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READING'S BELLS

From the recently published Part X. of 'The Church Bells of Berkshire,' by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, can be pieced together the romance of 'Harry' or 'Kelsall,' the tenor of the ring of 12 at St. Laurence's, Reading. For five centuries no expense has been spared either to keep these bells in ringing order or to make alterations to the ring in accordance with the fashion of the time.

While it is known that there were three bells in this church in 1433, 'Harry' was consecrated in 1499. The first recasting was in 1567, but its weight was such that additional metal was required for the bells. In 1579 a ring of five was provided, the fourth and tenor being recast, the latter bell having a weight of 34 cwt. 1 qr.

The bells of St. Laurence's were frequently cracking, caused through 'clocking' (tying a rope to the clapper and pulling the latter against the side of the bell), so much so that the following resolution was adopted at the vestry meeting of 1593: 'Whereas there was through the slothfulness of the Sextine in times paft, a kind of toling ye bell by ye clapper rope: yt was now fforbedden and taken away: & that the bell should be toled: as in tymes paft: and not in anie fuch Idle forte.' 'Kelsall' was recast by Joseph Carter, the celebrated bell founder, who was then churchwarden in 1594-5. In 1646, Joseph Carter's 'lowd' tenor became cracked, whether or not on this occasion through the slothfulness of the sexton, we are not told, and was recast in the following year.

An important step forward was the decision of the Vestry in 1662 to recast the five bells into eight tuneable bells, using the same metal. The two largest bells were again cracked in 1703, and eventually recast, and it was on these bells that the first recorded peal in Berkshire was rung—Grandsire Triples in 1734. A ring of ten was introduced in 1748 by recasting the eight and adding two lighter bells. The tenor by now had been reduced in weight to 23 cwt.; four of these bells are in the present ring of 12.

History of these famous bells in modern times tells of how the Rev. C. Kerry in 1881 found them in a deplorable condition and that they had not been rung for several years. Three of the bells, including the tenor, were recast and the dedication and reopening ceremony was on February 21st, 1882. The augmentation to 12 was as recent as 1929, when the ring underwent a thorough restoration. It was through the enthusiasm of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. R. T. Hibbert that

the £180 was collected for the two new bells within the space of two months, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert conducted the first twelve-bell peal in Berkshire on April 21st, 1930. Has any tenor been recast more times in the history of bellringing?

TWELVE BELL PEALS

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

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| MRS. H. J. POOLE ... <i>Treble</i> | *ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 7 |
| CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2 | WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 8 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3 | THOMAS G. MYERS ... 9 |
| J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... 4 | *A. WILLIAM MYERS ... 10 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS... 5 | FREDERICK E. COLLINS 11 |
| *RAYMOND G. BURTON ... 6 | GEORGE W. STEERE ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.
* First peal on twelve bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Sept. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

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| THOMAS H. REEVES ... <i>Treble</i> | LEONARD TUFFREY ... 7 |
| G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 2 | HENRY H. FEARN ... 8 |
| ALBERT WALKER ... 3 | SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 9 |
| HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4 | PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 10 |
| FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5 | FRANK E. HAYNES... 11 |
| JOHN PINFOLD ... 6 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal of Maximus in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

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| WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Treble</i> | +PHILIP WALKER ... 6 |
| MARIE R. CROSS ... 2 | +EDWIN G. MOORE ... 7 |
| *MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 3 | FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 8 |
| *WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 4 | *CECIL G. CALCUTT ... 9 |
| *REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5 | ALAN R. PINK ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Royal in the method. † First peal of Royal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt.

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| HOWARD HOWELL ... <i>Treble</i> | WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 6 |
| BARNABAS G. KEY ... 2 | +GORDON HARRISON ... 7 |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3 | †JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 8 |
| *CYRIL TABERNER ... 4 | GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9 |
| J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 5 | EDWARD J. WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters First peal of Stedman Caters for the Guild. A farewell to Mr. S. D. Ainger.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,008 Stedman Triples: L. Ainger 1, P. Green 2, I. Halls 3, W. Ainger 4, G. Green 5, H. Carter 6, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (conductor) 7, F. Payne 8. A farewell to Ian Halls, who is leaving the district.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

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| ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Treble</i> | FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 5 |
| *JANET MATTINSON ... 2 | GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 6 |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3 | NORMAN V. HARDING ... 7 |
| †H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4 | T. MARK WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. A farewell peal to Miss J. Mattinson, who, to the regret of her friends, is leaving for Ipswich.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| *ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... <i>Treble</i> | HARRY HOVERD ... 5 |
| †EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2 | *JAMES E. BAILEY ... 6 |
| *ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7 |
| †FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 4 | †PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal of Surprise. ‡ 50th peal together.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JAMES W. EDEN ... <i>Treble</i> | ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 5 |
| ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 2 | EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6 |
| FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 3 | EDWIN BARNETT ... 7 |
| CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 4 | WALTER J. LEMON ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEYTON, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| *MISS A. A. M. CASTLE <i>Treble</i> | NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH 5 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2 | FRANK V. GANT ... 6 |
| ALFRED W. BRIGHTON... 3 | ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7 |
| CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 4 | ERIC T. BEAUCHAMP ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on more than five bells.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

ON THE BELLS OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

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| A. E. MOORE ... <i>Treble</i> | A. J. FORD ... 5 |
| A. F. BALLAM ... 2 | *J. BANKS ... 6 |
| C. STANNARD ... 3 | W. GOODSHIP ... 7 |
| R. SIMMONDS ... 4 | F. BUCKLE ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

* First peal.

FWHWURST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... <i>Treble</i> | EDWARD J. LINDLEY ... 5 |
| ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2 | CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 6 |
| CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 3 | HERBERT G. ANDREWS... 7 |
| JANET MATTINSON ... 4 | HAROLD A. MAY ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.



