturally surprised to hear Cambridge, etc., emerge from the tower, as he had not been advised of our visit. Birmingham Cathedral that evening provided another welcome opportunity to ring with local members.

On September 5th, Holy Communion was celebrated by B. F. Sheppard for members at St. Mary's, Selly Oak; a very successful morning followed for the 14 who now comprised the party, as between them they rang a peal of Bob Major at Edgbaston and Cambridge Minor on the back six at Selly Oak. After lunch the fine 12 at Aston were rung to Stedman Cinques and Caters, also Little Bob Royal with the back bells in the 'Tittum'—one of B.P.'s novelties. London, etc., followed at Bishop Ryder's, and in the evening there was a visit to St. Peter's, Harborne, five of whose bells are by William Bagley, 1691.

On September 6th a good peal of Double Norwich was rung at St. Chad's. This was officially the end of the Guild week, but some members were privileged to take part in a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Philip's that afternoon, for the St. Martin's Guild, and some remained for Sunday morning.

We had too few members, we felt, to attempt a twelve-bell peal, but the week was highly successful, and we were most grateful to the weather, the local ringers, our very kind hosts at Primrose Hill, to the various tower keepers, the car drivers, and to F.E.H. for his organising. A. G. G. THURLOW.

North Wales Association

16 MEMBERS ELECTED AT RHYL MEETING.

Forty members from Bangor, Llandudno, Abergele, Hawarden, Buckley, Gresford, Wrexham and the local band, together with visitors from Frodsham, Wolverhampton and Leek enjoyed a successful meeting at Rhyl on September 6th.

A service was held in St. Thomas' Church, conducted by Archdeacon Roberts, assisted by the Rev. Harris Jones. At the business meeting in the vestry, Archdeacon Roberts was elected to the chair. Sixteen ringers were elected members, including 13 ringers from Abergele, who have rejoined the Association. The Rev. Harris Jones was elected an honorary member.

Mr. A. J. Hughes was appointed to represent the Association at the next meeting of the Central Council. Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hopwood, of Buckley, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

Several suggestions were put forward to alter the organisation of the Guild, and a resolution passed that these be put on the agenda for the next annual meeting. Some concern was expressed at the lack of interest shown by a number of towers in North Wales, and it was decided to approach the Bishops of Bangor and St. Asaph for their co-operation.

A splendid tea, provided by the local ringers, was enjoyed. Full advantage was taken of the fine ring of eight bells. All tastes were catered for with methods from rounds, Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Major. The duties of Ringing Master were ably carried out by Mr. F. R. Evans, of Wrexham.

A WEEK-END IN LINCOLNSHIRE

For many years the late Mr. Rupert Richardson entertained his ringing friends to a week-end at Glyn Garth, Surfleet, and this year Mrs. Rupert Richardson kindly sent invitations, the objective being a peal attempt at Lincoln Cathedral, arranged by Mr. John Freeman, and the dedication of an electric chiming clock in St. Lawrence's Church tower, Surfleet, which was given by Mr. Rupert Richardson, he having placed the order during his lifetime.

The Birmingham and Coventry contingents arrived at Surfleet on Friday, and the London contingent on the Saturday. After a substantial lunch, three cars set out for the 38-mile drive to Lincoln, where tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman. At the Cathedral the other members of the peal band had already gathered, and the visitors were welcomed by the Cathedral ringers.

The peal, Stedman Cinques, was successful in 3 hours and 47 minutes, and it is interesting to note the band represented Guildford 2, London 2, Newcastle-on-Tyne 1, Spalding 1, Leverstock Green 1, Coventry 1, Lincoln 1, and Birmingham 3.

Following the peal, the visitors were again entertained to a substantial meal at Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman's. It was midnight by the time the company reached Surfleet. Visitors from Guildford, Newcastle-on-Tyne and H. C. Spencer, of Birmingham, who had journeyed by train direct, spent the night at Lincoln.

On Sunday morning the Surfleet contingent rang at Surfleet and Gosberton Churches for services at 10 and 11 a.m. respectively. At 3.30 p.m. a large congregation assembled at St. Lawrence's Church, Surfleet, for the dedication of the clock, many ringers being present from neighbouring towers and Lincoln Cathedral; also Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray, who had motored the 80 miles from Burton-on-Stather.

