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## THE ART OVERSEAS.

The art of change ringing in places overseas has never had other than a precarious footing, and, much as ringers in this country would like to see it fostered and flourish, there seem to be such innumerable difficulties that, up to the present, it has done little more than raise its head in a place or two and droop again. In Melbourne alone has it had any long continued survival, for, while there may be a few other places about the world outside these islands where the bells have been more or less frequently rung, only in this Australian city has the practice of change ringing been maintained through the years. In other parts of the Commonwealth, in America and the far West of Canada, in South Africa and New Zealand the plant, carried from the old country by ringers who have gone out to seek their fortune in the distant places, has blossomed after much labour, only to fade almost, and in some cases entirely, away.

The reasons, of course, are not far to seek. In those great lands the men are widely scattered; the towers are, for the most part, still more widely separated, and nowhere, except perhaps in and around Sydney, N.S.W., and Boston, U.S.A., is there any group of towers within practicable reach of each other. What isolated bands there are have to be dependent entirely upon their own unaided efforts, and it is not surprising that their interest and enthusiasm evaporates in time, and an effort, courageously made, flickers out, for want of help and encouragement.

In a letter elsewhere in this issue the question of what can be done to stimulate and assist these lone companies is discussed by one who has had real experience of the adverse conditions under which they carry on. Mr. A. E. F. Trotman has seen the difficulties which confront those who are seeking to establish change ringing in Western Canada, and he asks what can be done by ringers in this country to help. Visits such as that paid to Australia three years ago serve to raise local enthusiasm, but the effect lacks real permanency. Moreover, such organised visits cannot be made with the frequency necessary to keep the interest alive; distance, time and expense are all too great. And yet it ought to be possible to devise some means of keeping in touch and carrying on instructional work greater than exists at present. The pioneer work, such as was done by Mr. I. J. Attwater at Kent School, Connecticut, and is now being put in in a ladies' school in New South Wales by Miss Kynaston, cannot be overrated. It is the most practical means of spreading knowledge and interest and, although these pupils may eventually settle in places

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where they are unable to continue practice, one never knows what seeds may be planted and eventually bear fruit. But if our correspondent's letter leads to some further thought being given to the matter, particularly by members of the Central Council and by the leaders of the Exercise in every association, some practical result may emerge for helping those who, overseas, are endeavouring to keep the flag flying.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN H. LENTON ... .. Treble | ALBERT G. STRANGWARD ... 6     |
| ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 2       | RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 7        |
| *FREDERICK NEWTON ... .. 3   | THOMAS HOLDER ... .. 8         |
| HARRY C. WALTERS ... .. 4    | †ROBERT H. VIGOR ... .. 9      |
| *HARRY NEWTON ... .. 5       | A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 9, 1937, in Three Hours &amp; Twenty-Three Minutes

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS. 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *HOWARD L. MORGAN ... Treble | †ROBERT E. COLES ... .. 6      |
| ERNEST STITCH ... .. 2       | ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 7       |
| †REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 3 | JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 8         |
| GEORGE TALBOT ... .. 4       | RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 9       |
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. 5       | SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. G. MILES.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ROYDON DAVIES ... .. Treble  | *DUDLEY BUXTON ... .. 6       |
| FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 2   | †FRANK E. MITCHELL ... .. 7   |
| MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN ... 3 | THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 8  |
| MRS. F. W. HOWSDEN ... .. 4  | WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 9       |
| RIDHARD I. FULLER ... .. 5   | DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F. sharp.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *BARRY D. ELLIOTT ... .. Treble | JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6      |
| ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2      | †COLIN A. HOPPER ... .. 7      |
| *DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 3       | *WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 8     |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4    | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 9    |
| †ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 5     | STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method and first on ten bells. The conductor's 1,150th peal.

BLETCHLEY.—On August 21st, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal in the same method: J. Marks 1, H. Sear 2, A. N. Wood 3, W. J. Chester 4, Rev. J. E. F. Tredennick (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, H. V. Sear 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, E. W. Smith 8.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ROBERT H. VIGOR ... .. Treble | WILLIAM HARGREAVES ... 5       |
| *MISS DOROTHY M. HAWLEY 2     | †EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. 6       |
| FRANK POPPLEWELL ... .. 3     | FRANK RHODES ... .. 7          |
| RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 4       | A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by D. Woods.