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NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.
JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble | FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2 | ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3 | PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7
JAMES F. CLARKE ... 4 | LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

In memoriam Thomas W. Chapman.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 17 cwt.
HECTOR G. BIRD ... Treble | ALBERT H. HARRIS ... 5
WILLIAM H. WEBB ... 2 | THOMAS GREENHALL ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3 | JOSEPH H. COX ... 7
*MOLLY TROMANS ... 4 | LEONARD CLISSETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. COX.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor. A compliment to Mr. W. H. Webb, who has completed 50 years as a Sunday service ringer-at Halesowen Church.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... Treble | JOHN W. BEST ... 5
HENRY O. BAKER ... 2 | EDWD. V. RODENHURST ... 6
PERCY SWINDLEY ... 3 | *WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 4 | ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method. In honour of the wedding of Mr. E. D. Poole and Miss P. Fletcher.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

*CHARLES SHARPLES ... Treble | PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 5
FRED READ ... 2 | JOHN H. FOSTER ... 6
A. T. HOULDSWORTH ... 3 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 4 | †RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
* 100th peal for the Association. † 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.
H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble | G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5
*JOHN S. WALTON ... 2 | HENRY H. FEARN ... 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3 | FRANK E. HAYNES ... 7
*ARTHUR D. COOK ... 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. E. FEARN.
* First peal in the method.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble | T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 5
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE ... 2 | HAROLD PAILING ... 6
T. VERNON JENNISON ... 3 | FRANK BROWN ... 7
PERCY E. BALL ... 4 | WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD PAILING.

First peal as conductor. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Harry Bushell).

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At All Saints' on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. North (longest length) 1. E. Liversedge 2. Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3. G. Lee 4. G. F. Tuke 5. T. C. Ryder 6. A. Firth (conductor) 7. J. E. Cawser 8. In memoriam to Mr. W. Dyson, J.P.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.
PERCY PAGE ... Treble | FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
WILFRED W. RING ... 2 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3 | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 7
*WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ... 4 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method by all the band.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.
CYRIL WRIGHT ... Treble | *PHILIP COOTE ... 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 2 | HAROLD JACKSON ... 6
GEORGE PRESTON ... 3 | *TOM CUTTS ... 7
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 4 | NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal on eight bells.

WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.
DENIS MADDOCK ... Treble | MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 5
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... 2 | DAVID SMITH ... 6
ERIC HORNBY ... 3 | A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 4 | HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by H. W. HOWARD.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.
EDGAR WHITELEY ... Treble | PAUL BIRKETT ... 5
THOMAS SENIOR ... 2 | ALBERT V. PICKLES ... 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON ... 3 | ROLAND KENDALL ... 7
*WILLIAM AMBLER ... 4 | SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

* 150th peal.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.
*WILLIAM E. ALLMAN ... Treble | HARRY W. HOWARD ... 5
OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... 2 | ERIC NOBLES ... 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3 | GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
WALTER ALLMAN ... 4 | CECIL RADDON ... Tenor

Composed by W. NICOLL. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal in the method.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.).
*DENIS MADDOCK ... Treble | CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2 | WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3 | GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
ALAN J. BROWN ... 4 | JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SEASIDE ROAD,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in G.
*MISS BERYL COWLIN ... Treble | FREDK. N. SMEATON ... 5
ERNEST GOWER ... 2 | †H. G. F. REYNOLDS ... 6
*GEORGE BEENY ... 3 | *RONALD W. PANKHURST ... 7
FRANK H. HICKS ... 4 | A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

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

SIX BELL PEALS

NEWINGTON (HYTHE), KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Treble | FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 4 |
| WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 2 | *WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 5 |
| MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 3 | *ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD... Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

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| LEONARD WALSH ... Treble | ROGER LEIGH ... 4 |
| KENNETH HINDLE ... 2 | CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 5 |
| *DEREK SANDERSON ... 3 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell to K. Hindle, who has since joined the R.A.F.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent of (1) Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (2) Norbury; (3) College Exercise; (4) St. Clement's; (5) Double Oxford; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Treble | C. HENRY HARDING ... 4 |
| RONALD SHARP ... 2 | CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ... 5 |
| ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 3 | BRYAN SIMS ... Tenor |

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr 14 lb.

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| KENNETH MEDWAY ... Treble | EDWARD J. FRY ... 4 |
| EDWARD CONNOCK ... 2 | FREDK. J. CARTER ... 5 |
| HAROLD L. PARFREY ... 3 | ROGER O. FRY ... Tenor |

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Reginald O. Fry, the conductor's father.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two different extents St. Clement's and five different extents Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

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| *EDWARD G. BENNETT ... Treble | †GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 4 |
| MISS ENID WALKLADE... 2 | WILLIAM R. HAMMONS... 5 |
| STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN ... 3 | ERIC NOBLES ... Tenor |

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

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| BARBARA CLEVELAND ... Treble | FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 4 |
| MRS. F. A. PENN ... 2 | FRANK A. PENN ... 5 |
| *JOHN H. S. GIDDINGS... 3 | PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK A. PENN.

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

BURTON DASSETT, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

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| *THOMAS A. HASTINGS... Treble | †HAROLD FOLWELL ... 4 |
| †L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 2 | *ROBERT J. EDDEN ... 5 |
| ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 3 | WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal of Minor † First peal of Bob Minor. First peal on the bells.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents with five callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb. in G sharp.

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| *LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble | *WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 4 |
| †EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2 | †RAYMOND WOOD, JUN... 5 |
| †FRANK H. HICKS ... 3 | *C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor |

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal of London Minor. † First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| WILLIAM S. MAY ... Treble | HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 4 |
| FRANK C. MAY ... 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5 |
| GERALD FROST ... 3 | ARTHUR HUBBLE ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

A birthday compliment to William S. May.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| EDWARD BARKER ... Treble | WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4 |
| ARTHUR ROLFE ... 2 | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5 |
| CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3 | CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

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| GEORGE E. WATERMAN Treble | URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 4 |
| *RONALD G. BUGG ... 2 | SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5 |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3 | *CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor |

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
IN THE BELFREY OF ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

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

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
IN THE BELFREY OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Canterbury, 1,440 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob and 1,440 Grandsire.

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| *JOHN H. BAYLIS ... 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4 |
| †GERALD BALL ... 5-6 | |

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal 'in hand' away from tenors. † First peal 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to G. Ball on his 18th birthday.

SIBLEY HFDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

Composed by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 14th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: C. W. Everett 1, A. J. Lancefield 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, W. A. T. Carter (first in method) 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, M. S. Lancefield 6, H. S. Wickens 7, T. Cullingworth (conductor) 8.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 14th at the Minster, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. Straker 1, Mrs. J. Cotterell 2, C. Ellerington 3, C. Constable 4, L. Daggitt (conductor) 5, C. Glenn 6, A. E. Sellers 7, G. Dowling 8, F. Osgerby 9, F. Braithwaite 10.