The dedication service was conducted by Canon P. C. A. Carnegy, Vicar of Spalding, who commenced with the words: 'We are met together to dedicate to the glory of God the clock of this church, which is the gift of His

servant, Rupert Richardson, who has now entered into his rest. He was known, respected and loved by all of you, and his memory will remain green far beyond Surfleet for many years to come.' After the address the clock was set in motion at 3.59 p.m. by Miss Pat Wayman, granddaughter of the donor, assisted by Mrs. Richardson, the clock striking the four quarter chimes and the hour 4 p.m.

The chimes, which are very pleasing, are an arrangement by the late Henry Law James, one time Vicar of Surfleet, and strike on bells 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 of the ring of twelve, the hour striking on the tenor bell.

After the service a course of Stedman Triples was rung over Rupert Richardson's grave by G. F. Swann, F. E. Pervin, A. H. Pulling and A. Walker. The tower bells were also rung to various touches on 12, 10 and 8 bells.

Tea was kindly provided by Mrs. Richardson and Enid on the spacious lawn at Glyn Garth, approximately forty friends being present. Afterwards handbell ringing—Stedman Cinques, Treble Twelve, Erin and Double Norwich Major—previous to ringing for evening service on the grand eight at Pinchbeck Church.

Afterwards again to Glyn Garth, where farewells were said to Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman and their two sons, John A. and P. Michael Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness, Walter Ayre, A. H. Pulling, A. H. May, Miss Fidler, and to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray. Also to the local ringers, with many thanks to Mrs. Richardson and Enid, who had so generously and warmly entertained them.

The Birmingham, Coventry and London visitors returned home on Tuesday morning with many expressions of gratitude for a very good week-end, such as Rupert would have wished it to be. A. W.

SWINDON.—On Sept. 7th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Daniell 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, Miss N. Davis 3, W. Carter (conductor) 4, J. Berry 5, C. J. Gardiner 6, G. Wells 7, E. Vincent 8.

Thames Valley Ringing Tour

Saturday, September 6th, started one of the most successful and happy ringing tours one could wish for. We arrived at our headquarters, Maidenhead, on Friday night, where we were welcomed by Mr. G. Martin, our guide for the week, who proved to be a mine of information. He seemed to know at least every third person we passed as well as the history of all houses, private as well as public. The ringing started on Saturday, when we rang Stedman, the first peal on the eight bells at Cookham, Berks.

Sunday morning saw us at Boyne Hill for service ringing. An invitation to dinner by Mr. and Mrs. E. Gosling followed. After tea with Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham we rang for evensong at Slough, following up with after service ringing at Stoke Poges.

Monday saw us with our guide at Bray, across the ferry, and along the towing path back to Maidenhead, then by bus to Farnham Royal, Bucks. Here we visited the graves of Mr. W. H. Fussell and Mr. J. J. Parker. We rang for the wedding of Mr. F. Rolfe (a member of the Clewer band) and Miss Bowyer, afterwards scoring our second peal, Bob Major.

Tuesday started with us trudging along behind our guide (his legs never seemed to tire) to White Waltham, then by bus to Twyford, Berks, where we rang 5,008 Double Norwich.

Wednesday we were off again by bus. This time to Shiplake in Oxfordshire. Here we rang Middleton's Cambridge Major. After the peal some renewed their acquaintance with a very old friend, Mr. O. Porter, now well past active ringing, a man (to borrow an expression from Canon Coleridge) full of years.

On Thursday morning we were steaming merrily down the river in lovely sunshine to Windsor, then by bus to Boyne Hill, Berks, where we were welcomed by the Vicar. Here we rang Kent Treble Bob. A jolly good peal was the verdict of Bob Reed, who listened outside, and that, coming from him, should satisfy anyone.

A peal of Yorkshire at Wargrave was Friday's programme.

Our week finished on Saturday at Marlow, where we were welcomed by Mr. F. Nicholls. Here we tapped off Superlative in well under three hours. This was the 565th tower in which Mr. F. Bennett had scored a peal, three more than the record set up by the late Mr. R. Pye.

After lunch came the farewells. A week week and truly spent. New friendships made, old acquaintances renewed and many more happy memories to store away and yarn about in days to come. Our thanks go to Mr. H. Wingrove and Mr. G. Martin, the organisers of the tour, on which we rang seven peals each in a different method, not one failure, not even a false start. Happy days. C.A.L.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY SIX-BELL COMPETITION.