Conducted by R. H. VIGOR.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Kent.

NORTHOP, PLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble | THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... 5   |
| FREDERICK R. EVANS ... .. 2   | JOHN A. RANGLES ... .. 6    |
| WILLIAM J. ROBERTS ... .. 3   | ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 7      |
| LEWIS J. EVANS ... .. 4       | ARTHUR TILSTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEOFFREY HARRISON ... .. Treble | CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 5     |
| JOHN GRUNDY ... .. 2            | RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 6   |
| G. RONALD EDWARDS ... .. 3      | ARTHUR DAVIS ... .. 7       |
| LESLIE STEVENS ... .. 4         | COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *EDWARD TIMPSON ... .. Treble | †MISS KATH. E. FLETCHER 5   |
| JAMES W. WILKINS ... .. 2     | PERCY NEWTON ... .. 6       |
| MISS DOROTHY FLETCHER 3       | ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 7       |
| FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 4   | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.  
First peal of Double Norwich and first attempt. † 100th peal.  
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Arthur Newton, a member of the local band, and Miss May Burrows.

SALISBURY.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *REGINALD LOWE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM SHUTE ... .. 5     |
| *LEONARD F. HARRIS ... .. 2  | †FRANK A. PENN ... .. 6    |
| †DENNIS BROCK ... .. 3       | FRANK W. ROMAINE ... .. 7  |
| LEONARD HARRIS ... .. 4      | *JACK MUSSELL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK W. ROMAINE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung to commemorate the first peal on the bells and the first in the city of Salisbury on September 3rd, 1887, and also as a Coronation peal for King George VI.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN H. LENTON ... .. Treble | HARRY NEWTON ... .. 5      |
| HARRY C. WALTERS ... .. 2    | ALBERT J. STRANGWARD ... 6 |
| ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 3       | CHARLES BROWN ... .. 7     |
| THOMAS HOLDER ... .. 4       | FRED NEWTON ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

Rung with bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. T. J. Sides, Mayor of Pontefract, who was interred the same day. He had been Mayor seven times since 1918.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (6th observation).

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN WHEADON ... .. Treble | JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 5    |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2  | NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 6    |
| DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3    | HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7       |
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4   | ROBERT MALSTER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by NORMAN SUMMERHAYES.

First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEOFFREY HARRISON ... .. Treble | G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 5        |
| COLIN HARRISON ... .. 2         | FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 6      |
| JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 3         | RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7         |
| JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 4        | A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, FYLINGSDALE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... Treble | HARRY SHORT ... .. 5     |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2      | *GEORGE B. M. DEAN ... 6 |
| ALBERT V. COATES ... .. 3      | RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 7  |
| THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4      | ARTHUR WEST ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

\* First attempt for a peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF CAM TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JAMES BENNETH ... .. Treble | *DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 5      |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2   | *EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 6    |
| JOHN WHEADON ... .. 3       | *HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7        |
| *HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4     | *ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Tenor |

Composed by S. MARSH.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal of Cam.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

| PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.            |   | Tenor 8½ cwt.               |   |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... Treble | 1 | *RONALD W. J. PANKHORST     | 5 |
| HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... 2           | 2 | CHARLES A. SAVAGE ...       | 6 |
| JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 3           | 3 | EDWARD W. BRAY ...          | 7 |
| HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS ... 4      | 4 | LOUIS W. FAULKNER ... Tenor |   |

Conducted by CHARLES A. SAVAGE.

\* First peal. First attempt as conductor.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.  
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                 |   |                              |   |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|
| MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... Treble | 1 | THOMAS VESSEY ...            | 5 |
| *MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... 2      | 2 | RICHARD M. HARVEY ...        | 6 |
| FRANK VERNON ... 3              | 3 | ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ...      | 7 |
| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4      | 4 | CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor |   |

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.