BUXTON, DERBYS.—At Christ Church, Burbage, on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Marriott 1, J. Bagshaw 2, F. A. Forster 3, I. W. Smith 4, H. Kirk 5, A. Hibbert (first quarter as conductor) 6. First quarter in the method by 3 and 5.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. A. Ward 1, T. Groombridge, sen. 2, W. Chandler (first of Stedman) 3, P. E. Ball 4, T. Groombridge, jun. 5, R. A. Ward 6, H. Pailing (first of Stedman as conductor) 7, W. Perkins 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—At the Memorial Tower on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Williams (conductor) 1, L.-Cpl. Bloomfield 2, G. Stannard 3, D. Rowlands 4, C. Stannard 5, J. W. Banks 6, J. Paul 7, J. Sharp 8.

GORSEINON, SWANSEA.—At St. Catherine's on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Jones 1, A. Tew 2, G. Thomas 3, W. Dobbins 4, J. Williams (conductor) 5, R. Dobbins 6. For the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Tew.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Sept. 14th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, R. Newman 2, P. D. Oldham 3, E. Pratchett 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. In honour of Mr. E. Pratchett's 72nd birthday.

QUARTER PEALS

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Sept. 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, Miss A. Castle 3, S. Croft 4, T. G. Miller 5, R. H. Begrie 6, J. Bullock 7, E. Beauchamp 8.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 16th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Trevor 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, J. Daycott 4, G. J. Stoneley 5, J. Gibbons 6, E. H. Stoneley (conductor) 7, J. Thomas 8. In memoriam T. W. Chapman, for over 60 years a ringer at this church.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, J. Armstrong 5, R. H. Begrie 6, E. Holman 7, E. Furbanks 8, E. D. Smith 9, W. Partiss 10. First quarter in method by 1, 4 and 5.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church on Sept. 7th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Pearmain 1, Miss D. M. Killingley 2, Miss M. Walton 3, Miss B. E. Strutt 4, R. Spencer 5, G. Holmes (conductor) 6. A farewell to the ringer of 3 on leaving for college.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—On August 21st, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Church 1, H. Dearing 2, R. Challen 3, E. Marsh 4, Morris Thomas 5, B. O. Prior 6, R. Congreve-Pridgeon (conductor) 7, T. Drinkwater 8. All except 6 and 7 are ringers from Shoreham-by-Sea.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Fox 1, G. J. Boomsma 2, A. T. Boomsma (first quarter inside) 3, C. W. King (Goole, Yorks) 4, H. A. Pinchbeck 5, J. G. Boomsma 6, L. J. Fox (conductor) 7, J. Phillips 8. A farewell to the Ven. E. N. Sharpe, M.A., Archdeacon of London, on retirement.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Neate 1, E. Smith 2, I. Cook 3, G. Cleave 4, E. Nash (conductor) 5, L. Bune (first quarter) 6, N. Tanner 7, A. Sheppard 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Sept. 14th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wright 1, S. Howard 2, T. W. Wyatt 3, E. L. Miles 4, J. W. Chapman 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, R. Sanders 7, L. G. Franks 8.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Clarke 1, Dr. Cunningham 2, Mrs. R. Anderton 3, J. Sutton 4, P. Foote 5, F. Haysom 6, T. F. East (conductor) 7, W. Damer 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On August 30th at St. Bartholomew's Church, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: A. Hubble 1, W. E. Brittain (aged 83) 2, H. Moreton 3, W. Powell 4, T. Palfreyman 5, K. Knowles 6, A. H. Hingley (conductor) 7, J. Gaden 8. A birthday compliment to T. Palfreyman.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 14th at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Salter 1, L. Alderman 2, K. V. C. Hawkins 3, G. Walford 4, C. J. Stevens (conductor) 5, P. R. Rowland 6.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Sparkes 1, W. Baker 2, A. Turner 3, W. G. Hartnell 4, F. Caseley 5, J. Hartnell 6, C. Greedy (conductor) 7, A. Gale 8. An 85th birthday compliment to the secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist for 'Battle of Britain' Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Brake 1, G. Gaylard 2, T. E. Marks 3, H. Gaylard 4, A. C. Jeanes 5, W. C. Dowling 6, T. J. Setter (conductor) 7, G. Saunders 8.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are re-
minded that remittances should
be sent without delay to Mr. H.
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The death of Thomas Chapman, of Nuneaton, is a great loss to his many friends in the Exercise. A peal which had been arranged in honour of his golden wedding on September 13th was rung as a thanksgiving for 60 years' ungrudging service to ringing. The peal was rung within a few hours of his passing.

The first peal of Belgrave Surprise Maximus has been rung by Mr. George E. Fearn's company at Birmingham.

Will conductors sending in peals please curtail footnotes to bare essentials? The space situation is critical!

The Rev. C. O. Ellison, Vicar of Wetherby, has been elected president of the Yorkshire Association. The report of the meeting at Barnsley will appear next week.

The first meeting of the Grimsby District at Caistor since 1933 was held on August 30th. The Guild Master (Mr. J. A. Freeman) and Mr. W. Ayre received a warm welcome.

Mr. F. Dench informs us that the method called Bristol Royal that appeared in our issue of September 19th was first published in the first issue of 'The Ringing World' (March 24th, 1911) by the late Rev. E. Bankes James.

Very impressed were 'old stagers' at the promise of beginners who attended the ladies' practice meeting at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, recently. Miss Chinnery was thanked for making the arrangements.

Mr. Herbert O. Chaddock 'circled' Whiston tower by the peal on September 13th. Another 'circler' is Mr. Frank C. May, who accomplished this feat at Rettendon, Essex, on the same day.

Mr. Albert Walker was in a new role at Shirley, Birmingham, on September 15th. He 'stroked' the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Triples, while Mr. E. C. Shepherd shepherded four firsts of Triples.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The finest handbell achievement to date was the performance last Sunday at Leicester of a peal of Cambridge Maximus, conducted by Mr. Harold Poole. The company included P. J. Staniforth, Jill Poole, W. P. Whitehead, A. Ballard and E. Whitehead.

Mr. A. H. Pulling has retired after 39 years as caretaker of the Guildford Royal Grammar School. Owing to housing shortage, Mr. and Mrs. Pulling are still living at the school.

Twenty-six ringers turned up for practice on a recent Monday at St. John's, Hillingdon, and after a couple of touches the 9th clapper broke. It has now been repaired.

Mr. Edward J. Lindley, secretary of the Cambridge University Guild, rang his 50th peal at Ewhurst on September 13th. Congratulations!

Mr. Vic Hemus has succeeded in breaking down local prejudice and started a new band of change ringers at Malmesbury. He will be remembered prior to the war as a member of George Fearn's band at Birmingham.