Last held in 1938, the revival of this competition at Old Whittington Church, near Chesterfield, on September 6th, proved a great success. Competing teams on this musical ring of six, tenor 5½ cwt., were from Bolsover, Whiston, Handsworth, Dronfield, Sheffield Cathedral and the local company. The test was 360 changes in any Minor or Doubles method.

Mrs. F. Ditcher and Mrs. D. Kelly were appointed judges, and the contest was completed in time for tea, which was held in the Church Hall and attended by 50 ringers and friends, including the Rector (the Rev. A. R. W. Andrews).

Adjudications were as follows: 1 Handsworth, 34 points; 2 Old Whittington, 37; 3 Sheffield Cathedral, 42. The Rector congratulated the winners and presented to them the Society's silver cup and a copy of 'Bells Thro' the Ages', the gift of the president. The awards were received by the team's captain, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert. H.O.C.

Lancashire Association

WIGAN BRANCH MEETING.

When the Wigan Branch met at Christ Church, Aughton, on September 6th, the Vicar conducted the service, during which the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung. An additional verse had been provided by the Vicar as follows:—

We love the tower above,
Wherein the church bells ring
To call us to Thy love,
Thy glorious praise to sing.

About 40 ringers and friends sat down to tea, which was provided by the church.

The Rev. J. Roberts, Liverpool, proposed and Mr. J. Booth, Wigan, seconded a vote of thanks for the use of the bells, the service and the tea, and coupled to this were thanks to Mr. J. S. Webb, of Chester, for playing the organ.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman, Cambridge, London and Superlative Surprise.

Altogether it was a very good meeting, but a few more Wigan Branch members attending would have been appreciated. N.H.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT CROSS THE HUMBER.

A pleasing innovation of crossing the Humber and bringing Lincolnshire and Yorkshire ringers together was the meeting at Barton-on-Humber on September 13th. Two rings of eight were available—St. Peter's (tenor 12 cwt.) and St. Mary's, where four additional bells have recently been added and the whole rehung on ball bearings to make a musical eight with tenor 16 cwt.

A sincere welcome to the Society was extended by the Rev. Gordon Sylvester (Vicar) at the service held at St. Mary's. A good meat tea was followed by a touch of Grand-sire Caters on handbells by Yorkshire and Lincolnshire ringers to introduce members to the business meeting, at which Mr. G. F. Williams presided.

Business transacted included election as member of Mr. Harry Nicholson (Kirk Ella); next meeting, October 11th, at Burstwick, and suggested venue for November meeting Kirk Ella. Acknowledging a vote of thanks to local ringers, Mr. A. Hoodless said it gave them the utmost pleasure to receive the society. This was endorsed by Mr. Jack Bray, who on behalf of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild hoped it would be the prelude to many joint meetings.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD IMPENDING RESIGNATION OF WEST DORSET SECRETARY.

A quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Netherbury on September 13th, when about 30 members attended from Beaminster, Bridport, Evershot, Lyme Regis and Netherbury, including visitors from Martinstown, Upwey, S. Cadbury and Queen Camel.

Service in church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. McAnally), who gave a warm welcome to the ringers in the course of a helpful address. An ample tea provided by the local ringers was all the more appreciated in that it had involved the sacrifice of some of their own ratings.

At the business meeting, the branch chairman, the Rev. C. Carew Cox, apologising for the absence of the hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Lathey, read a letter from the latter asking members to be prepared to accept his resignation after 17 years' service at the next annual meeting. This prospect met with great regret. Bridport was agreed upon for the annual meeting on December 6th, and all towers were urged to send in members' subscriptions before that date.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar and all who had assisted in making the meeting successful. The weighty and musical ring of six bells was kept going during the afternoon and evening, giving everyone a chance of practice from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

Mr. Denis A. Bayles Married

The wedding of Mr. Denis A. Bayles, of Acle, Norfolk, to Miss Margaret Elliott, of Chester-le-Street, took place at the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street, on September 13th. The Rev. W. Bentley, curate of St. Michael's, Bishopswearmouth, and formerly curate at Chester-le-Street, officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Peter F. Bayles, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and Miss Margaret Gardner, cousin of the bride, bridesmaid.