Congratulations to Mr. E. Morris upon his recent feat of ringing the tenor in the peal of Minor at Lullington, Derbyshire. It is believed to be 34 years since Mr. W. W. Worthington's band rang these bells to the last peal of Minor.

Two weddings were celebrated by the peal at St. Mary's, Leyton, on September 13th—Mr. James Albert Bullock and Miss Rose Quinell at Dagenham, and the Rev. J. Morgan James, curate of Leyton, to Mdlle. J. Hoffman de Visme at St. Mary's, Leyton.

Mr. A. J. Ford, who has been associated with Bury St. Edmunds ringers, is shortly returning to Australia. The peal in the Norman Tower on September 13th was a farewell to him and a 65th birthday compliment to A. E. Moore, who rang the treble.

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N.E. YORKSHIRE AND S. DURHAM TOUR

A week's ringing tour in N.E. Yorkshire and South Durham, which concluded on Sept. 6th, produced 10 peals out of 14 attempts. One failure was due to a rope slipping the wheel at Northallerton, and the other three losses could be put down to physical strain due to lack of reserves. Ten ringers accepted Mr. J. E. Cawser's invitation to take part in this tour, but it was regretted that Mr. W. E. Critchley, of Doncaster, could only be present part time, thus a heavy strain was put upon the remaining nine ringers.

The party met at Thirsk at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 30th, and commenced by scoring a good peal of Yorkshire Major on the old bells there, most of which were cast in the 15th century.

After lunch a move was made by road to Northallerton, where an attempt for London was made. It soon became obvious that the band had to be fully awake to the job they had in hand; for not only were there one or two bad going bells here, but the 5th had a tendency to slip wheel occasionally even though rung with a tight rope, and once the treble ringer had to retrieve his rope from off the top of the clock case behind him. Despite these adverse conditions, a good beat was maintained, but with the end well in sight after 2½ hours' ringing, the 5th rope slipped again and the bell set at back-stroke. This put an end to what may have been considered the best performance of the tour. After a very fine tea at a nearby cafe, the party moved on to Middlesbrough, where they made their headquarters for the following three days at the Corporation Hotel.

On Sunday morning the party was cordially welcomed in the tower of St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, by the Vicar and local ringers. After a course of Bristol, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung with two of the local band standing in. In the afternoon, the party went to Ormesby, some three miles out of town, and scored a good peal of London on the delightful Taylor eight there. A good touch of Stedman was then rung for Evensong with the local towerkeeper standing in.

Monday proved the most strenuous day of the week, for peals of Bristol and London were brought round on two heavy rings of eight. At Skelton-in-Cleveland, where the peal of Bristol was rung, three of the party put in a good hour's work on the ropes before the peal could be attempted. Eventually a start was made only to come to grief after 40 minutes owing to a change course, but the band seemed so determined to score a peal on this fine eight that a fresh start was promptly made and a good peal was brought round in 3 hours and 36 minutes.

At Saltburn the party were cordially greeted by the Vicar, even though they were then two hours behind their scheduled time. This very fine eight, although a little too noisy in the ringing chamber, were soon set going to London, but a fresh start had to be made after two courses owing to the tenor rope breaking beneath the sally. This was soon remedied by our ex-R.N. friend, who proved that his services in the Navy had not been entirely wasted. It was perhaps fortunate that Mr. J. C. E. Simpson had been asked to call this peal, for no other voice present could have penetrated the noise of these bells, but at least he did have the satisfaction of silencing his critics by calling a peal of London from a working bell.

Tuesday morning found a rather tired band attempting a peal of Pudsey Major at Middlesbrough. After two or three false starts the party adjourned for lunch and made a fresh start at 1 p.m. After a short interview with the local Press, when a couple of photographs of the party were taken, a start was made and eventually a peal was brought round. In the evening a peal of London was lost at Thornaby owing to a change course.

On Wednesday morning an early start was made for West Hartlepool, where the band

had the satisfaction of scoring a peal of Yorkshire Royal, being the first peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. In most cases it was the first touch in the method. An attempt for London in the afternoon was lost at St. Aiden's, West Hartlepool, a light but musical eight, after an hour's ringing. It was at this point where it became noticeable that the strain due to lack of reserves was telling its tale. There were many very sore hands which called for careful treatment, such as yards of Elastoplast and handkerchiefs woven into the rope ends.

The Imperial Hotel, Darlington, was chosen as our headquarters for the remaining three days of the tour, and the party duly moved in on Wednesday evening. The next day found the ringers at Sheldon, where they did not find any difficulty in obtaining a beat on this pleasant ring of eight, tenor 16 cwt., by Taylors. Here a good peal of Bristol was scored, but once again the afternoon attempt failed, this time Norfolk at Bishop Auckland after an hour. Even after three losses in three days the band still considered they were equal to Spiced Surprise. This they rang in masterly style on the old ring of eight at Richmond, the writer having the pleasure of listening to every blow. Again it fell to Mr. Simpson's lot to call A. J. Pitman's most recent and difficult composition for the third time within two months, no other composition being available at the time. This proved a particularly pleasing performance, for three members of the band earned 'stars' for their first peal of Spiced Surprise.

At this juncture Mr. Simpson had to leave for home, which left the band seven strong, Mr. J. L. Millhouse also having left for a prior appointment. This gave the remaining party the opportunity to assist Miss Killingley, of Richmond, to score her first peal at first attempt—Bob Major—at Catterick, ably conducted by Mr. Leonard Trevor.

To wind up the tour a peal of Norfolk was decided upon at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington. This was successful on this fine new ring of eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, 1937, the band being particularly grateful to Mr. G. F. Newton for standing in at short notice.

Sincere thanks are extended to the many ringers who met, and welcomed the visiting ringers at the various towers, also the clergy and towerkeepers for placing the bells at their disposal. In particular most sincere thanks are extended to Mr. Addison, of Middlesbrough, for the Yorkshire arrangements, and to Mr. W. N. Park for the Durham arrangements. The touring band wish to accord Mr. J. E. Cawser their most sincere thanks for the arrangements he made for their help and comfort during the whole week. He organised everything to the last detail, and they feel that they ought not really to have lost those three peals, as he left them nothing to do but—ring!
R.G.E.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District was held at Howden on September 6th and was attended by about 50 ringers, representing 21 towers, with visitors from Norfolk and Oxfordshire.

A short service in church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. Kitchen), who gave the address. An excellent tea was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. H. Fox. Miss Patricia James, of Sedbergh, was elected a member. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Selby was accepted. A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, local company and ladies serving tea was proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. F. W. Dale, and supported by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and the Vicar responded.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 ls. 6d. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. W. Pearson, of Pontefract, expressing sympathy with him in his illness and hoping for his speedy recovery.

OBITUARY

THE REV. E. S. POWELL.

The sudden collapse and death of the Rev. Everard Slade Powell, M.A., while ringing at Sheffield Cathedral last Sunday evening, is deeply regretted by his wide circle of friends and the Exercise generally. He was 71.

Mr. Powell was a scholar of Christ Church, Oxford, and had a brilliant university career. He was ordained in 1899 and held three livings—Holberton 1906-28, Clyst St. George 1928-35, and Staverton, Daventry, 1933-1946. He retired at the end of last year and made his home at Stoke-under-Ham, near Yeovil.

To ringers all over the country Mr. Powell is known as the author of 'The Ringer's Handbook,' one of the most popular of the instructional books, which has sold in its thousands.

From 1935 until he left the diocese last year the Rev. Powell was Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. He proved himself to be an ideal Master, and the gratitude of the Guild was expressed to him and Mrs. Powell at the last annual meeting in the form of a presentation and testimonial.

MR. JAMES COX.

The death is announced of Mr. James Cox, of the Oldham (St. Mary's) Parish Church Society, on August 23rd, after a long illness. Mr. Cox was interred at Chadderton Cemetery on August 26th. Several ringers attended the funeral service at Oldham Parish Church.

MR. J. A. HART.

We regret to record the death, which took place suddenly on September 25th after working in his garden, of Mr. James Alfred Hart, of 27, Alexandra Road, Uckfield, Sussex. For over 40 years Mr. Hart had been captain of the Uckfield ringers. He celebrated his 77th birthday on September 1st last and his golden wedding last June.

MR. A. E. WEBB.

We regret to record the death on September 16th as the result of a road accident the same day of Mr. Albert Edward (Teddy) Webb, of Brecon, a member of St. David's band and of the General Committee of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild. He was carrying out his duties as a postman when the cycle he was riding came into collision with a motor-car.

Mr. Webb, who was 54 years of age, was very popular in his district. The funeral service on September 20th at St. David's, Brecon, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Davies), assisted by the headmaster of Christ College. The large congregation present included the Mayor of Brecon, the Member of Parliament (Ald. T. E. Watkins), and the Swansea and Brecon Guild were represented by Mr. A. Matthews (Master), Mr. D. G. Williams (general secretary), Mr. D. H. Bennett (district secretary) and Mr. M. Howcroft. There were over 100 wreaths, including a tribute from the Diocesan Guild.

After the service the bells were rung half-muffled, and in the evening a quarter-peal half-muffled by M. Howcroft 1, A. Matthews 2, G. Hardwick 3, G. Davies 4, D. H. Bennett (conductor) 5, D. Stokes 6, C. Morgan 7, R. Chambers 8. It was the first quarter for 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Twenty members and friends attended the evening meeting of the South and West District at All Saints', Fulham, on September 18th, when owing to local restrictions the bells could only be rung for about an hour. Of the ten bells, only eight were in use, the trebles being under repair, but some good ringing was accomplished under the supervision of Mr. F. A. Finch (Ringing Master). Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Double Norwich and Cambridge.

National Police Guild

The annual meeting for 1947 was held at Birmingham on September 20th, and was well attended by members and friends from all parts of the country. Lunch and tea were provided at Police Headquarters.

A company of 115 sat down to lunch, at which Mr. E. I. Dodd (chief Constable of Birmingham) presided. After the loyal toast he extended a very cordial welcome to the Guild. He showed a keen interest in ringing, and it is understood that he will be further enlightened by a prominent Birmingham ringer.

He also kindly undertook to adorn the worthy president, Inspector H. Poole, with an insignia of office, in the form of a suitably inscribed silver bell, the gift of ex-Supt. C. P. Hilton, of Surrey, and ex-Sergt. A. Lawrence, of Herts.

Ex-Supt. Williams, of Manchester, fully recovered from the illness which compelled his absence last year, welcomed the guests and visitors, notable amongst whom were the Rev. E. H. Waddleton, Mr. Albert Walker and the ever-green and ever-present J. W. Jones, of Newport.

The business meeting followed, at which Insp. H. Poole presided. He spoke of the happy renewal of friendships so well established. Referring to the absence of successful police peals during the year, he said that peals were not all that mattered.

The officers were re-elected and nine new ringing members and two life members enrolled. An invitation to Manchester for the next meeting was gratefully accepted and (d.v.) will be held on September 18th, 1948. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Hilton for their generous gift to the Guild.

Ringling opportunities were available for all and were fully exploited, not without incident. A worthy vice-president's bell went over the top, allegedly due to a cracked stay. A northern member with bold effrontery completed a bridal photographic group, shook hands with the bridegroom and kissed the bride on an assurance that the bells were being rung for the wedding. All this was accepted in the right spirit with characteristic good humour.

Sincere thanks were expressed to the Chief Constable for his support and the use of the Police Canteen, and to P.C. L. Tuffrey for arranging a splendid lunch and tea and a most enjoyable social evening. Great regret was expressed at the absence of Bill Dowding, who, ignoring anno domini, was said to have been gathering fruit the previous day and to have come down the tree by a quicker route than intended, with painful results. H.G.J.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Purton on September 13th, and ringers were present from Blunsdon, Lydiard Millicent, Malmesbury, Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret, Rodbourne Cheney and Wootton Bassett, together with members of the local band. Various methods up to Cambridge were rung, and tea was provided at the Vicarage by Canon and Mrs. Willis.

At the business meeting a welcome was extended to Mr. Hemus and party from Malmesbury, where an attempt is being made to form a change ringing band. It is proposed to hold the next three meetings at Malmesbury, Wootton Bassett and Christ Church, Swindon.

V.B.K.

Bristol Surprise Extensions

BY GEORGE BAKER.

Many years ago the late Arthur Craven gave the true extensions of Bristol Surprise Major to Royal and Maximus in 'The Ringing World,' and there is no question whatever that he gave the true extensions.