Prior to the bridegroom taking his present appointment at St. Albans, he was employed in Chester-le-Street district, where he was an enthusiastic member of the belfry.

Among the guests present at the reception was Mr. R. L. Patterson, president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. The bells were rung as the happy couple left the church.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Llanbadarn Fawr on September 13th, where the ringers were met by the Vicar, Canon D. J. Jones, and the captain, Mr. W. J. Harris, who extended a very hearty welcome to the ringers on their first meeting at the historic church of Llanbadarn.

After the service the ringers and company were entertained to tea at the Church Hall, where 70 sat down to a very nice tea, which was greatly appreciated.

At the business meeting two honorary and three ringing members were elected. A hearty welcome was extended to Mr. F. Sharpe, of Oxon, who also gave a very encouraging speech to the Guild. Thanks were extended to the Vicar and all the good people who provided such a nice tea. The ringers then returned to the tower to finish off a very happy meeting.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

It was a glorious summer afternoon when many ringers made their way to the old-world Shropshire village of Claverley and its historical church for the quarterly meeting of the Guild on August 23rd.

The Vicar and ringers welcomed the parties and the lovely bells were soon going. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Rainbow, who gave a most appropriate address. The party of 80 then adjourned to the Recreation Room for tea.

The secretary announced that the company were the guests of the Claverley ringers; in appreciation a collection amounting to £3 12s. 6d. was taken and handed to the Vicar for the use of the church. Before closing the meeting with prayer the Vicar asked all to stand in silence and remember the late Albert Prestage, an old Guild member of Netherton.

Towers represented were too numerous to mention, and members of the following societies attended: Herefordshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire, North Staffordshire, St. Martin's (Birmingham) and Ancient Society of College Youths. Handbell and tower-bell ringing continued till dusk, and two local ringers kindly ran a 'shuttle service' with their cars to the nearest bus route.

5,376 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

COMPOSED BY J. W. MOORHOUSE.

23456 W M H

43625 S — —

62435 — — —

46235 — — —

24635 — — —

Twenty-three times repeated, omitting M in 3rd, 7th, 15th, 19th parts and substituting S for Bob Middle in the 11th and 23rd parts. Contains 3, 4, 5 and 6 the extent in 6ths. For 5,040 omit 3 bobs home in the 2nd, 9th and 14th parts.

Rung at Ashford, Kent, December 31st, 1946.

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

The death of Mr. T. W. Chapman, of Nuneaton, occurred on Sept. 13th, the date of his golden wedding. Mr. Chapman had been in failing health for the last five months due to a seizure which rendered useless his power of speech. Another seizure a week before his death rendered him unconscious, and he passed peacefully away without fully regaining consciousness. He leaves a widow, one son (Mr. S. T. Chapman, of Nuneaton) and a daughter (Mrs. T. H. Payne, of Worcester).

Mr. Chapman was in his 80th year and for over 60 years he rang at Nuneaton Parish Church, serving also as a sidesman for many years. He would often recount the early struggles of the Nuneaton Society to ring Grandsire Doubles for Sunday services and how they progressed until Surprise Major was the rule rather than the exception.

A good all-rounder, Mr. Chapman as a teacher was unsurpassed. The present band at Chilvers Coton owe much to his patient endeavour. Whatever the ringing had been, for peal, practice, or service, Tom loved a good fall in peal, and to see him lower the treble so faultlessly, and to hear his famous 'Don't thrash 'em about,' are things which will long be remembered.

Blitzed out of Nuneaton in 1941, he resided with his daughter in Worcester until May this year, when he returned to Nuneaton. He was a Freeman of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, of which he was a founder member. He also served the Guild as Ringing Master 1924-1930. Although his peal records were destroyed, he is known to have rung 119 (including the 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major) for the Midland Counties Association and 193 for the Coventry Diocesan Guild, of which latter total he had conducted 11. His first peal was rung at Nuneaton Parish Church on April 13th, 1889, and his last at the same tower on July 15th, 1946.