Following are the first ten changes of Bristol Surprise Major and the same place making on ten and twelve bells.

| Major | Royal | Maximus |
|----------|------------|--------------|
| 12345678 | 1234567890 | 1234567890T |
| 21436587 | 2143658709 | 2143658709TE |
| 12346857 | 1234685079 | 1234685079E |
| 21436675 | 2143860597 | 214386057E9 |
| 24136857 | 2413685079 | 2413685079E |
| 42316587 | 4231658709 | 4231658709TE |
| 24135678 | 2413567890 | 2413567890T |
| 42315768 | 4231576980 | 4231576980T |
| 24351786 | 2435179608 | 243517968T0 |
| 23457168 | 2345716980 | 2345716980T |
| | 3254179608 | 325417968T0 |
| | 2345719608 | 234571968T0 |
| | 3254791086 | 3254791E1086 |
| | 3527490168 | 352749E16T80 |
| | 5372941086 | 5372941E1086 |
| | 5739240168 | 5739249E1068 |
| | 7593420618 | 573924E1086 |
| | 5739240681 | 573924T0168 |
| | 5372940618 | 573924T41086 |
| | 3527496081 | 795E3T240168 |
| | 3254769801 | 97E5T3420618 |
| | | 795E3T246081 |
| | | 7593E2T40618 |
| | | 573924T6081 |
| | | 537294E6T801 |

Lead Heads: Major 14263857. Royal 1352749608. Maximus 1795E3T20486.

It is useless for anyone to deny that the placemaking is not the same on 8, 10 and 12 bells so far as the first ten changes are concerned, and if we want to make a double method of the Royal, all we have to do is to reverse the place-making of the first ten changes as shown, and the Maximus then follows naturally.

In Bristol Surprise Major the bells are in proper coursing order in front and behind, and they are also in Royal and Maximus.

Mr. Bramble's so-called extension to Royal does not conform to that rule.

WHITLEY BAY 'OPEN DAY'

More than 60 people attended an 'open day' at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Northumberland, on September 20th, visiting the belfry and seeing something of the art of change ringing.

A talk on change ringing was given by Mr. Richard A. Gofton, during which he mentioned some of the achievements of Whitley Bay—the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major on May 14th, 1924, and a peal on handbells of London Surprise Major by the four brothers Gofton on November 3rd, 1920.

Mr. Gofton stated that the present band—half of whom were recruited since 1944, were now ringing service touches of London Surprise Major, and he hoped that they would continue to make progress and re-establish the tower in its former pre-eminent position in the Association.

Bagshot Bells Restored

The ring of eight (tenor 17½ cwt.) at St. Anne's, Bagshot, Surrey, has been restored, and the reopening ceremony took place on Sept. 20th, when a company of 60 ringers was present and expressed satisfaction at the work of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

After the choral service, conducted by the Rev. R. Gibson, the visitors were entertained to tea through the generosity of a Bagshot ringer. The congratulations of the company were voiced by Mr. C. W. Denyer (Ringing Master of the Farnham District), to the Vicar, Parochial Church Council and local ringers on their pluck in having the bells restored. It was now, he said, a pleasure to ring the tenor, whereas previously it needed a great deal of effort.

Mr. G. L. Grover (Guild secretary) also spoke in appreciative terms of the work, and his remarks were endorsed by Mr. F. J. Ewens (Camberley) and Mr. F. Stone (Blackmoor).

Mr. J. Corbett (Bagshot) thanked all who had spoken so well of their efforts. A considerable sum of money (£245) was required, but during the summer efforts had raised about £140 and now greater efforts for money raising would be made.

Mention was made of the long service to Bagshot tower by Mr. Nve (47 years) and Mr. Corbett (51 years), and the wish was expressed by Mr. H. Hunt that they would live many more years to enjoy the music of the bells. Three ringing members from Farnborough and one from Yorktown were elected.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A very successful meeting of the South-West Branch was held at Kelly on September 20th, supported by ringers and friends from Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel), Plympton (St. Maurice's and St. Mary's), Bridgerule, Stratton, Petockstowe, Okehampton, Marham church, Carbis Bay, Lifton and Kelly.

The bells were rung to rounds, touches of Grand sire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge.

A service in church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. M. G. Reardon). A collection for the Guild's Bells Restoration Fund amounted to £1 3s. 9d. Seventy sat down to an excellent tea.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the branch chairman, the Rev. H. E. Bennett, Plymouth Emmanuel, January 17th, 1948, was chosen for the annual meeting.

The chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and ringers for such an enthusiastic welcome to Kelly, and expressed the meeting's pleasure at having with them the Guild president (Preb. E. V. Cox), Mr. F. C. Smale (general secretary), the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, and so many of our friends of the North-West Branch.

Ringling in the standard methods was also enjoyed at Bradstone and Milton Abbott.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Some useful work in helping members of the local band was done during the meeting of the Cambridge District at Bottisham on September 13th, attended by 15 members. At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. Lack (Great Staughton), Mr. E. W. Brown (Cambridge) was elected a member. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Ickleton. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. P. Russell).

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Ringers' Outings

ST. PETER MANCROFT.

A large party of ringers and friends had an outing to Cambridge on September 6th. At the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs the long draught of this fine eight proved less embarrassing to Mancroft ringers. At St. Andrew's the best use was made of an indifferent eight. Various methods up to Treble Twelve were rung at Great St. Mary's, where opinions were divided as to which is worse—a long draught or a long staircase. After tea Cambridge Minor was rung on Fabian Stedman's bells at St. Benet's. On the way home Double Norwich was enjoyed at St. Mary's, Ely. Thanks are expressed to Mr. Nolan Golden for his efficient organisation and to the steeplekeepers.

BRISTOL RINGERS.

After getting lost in the Stroud Valley, the SS. Philip and Jacob's Guild, Bristol, reached Painswick, the objective of their annual outing, on September 13th. A pleasant hour was spent ringing Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus.

Then followed a short run back to Stroud for tea, with some more Cinques and tunes on handbells to aid the digestion. A move was then made to St. Lawrence's Church, where some excellent ringing was indulged in of Bristol Major, Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and Cambridge Royal.

RODBOURNE CHENEY.

Rodbourne Cheney ringers held their annual outing on August 30th and were accompanied by ringers from Christ Church, Swindon, Bunsdon, Chiseldon and Compton. The first stop was Beckington, where the long draught did not suit the young ringers. Mr. J. T. Dyke joined the party here, and accompanied them to Corsley, where various methods were rung. Tea was at Warminster and here acquaintance was renewed with ex-Sergt. Norman Knee, who spent some months in the Swindon district during the war. Ringing at Codford and Shrewton ended the programme, the best ringing of the day being at the last tower. W.B.K.