The funeral took place on Sept. 16th. A short service in the church he loved preceded the interment in Nuneaton Cemetery, the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Herbert) officiating. The bearers were Messrs. A. H. Beamish, J. E. Moreton and J. Lloyd, of Coton, and G. J. Stoneley, of Nuneaton. In addition to the family mourners a number of friends followed, including Mrs. D. E. Beamish, hon. secretary of the Guild, and Mrs. H. Billington (Nuneaton). Ringers present were L. J. Hinde and F. Ashley (Bulkington), J. Beale (Wolvey), F. Brassington, G. Freeman and A. Roberts (Stoke), W. Aldridge (Nuneaton). A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by H. Summers 1-2, J. H. White 3-4, F. E. Pervin 5-6, and J. Taylor 7-8.

In the evening the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled to a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, those taking part being L. Trevor 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, J. E. Moreton 3, J. Dravcott 4, G. J. Stoneley 5, J. Gibbons 6, E. H. Stoneley (conductor) 7, J. Thompson 8. A.H.B.

MR. FRANK NEWMAN.

A well-known Essex and Metropolitan ringer, Mr. Frank Newman, of Upton Park, died on September 14th, aged 73. He was one of the oldest members of the College Youths.

His first peal, Kent Treble Bob, was rung on February 13th, 1898, and of those who participated only two are now alive—Mr. T. H. Taffender and Mr. A. W. Brighton. Mr. Newman was a member of the old West Ham band, of which the only survivor is Mr. G. Haydon, who still rings, though advanced age (87) does not allow him to do much.

Messrs. T. H. Taffender, G. Dawson, G. Faulkner, C. Fenn, G. Haydon and R. W. Stannard attended the funeral at the City of London Cemetery, Manor Park, on Friday, September 19th, and it was noticed that another ringer, Mr. H. T. Pye, of Colchester, a brother-in-law of deceased, was amongst the mourners. R.W.S.

REV. D. W. W. CARMICHAEL.

By the death of the Rev. D. W. W. Carmichael, M.A., Vicar of Tenterden, Kent, at the age of 67 years, St. Mildred's Church ringers have lost a good friend. He had been Vicar of Tenterden for 13 years, and anything he could do for the ringers he was always pleased to do.

MR. JOHN MARDELL.

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild has sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. John Mardell at the age of 78. He was not only captain of the Sulgrave ringers, but, writes the Rev. W. S. Pakenham-Walsh, he was recognised as one of the leading campanologists in the diocese.

He will indeed be sorely missed not only in his own home circle, and in the garden where he was such a skilled and faithful worker, but also in the larger life of the church and village. He not only called people to the church services with his bell, but he was a regular worshipper and communicant himself and thereby set all a fine example.

The large number in the church at his funeral on August 16th was an eloquent testimony to the respect in which he was held, and in the congregation were bellringers from Helmdon and Lois Weedon, who placed a wreath upon his grave and then joined with the Sulgrave ringers in a muffled touch.

MR. BERTRAM WINDMILL.

For over 50 years a regular service ringer at St. Mary's, Hendon, Middlesex, Mr. Bertram Windmill died on Sept. 7th in his 71st year. Of late owing to ill-health he was unable to attend regularly.

The funeral was at Hendon on Sept. 13th, and in the evening at the Parish Church the bells were rung half-muffled—the whole pull and stand 71 times by R. Charge 1, P. Holman 2, F. A. Barker 3, B. Begrie 4, E. Prackett 5, W. Barnard 6. Followed by 1,440 Bob Minor (half-muffled) by F. Cherrett 1, R. Charge 2, G. Charge 3, B. Begrie 4, E. Prackett 5, F. A. Barker (conductor) 6.

LICHFIELD SEE THEIR NEW BELLS

Ringers from Lichfield, with ringing friends from Tamworth, had their outing on Sept. 6th. Loughborough Foundry, the objective, was reached at 3 p.m., where the party were met by Mr. J. P. Fidler, who conducted them round the works. Great interest was shown in the new bells for the Cathedral.

The foundry bells were tried out. Some difficulty was found in 'getting the touch' of this light ring. Eventually several touches were brought round.

After tea at The Eagle, the Parish Church was visited, and its fine ring of ten was soon off to Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, Stedman and Bob Major.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Fidler, who was largely responsible for a successful outing.

JOINT MEETING AT YATELEY

Two Guilds, the Winchester and Portsmouth and Guildford, sponsored the meeting at Yateley on August 30th, when ringers attended from Aldershot, Ash, Bramley (Hants), Basingstoke, Betchworth, Feltham, Godalming, Guildford, Horsell, Highclere, Hugglescote (Leics.), Seale, Sherborne St. John, Sandhurst, Walton and Yateley.

The importance of ringers setting a good example was stressed by the Rev. E. L. Oliphant in his address at the service. A company of 72 sat down to an excellent tea arranged by Mr. Riddell and the Yateley band, whose efforts were much appreciated. Sandhurst and Hawley towers were available after tea, and good use was made of the bells. The methods rung ranged up to Cambridge and London Surprise.

LETTERS

AMBITION

Dear Sir,—In reply to the critics who exclaim that modern youth has no ambition, I would like to draw their attention to the tour described in 'The Ringing World' two weeks ago.

I was glad to observe that it was obvious that the persons concerned did not practise the abomination of 'tower grabbing,' but were on tour for the sake of ringing and experience.

They showed every sign of great ambition when they dared, with a band of average age 18, to ring at heavy towers like Sherborne Abbey, Queen Camel and Wells Cathedral. The lads these days do not seem so keen on ringing heavy bells, but there was obviously none of that in this party. They surprised many tower captains by their age and ability as they first surprised me, but when they left, had I been 40 years younger, I would have been proud to have joined them.

In this way I imagine their tour is unique.—
Yours faithfully,
A. DRYAS.
Herston, Dorset.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR AT RUNCORN

Dear Sir,—I see that the footnote to the peal of Little Bob Major rung at Runcorn on August 30th describes it as the first peal of Little Bob on the bells. May I point out that the second peal of Little Bob ever rung was rung on these bells on September 19th, 1911. It was the first exact 5,000 of Major to be rung in five equal parts, and was called by yours, etc.,
EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Moat Farm Cottages, Pitstone,
Leighton Buzzard.

Mr. George R. Newton, who took part in the 1911 peal, adds: The first peal in the method was rung at Brading, Isle of Wight, and was conducted by the Rev. E. Bankes James, who first introduced the method.

FALSE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I have been asked by Mr. E. Timbrell to offer his sincere apologies for the false peal rung at Preston. Quoting from his letter, he says that he must have omitted to prove the peal. The conductor (Mr. C. Crossthwaite) also wishes to state that the peal will be replaced as early as convenient.—Yours faithfully,
E. R. MARTIN.
Preston.

Dear Sir,—I agree with my friend C. W. Roberts regarding the falsoness of the Treble Bob Royal composition by E. Timbrell, but the courses involved are 2nd and 10th and 5th and 7th, and not as stated.—Yours sincerely,
Croydon.
FRANK E. DARRY.

Other correspondents have pointed out this slip.—Editor.

GREAT TEY BELLS

The rededication of the bells of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, Essex, on September 6th, was performed by the Rev. Johnston, of St. Leonard's, Colchester, who was assisted in the service by the Rev. Chute. The work, which has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, consists of the whole ring being provided with new ball bearings, a new iron headstock for the tenor, a new wooden stock for the third, with new clapper stables for third and fourth. New pulley wheels were also provided and all ironwork painted. Another £20 is needed. Towards the cost the Essex Association voted £10 and the collection at the service was £7 5s.

The bells were opened in rounds during the service by the local ringers. After the service touches of Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Ringers were present from Brentwood, Thorington, Sudbury, Earls Colne, Pehmarsh, Coggeshall, Wormingford and St. Albans. Tea was provided in the Village Hall for all ringers. J.W.D.

NOTICES

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MARRIAGE

BAYLES—ELLIOTT.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street, on September 13th, 1947, by the Rev. W. Bentley, Denis Alan, elder son of Mrs. and the late Mr. F. W. Bayles, Acle, Norfolk, to Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliott, 22, Lancaster Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. 1997

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. C. Chambers, formerly P.O. Box 1496, Durban, is now 147, Garmouth Avenue, King's View Bluff, Durban, S. Africa. Telephone during business hours, Durban 58101. 2001

The address of Mr. Daniel T. Matkin, formerly of Birmingham, is now Wilford, 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth (phone, Bournemouth 6342). 2010

HANDBELLS WANTED

SET of 10 HANDBELLS, about size 14.—Price and particulars to Park, 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington. 1999

PUBLICATIONS

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

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

SOUTH-WEST ESSEX.—Crusade Meeting.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting at Chigwell Row on Sept. 27th is cancelled.—J. H. Crampion, Hon. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath, Essex. 2030