WARMINSTER.

On September 13th, 24 ringers and friends from Warminster and Longbridge Deverill had a long day's tour of North Somerset. Heavy rain was experienced through Bath to Keynsham, the first stop. Here they were met by the Vicar, the local ringers and the reporter for the local newspaper (also a ringer). Grandshire Tripples with some rounds and call changes for a fledgling making his first trip was rung.

From Keynsham the party went through Bristol to the charming little village of Portishead, with its strikingly pretty churchyard, and a very trim well-appointed belfry, whose peal boards record the popularity of the tower among the ladies. The pleasant, easy-going eight were rung to Grandshire and Stedman. A most picturesque drive by the coast and down narrow lanes brought the party to Clevedon by mid-day. The light eight here were much to the liking of all. Lunch, an excellent meal, was enjoyed here, and at Congressbury the heavy men were given the task of ringing up the 38 cwt. tenor and then ringing it down again to get it up right. The bells, a lovely eight with a most noble tenor by Bilbie, were successfully turned in to Plain Bob.

A half-hour run brought the band to Weston-super-Mare, where after tea there was ringing on the easy-going light at St. John's.

Evening was come when Blagdon was reached after a lovely ride through Somerset lanes and woods, but here a combination of new ropes and long draught proved too much for most of the party. Still undaunted, the band set out for the seventh tower of the day at Chewton Mendip, but, unfortunately, the wrong road was taken, and the village was not tracked down until 9 p.m., when the church was deserted, not surprisingly, and no ringing could be enjoyed. C.N.P.

LETTERS

YOUTH ON TOUR

Dear Sir,—As the contributor of the report of the ringing tour, 'From Winchester to Marlborough,' which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of September 12th, I should like to thank Mr. Dryas for his letter and kind remarks. I am glad to note that not all the writers in these columns attempt to split hairs, and, further, that some ringers have recognised and appreciated the aims of those junior members of the fraternity who took part in the tour.

All of the tourists, without exception, gained in some way. We all improved considerably our knowledge of Hampshire, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire; we made many new friends and acquaintances and made progress, to varying degrees, in the art. We experienced the pleasure of entering new towers and gained much valuable physical exercise.

The towers on the list were arranged in order that we might visit them comfortably, and we averaged four per day. It was gratifying to be told, as we were at several towers, that it was good to hear the bells again, for in many country churches a band of ringers is not always forthcoming.

In conclusion, I should like to say that I am sure the band would have been honoured by the company of Mr. Dryas had he been able to join us.—Yours sincerely,

ROGER O. FRY.

Bath, Somerset.

BEOLEY BELLS TO BE REHUNG

Sir.—Readers of 'The Ringing World' may be interested to know that the 14th century tower of Beoley Parish Church, which has been unsafe for a considerable period, is to be repaired, and at the same time the bells are to be rehung in a modern cast-iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ring consists of six bells and was broadcast at Christmas, 1943.

The details are as follows: No. 1, founded by R. Sanders, 1708; No. 2, H. Oldfield, in 1622 (this is the only Oldfield bell left in Worcestershire); No. 3, R. Sanders, 1709; No. 4, Newcombe, 1611; No. 5, Rudhall, 1789; No. 6, Hugh Watts, 1601.

The church is famous for its association with the illustrious family of Sheldon, who introduced the art of tapestry weaving into England in the 16th century. Many of this family are buried in the church, and their names are on three of the bells.

The work of rehanging the bells and repairing the tower will cost £1,450, and we are advised to aim at raising a further £150 as a contingency sum.

This parish of 770 people has raised £1,400 in a year, and the Appeal Committee now hope that lovers of the art of bellringing may feel disposed to help us. Mr. W. Jackson, Keswick, Birmingham Road, Bordesley, Redditch, is the treasurer of the Appeal Fund.—Yours sincerely,

LEONARD J. BIRCH, Vicar.

ST. PETER MANCROFT BELLS

Dear Sir,—A recording of a plain course of Grandshire Caters was made last July for the background of a talk in a B.B.C. programme featuring Norwich to be broadcast on Monday, October 13th, at 6.50 to 7.30.

Copies of the actual recording of the bells will be available at 10s. each if a sufficient number of people desire them. Intending purchasers should let me know as soon as possible.

Incidentally the recording engineer on this occasion was most courteous and acted upon certain suggestions made in order to obtain the best possible recording. In the course of conversation I gathered that he had had considerable dealings with ringers and was fully conscious of their fancies, foibles and prejudices.—Yours, etc.,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

25, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

The Ladies' Guild

EASTERN DISTRICT AT BECCLES.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at Beccles on September 13th. Thirteen members were present, together with about thirty men. The fine ring of ten bells (tenor 25 cwt.) was put to good use during the afternoon and evening, and ringing ranged from rounds to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal, as well as London and Bristol Major. Twice during the afternoon a band of ladies rang the bells to rounds and the men were forced to admit that they were well struck.

Tea was served at the Y.M.C.A., and what a tea! Everyone agreed it was worth coming to Beccles if only for the tea. After tea the vice-president (Miss Snowden) thanked the Rector, the Rev. Rideal, for the use of the bells, and Mr. Goate for making the arrangements, and to the cook who produced the wonderful home-made pastries and cakes.

The Rector replied, saying how pleased he was to see the ladies at Beccles, and Mr. A. Gillings also welcomed them on behalf of the Suffolk Guild.

At the brief Ladies' Guild meeting which followed, one new member was elected—Miss Selina Moor, of Norwich. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Diss, but to leave it until next spring—April 10th or 17th—owing to the transport difficulties entailed by petrol rationing. Good use of the bells was also made during the evening, broken at intervals by ringers who, having had just one more pull, had to make a wild dash for bus or train.