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting Sept. 27th, Tamworth (8), 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 1994

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Northern Branch) and the **LADIES' GUILD** (Lincolnshire District).—Joint meeting, Gainsborough, Sept. 27th. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 at the Silver Grill. Meeting in choir vestry later. 1983

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting Apsley, Herts, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3. Service 5, and tea following. Bells at

Hemel Hempstead (8) available in evening. Routes: Green Line buses 706, 707, and 708 to Apsley Mills; trains: L.M.S., Euston to Apsley.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Combined practice Thame, Sept. 27th, 6. Annual at Thame on Sat., Oct. 18th. Details later.—H. Badger. 1958

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—70th annual festival, Durham, Sat., Sept. 27th. Cathedral bells available. Service 3. Committee 4 at Cathedral. Dinner (6s. 6d.) at Three Tuns Hotel, 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Wendover (6), Sept. 27th, 4.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1968

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at North Lopham (8), Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.25. Tea 5 p.m. at The White Horse, South Lopham.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 1960

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk.—The Robert Cooke and Charles S. Tuthill memorial plaques will be dedicated in Fakenham Church on Sat., Sept. 27th, 3. Ringing after service and during evening. Tea shops near church.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec. 1972

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Ashbourne, Sept. 27th, 3. Tea 5. 1974

YORKSHIRE ASSN (Southern District) and **DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting Doncaster Parish Church (8 bells, tenor 30 cwt.), Sat., Sept. 27th, 2.30. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1992

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at Ufford (8) on Sept. 27th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. A good tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.—C. W. Pipe. 1991

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Histon (6), Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 2013

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting Wimbledon, Sat., Sept. 27th. Please note: Putney bells cancelled; St. Leonard's, Streatham, from 7 p.m.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2015

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting Baughurst, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 1985

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.—Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Sat., Oct. 4th, at 5.45 prompt. Tickets (6s. 6d. each) obtainable from branch or general secs. not later than Mon., Sept. 29th. Early application desirable. All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8) available for ringing 3 to 5.30.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—A meeting at Christ Church, Macclesfield (10) on Oct. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea before Tues., Sept. 30th, to Mr. J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. All invited.—Mary Elkins. 1954

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General meeting Syston, Oct. 4th. Ringing 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting Parish Room, Broad Street. Names must be sent by Oct. 1st to Mr. E. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, Leics.—H. W. Perkins, Sec. 1980

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Stanton (6), Oct. 4th, 3. Service 4.30. Cups of tea; bring own food. Buckland (6) also available 7.—C. Rouse, Prestbury, Gloucestershire. 1979

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Ilchester Deanery.—Meeting East Coker, Oct. 4th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock. 1977

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting Bozeat, Oct. 4th. Rededication service 3.30. Names for tea early to Rev. S. F. W. Powell, St. Mary's Vicarage, Bozeat. 1971

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Sudbury on Oct. 4th. Two or three 8-bell towers available from 2.30. Fuller details later.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 1990

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Quarterly meeting Ripley, Oct. 4th. Bells 2.30. Committee meeting Vestry, 3.30. Tea 5.30 only for those who notify F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston, by Sept. 30th. 1964

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—Western District.—Meeting at Newton Hall (6), Sat., Oct. 4th, 3.—J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 1998

ESSEX ASSN. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Goldhanger (6), Oct. 4th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 1981

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, on Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3. Short service at 4.30. tea at 5.30 for those only who advise Mr. W. G. Anker, 4, Florence Avenue, Florence Road, Sutton Coldfield, not later than Wed., Oct. 1st.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1975

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting St. Giles', Camberwell, Sat., Oct. 4th, 4.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 2007

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Slaugham (8), Oct. 4th, 3. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2008

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Eckington (8), Sat., Oct. 4th, 3. Cups of tea provided; bring food; all welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec. 2009

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devises Branch.—Quarterly meeting Bishop's Cannings, Oct. 4th. Usual arrangements. Please advise for tea by Oct. 1st.—W. C. West, 584, Semington Road, Melksham. Phone 297. 2011

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Sleaford District).—Meeting Heckington, Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington. 2012

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Broxbourne, Sat., Oct. 4th, 3. Bells 8. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by the usual business meeting. Names for tea the latest by Sept. 30th to G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 2016

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting Simpson (6), Sat., Oct. 4th, 5.—H. H. Howson. 2019

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Ampthill (6), 3, Oct. 4th. Tea 5.30.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2021

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Leverington (6), Sat., Oct. 4th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 2027

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting Poulton, Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 3. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 2023

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting Burnley Parish, Oct. 4th. Tower open 2.30. Meeting in the tower 6. Cups of tea provided.—Chas. W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2024

NORTH STAFFS ASSN.—Meeting Tunstall, Sat., Oct. 4th. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2000

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ludlow District.—Quarterly meeting Bromfield, near Ludlow, Sat., Oct. 4th. Important business. Notify G. Randle, Yew Tree Farm, Ashford Bowdler, Ludlow, numbers for tea by Tuesday.—W. H. Lloyd, Assistant Ringing Master. 2003

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Meeting Zennor (6), Oct. 4th. Service 4.30. Tea provided; bring food.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 2005

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery and Reading Branches.—A joint practice will be held at Hurst (8), Oct. 4th, 6 to 9.—B. C. Castle and E. G. Foster, Hon. Secs. 2004

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch.—Next meeting St. Peter's, Lancaster, Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea 4. Names for tea by Wed., Oct. 1st, to J. Woods, 44, Blades Street, Lancaster. All welcome.—J. Skeats, Sec. 2034

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting Ringmer, Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells 3. Service and tea. Notifications by Oct. 1st to E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill. 2029

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting Tonbridge, Oct. 4th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent, not later than Oct. 1st. 2028

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting Banstead, Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells from 3.45. Tea (1s. 9d.) at the Wilnot Cafe. Numbers to be sent to Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead, by Sept. 30th. 2033

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting Canterbury, Sat., Oct. 11th. St. Alphege (6), St. Dunstan (6) available 2.30; Cathedral (12) evening only. Service St. Alphege 4.15. Tea White Swan, Northgate Street. Names for tea and nominations for officers must reach me by first post Wed., Oct. 8th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2014

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Six-bell contest for association cup to be held at Kirkheaton, near Huddersfield, Sat., Oct. 11th. Tea provided, 2s. 6d. Names for tea and entries to reach me before Sat., Oct. 4th.—S. Manchester, 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 1956

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting Leeds (10), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names to Dr. E. E. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 2006

SCOTTISH ASSN.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Sat., Oct. 11th. Ringing commences at 2 p.m. 2002

CUMBERLAND & N.W. ASSN.—Western Branch.—Meeting St. Bees, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Oct. 6th.—S. Richardson, 23, Brayton Road, Bransty, Whitehaven. 2026

ESSEX ASSN.—Dedication of William J. Nevard memorial tablet in Great Bentley Church on Sat., Oct. 11th, at 4. Bells (8) available all day. Tea (5 p.m.) for all who notify me by Oct. 8th.—H. J. Millatt, Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 3025

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Cropredy, St., Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea. Please notify before Oct. 7th.—E. Pearson, Alderbury West, Banbury. 2020

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting Bardney (6), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 2018

SUSSEX ASSN.—Special general meeting on finance, St. Peter's Church Hall, Brighton, Oct. 11th, 3.30. No tea arrangements. Evening ringing, if any, announced at the meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2017

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL.—Preliminary Notice.—New ring of 13 bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated on Sat., Oct. 18th, 3. All ringers are most cordially invited. A limited number of teas will be provided in the Cathedral School (2s. per head). Tickets for tea may be obtained from J. H. Kirby, 99, York Street, Wakefield, on receipt of P.O. for 2s. not later than Mon., Oct. 13th.—P. Woodward. 2022

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BARWELL, LEICS. — Saturday, Nov 1st, dedication memorial tablets and peal boards to memory of Charles H. Belton and William White, whose service in the belfry totalled more than 100 years. Hinckley District donators and all ringers invited to service. Tea in Church Institute. Ringing St. Mary's. Further details later. 2032

BARWELL, LEICS. — Practice night, Tuesdays, 7.30-9, until further notice. Visitors welcomed. 2031

ESSEX ASSN. — Alteration to Rules.—The composition of all peals rung for the Association shall be submitted within fourteen days of ringing to the peals secretary, Mr. L. W. Wiffen, Melrose, Clock House Estate, Braintree, Essex.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec. and Treasurer. 1995

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