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

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'Surprise Methods.'—About 160 unnamed Major Methods in Place Notation, including 70 unpublished by Gabriel Lindoff. Post free 1s., 3 for 2s. 6d. Postal orders only.—Corrigan, Ryedown Lane, Bitton, Bristol. 2080

'The Church Bells of Berkshire,' Part X., price 1s. Supplied to purchasers of previous parts only. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 2035

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BIRTH

HATCHER.—On Sept. 28th, 1947, at King's College Hospital, S.E.5, to Olive (née Rawlins), wife of Dr. E. S. John Hatcher, of Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent, a son (Peter John).
2074

DEATH

MATTHEW.—On September 21st, 1947, suddenly, Robert Matthews, at Apley Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge.
2037

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MEETINGS

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.—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 COUNTY ASSN.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting Ringmer, Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells 3. Service and tea.
2029

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.
2016

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

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ludlow District.—Quarterly meeting Bromfield, near Ludlow, Sat., Oct. 4th. Important business.—W. H. Lloyd, Assistant Ringing Master.
2003

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 2.30. Short service 4. Tea at local cafe.—Superlative, London.
2039

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Sudbury on Oct. 4th, 2.30. All Saints' (8), St. Gregory's (8). Tea Scarlet Pimpernel.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk.
1990

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

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting Tonbridge, Oct. 4th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.
2028

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting at Thornaby-on-Tees (8 bells), Sat., Oct. 4th.—E. Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec.
2038

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Practice meetings at Buckland (8) on Saturdays, Oct. 4th, Nov. 1st, Dec. 6th, and Jan. 3rd, 2 to 5 p.m.—R. F. J. Gill- ing, Hon. Sec.
2054

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Scunthorpe (8), Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Bells available after meeting till 9 o'clock.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.
2058

DISS, NORFOLK.—The bells of the Parish Church will be broadcast on Sunday morning, Oct. 5th, 9.30, in the Home service, 342.1 m.
2070

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Mon., Oct. 6th, at 7.15, a practice meeting at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec.
2072

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—Social and old-time dance, Wed., Oct. 8th, 7.30, Church Institute, Herschel Street. Bring your friends and enjoy dancing, games, handbells, refreshments, and support our bells appeal.
2079

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

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

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, Thornton, Colchester.
3025

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

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sudborough, Sat., Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Oct. 7th, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering.
2040

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting Shepton Beauchamp (8), Oct. 11th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Oct. 7th.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton.
2041

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Swindon Branch.—Malmesbury (5), Oct. 11th. Names for tea to Mr. V. Hemus, 1, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, Wilts.—W. B. Kynaston.
2046

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting Middleton Parish, Oct. 11th. Cups of tea provided for those bringing own food. Cafe in vicinity for those without. All ringers and friends welcome.—I. Kay, Sec.
2038

LANCS ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells from 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec. 2036

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting Burstwick, All Saints' (6), Sat., Oct. 11th, 2. Service 4. Tea 3s. All notify Rev. W. R. George, Vicarage, Burstwick, near Hull, by Oct. 9th.—Albert E. Sellers, Hon. Sec. 2042

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting Hemyock, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names by Mon., Oct. 6th.—C. G. Diamond, Branch Sec., Silvertown. 2064

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Penshurst, Oct. 11th, 3. Tea 5. Names to Mr. G. Edwards, Elliott's House, Penshurst, by Oct. 9th.—C. A. Bassett. 2062

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Bottesford (8), Oct. 11th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names must be sent to Mr. C. H. Jallands, Easthorpe, Bottesford, Notts, by the 8th.—J. H. Cook, Sec. 2061

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield District.—Next meeting Dronfield (8), Oct. 11th. Bring food.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2060

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting Backwell, Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, the George Inn.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2057

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Western and St. Albans Districts.—Joint meeting Flamstead (6), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 5. Names for tea must be sent to W. Hayes, Moreton's Place, Flamstead, by Wed., Oct. 1st, without fail.—W. C. Hughes and T. J. Southam, Dis. Secs. 2056

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Potton, Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells (6), 3. Tea 5. Postcard for tea by Wed., Oct. 8th, to C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds. 2055

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon (10), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea in St. John's Hall 5.15. Names to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath. Hall also open from 3 (handbell, etc.). Social evening 8.—J. E. L. Cockey and A. W. Barker, Hon. Secs. 2053

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Joint meeting Syston District, Great Glenn, Oct. 11th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Crown Inn. Names by Oct. 7th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 2052

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting Corby (6), Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. E. Watson, 31, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 2051

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Farmborough, Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells, Frome. 2049

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Laxton (6), Sat., Oct. 11th. Cups of tea only. Bus from Retford 1.30 and 4.30.—H. Denman. 2048

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Sat., Oct. 11th, All Saints', West Ham (10), 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 5.45.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2073

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 11th, St. Matthew's. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Oct. 9th.—S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 2075

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston and Harborough Districts.—Joint meeting Great Glenn, Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for those who notify Mr. L. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn, by the 9th.—H. Morton. 2050

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting Wath-on-Dearne, Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 2065

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Garston Parish Church, Sat., Oct. 11th. Tower open at 3. Service 5.15. Tea provided. If intending to be present please send word to Mr. J. W. Rawlinson, 29, Mersey Avenue, Liverpool, 19.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 2071

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting Oct. 11th, Bowness-on-Windermere. Bells (8) available 2.30. Names for tea to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere, Westmorland. 2068

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Davenham (6), Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea provided if names sent to Miss D. C. Osborn, 258, London Road, Northwich, before Oct. 7th. 2067

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove (8), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5; bring own food.—J. W. Cotton. 2078

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting Runcorn, Oct. 11th. Please advise Mr. E. H. Hughes, 18, Cynthia Road, Runcorn, if requiring tea, by Oct. 8th. 2069

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Jubilee Service and dinner, Oct. 18th. Ringing Bishopsgate, 1.30-3; Clerkenwell, 2.30-4; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30-4.30. Service St. Giles' 4.30; preacher, Bishop of London. Dinner, Slater's, 393, Strand, 6.30. Money (12s.) to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 1963

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—District meeting Horringer (8), Sat., Oct. 18th. Bells 3. Owing to catering difficulties please bring own tea. Eastern Counties bus leaves Cornhill, Bury St. Edmunds, at 2.25, 4.15 and 6.5, returning from Horringer at 5.50, 7.40, and 9.26.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec. 2066

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Oct. 18th, at Rochester Cathedral. Bells available 3. Service 4. Tea, City Cafe. Names for tea by Wed., Oct. 15th, to B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec., Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 2077

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL.—New ring of 13 bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated on Sat., Oct. 18th, 2.30, by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Rev. Henry McGowan, D.D. All ringers most cordially invited. A limited number of teas will be provided in the Cathedral School (2s. per head). Tickets for tea may be obtained from Mr. J. H. Kirby, 99, York Street, Wakefield, on receipt of postal order for 2s., not later than Monday, October 13th. Tower open for ringing from 5.30 onwards. 2022

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting Cranleigh, Saturday, October 18th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30. Please send names for tea by Oct. 13th to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 2047

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