\* First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. R. Forshaw and Miss Garrow.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Three Hours

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                              |   |                          |   |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble | 1 | *WILLIAM A. WOODS ...    | 5 |
| FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 2     | 2 | ERNEST SYDNEY BAILEY ... | 6 |
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3     | 3 | JAMES A. BAILEY ...      | 7 |
| SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4    | 4 | ALDERMAN LING ... Tenor  |   |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal on the bells since their restoration.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                            |   |                             |   |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble | 1 | REGINALD W. REX ...         | 5 |
| WALTER V. WEBB ... 2       | 2 | *WILLIAM LAMBELL ...        | 6 |
| *BERTRAM L. J. BROWN ... 3 | 3 | ALFRED H. WEBB ...          | 7 |
| JOHN NOBES ... 4           | 4 | WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH Tenor |   |

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. First peal as conductor in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. A. Goodenough and Mr. V. P. A. G. Scardfield.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 16 cwt.

|                              |   |                        |   |
|------------------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Treble   | 1 | STANLEY A. CARTER ...  | 5 |
| MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 2 | 2 | JOSEPH LADLEY ...      | 6 |
| *MISS CONSTANCE DITTON ... 3 | 3 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... | 7 |
| GEORGE GRAY ... 4            | 4 | SIDNEY CADLE ... Tenor |   |

Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER.

\* First peal of Stedman.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 42 extents with 14 variations of calling, 30 of Grandsire and 12 of bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                                |   |                        |   |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| *MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER Treble | 1 | *HANBURY F. CARTER     | 3 |
| *MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGINW 2    | 2 | *ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... | 4 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN ...               |   | ... Tenor              |   |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in two methods. First peal on the bells.

TRYSELL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, September 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

|                             |   |                          |   |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| THOMAS G. MARTIN ... Treble | 1 | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... | 4 |
| HAROLD SMITH ... 2          | 2 | BARNABAS G. KEY ...      | 5 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3     | 3 | HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor  |   |

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

First peal in three Minor methods for all except the ringer of the 4th. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. F. Bennett and Miss J. Nock, who were married at Trysell the previous Saturday.

WONSTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

|                                |   |                            |   |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Treble | 1 | *GEORGE SMITH ...          | 4 |
| *RICHARD SMITH ... 2           | 2 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...      | 5 |
| *REGINALD DOLTON ... 3         | 3 | REGINALD A. REED ... Tenor |   |

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

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

FELKIRK, NEAR BARNSELY, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents: (1) Charlwood and Neasden Delight; (2) St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (3) College Exercise and Ockley; (4) Duke of Norfolk and Norbury; (5) Chapel and Sandal; (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston; (7) Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                         |   |                        |   |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| *ROLAND HILL ... Treble | 1 | HAROLD CHANT ...       | 4 |
| *WILFRED LIBBLE ... 2   | 2 | ARTHUR GILL ...        | 5 |
| JOHN THOMAS WHITE ... 3 | 3 | DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor |   |

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal in 14 methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley, who entered his 80th year on September 2nd.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,  
At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

|                     |     |                        |     |
|---------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| ALFRED BARNES ...   | 1-2 | JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... | 5-6 |
| ALLEN F. BAILEY ... | 3-4 | HARRY ASHTON ...       | 7-8 |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 368). Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Ashton and Miss J. Stevens on the occasion of their marriage at St. George's Church, Stockport, on August 21st.

**SEPT. 18th! See page 614**

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 29th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples; F. Nash 1, T. Lock 2, H. Currell 3, Miss K. M. Bradford 4, W. Nash 5, C. Nash 6, A. W. Coles (conductor) 7, W. Tyler 8. Arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.



**THE COTSWOLD TOUR.**

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
At MAGDALEN COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... ..Treble | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 6     |
| KENNETH SNELLING... .. 2        | WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 7   |
| WALTER F. JUDGE... .. 3         | C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 8     |
| JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 4          | FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 9 |
| FRANCIS E. TAYLOR... .. 5       | WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor |

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| FREDERICK W. ROGERS... ..Treble | WALTER F. JUDGE... .. 6    |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 2     | NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 7     |
| GEORGE POPNELL... .. 3          | FREDERICK PAGE... .. 8     |
| C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 4         | WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 9  |
| KENNETH SNELLING... .. 5        | OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

GREAT TEW, OXON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, September 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE POPNELL... ..Treble | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 5 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 2     | C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 6     |
| JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 3     | FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 7 |
| KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4   | WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

ADDERBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Treble | FREDERICK PAGE... .. 5     |
| KEITH HART... .. 2           | JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 6     |
| NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 3       | WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 7  |
| KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4     | OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of London on the bells.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
At CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| KEITH HART... ..Treble      | NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 6      |
| JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 2      | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 7 |
| FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 3 | WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 8   |
| KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4    | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 9     |
| C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 5     | WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Spiced Surprise in the county and by the association.  
This peal contains 2,800 Yorkshire and 2,240 Cambridge, the former being rung to the Wrong and the latter from the Wrong to the Home.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NELSON ELLIOTT... ..Treble | FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 5 |
| KENNETH SNELLING... .. 2   | C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 6     |
| JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 3     | WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 7   |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS... .. 4   | OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor  |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Spiced Surprise in the county and of Spiced Surprise Major by the association. This peal contains 2,432 London, 1,088 Bristol and 768 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 104 changes of method.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

|                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| KEITH HART... ..Treble   | NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 6      |
| C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 2  | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 7 |
| KENNETH SNELLING... .. 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 8 |
| JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 4   | WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 9   |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 5  | WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells; first peal of Yorkshire Royal in the county and by the Guild.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... ..Treble | FREDERICK PAGE... .. 5      |
| WALTER F. JUDGE... .. 2         | JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 6      |
| KENNETH SNELLING... .. 3        | FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 7 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 4          | WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor |

Composed J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of London on the bells.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDERICK PAGE... ..Treble | JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 5      |
| KEITH HART... .. 2         | WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 6   |
| C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 3    | FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 7 |
| KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4   | WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE POPNELL... ..Treble | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 2  | NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 6      |
| JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 3     | FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 7 |
| KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4   | C. ERNEST SMITH... ..Tenor  |

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

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Have you ordered your copy of 'A History of the College Youths'? See next page

## THE LINCOLNSHIRE TOUR.

(Continued from page 599.)

### A HOLBEACH PUZZLE.

Holbeach and Fulney towers, not far away, were our venue for Tuesday. The two steeplekeepers were faithfully waiting to receive the party at the respective churches. Holbeach has a very handsome church, dedicated to All Saints, with an exceedingly fine battlemented tower with inset tall spire. A framed panel tells us the electric lighting was in memoriam George Lamb, 48 years organist at this church. Another frame gives the list of approximate dates of the several parts of the building: Nave and aisles 1340, chancel 1355, clerestory 1380, tower and spire 1380, turret of north porch 1526. The tower and spire was restored in 1932.

Looking from the chancel down the nave to the west, the general view of the interior is equal to that of the reverse direction. A bold, lofty arch open to the nave; a ground floor ringing room; three immense windows (that to the west filled with stained glass); a bold stone groined ceiling with the ropes falling in a circle in the centre of the room with their coloured sallies, altogether form a unique picture.

Whilst we were ringing people came to look round the church, forgetting the spring latch on the north door, which closed with a loud bang as each visitor left. 'Go, Lincoln,' was called at 9.57 a.m. by the bold belfry clock. At one o'clock the conductor had the misfortune to call out 'Set 'em up!' How the bells went into a 'heap' after safe ringing for so long is a Holbeach puzzle.

The bells, musical and in excellent order, are a pleasure to handle and listen to. North describes them as a fine ring of bells in perfect time. In his day the inscriptions told of a ring of eight, cast in 1770 by Joseph Eayre (with two of the old bells of 1648 retained). The tower is in E flat and 45 in. diameter. In 1776 the clock and chimers were installed, and amongst nine items played on the bells, 'Ladies of London' and 'Lady Chatham's Jig' are mentioned.

Owing to the Vicar being on holiday, the local captain, Mr. F. Lightning, and Mr. F. W. Bennett met us, and offered condolence at our sad loss, but did not remind us that 'sweet are the uses of adversity.'

### INTERESTING BELLS AT FULNEY.

St. Paul's, Fulney, the church of the flowers, was found to be a modern building, the foundation stone laid in 1877, with vicarage, schools and endowment similar to All Saints', Maidenhead. It stands prominent beside the main road, upon a sector of the county somewhat above the usual level of the fen areas, and it is noted for the fertility of its soil. In season many acres of brightly coloured blooms from bulb cultivation are a striking feature of the landscape. In this belfry J. G. Ames learnt to ring, and it was the favourite of the late Law James. Here we were met by the Rev. J. E. Callister (Vicar) and Mr. A. Farr, and the peal of Cambridge duly scored. These bells are interesting from the fact that they were cast at Shepherd Lane, Brixton, London, by the firm of T. C. Lewis and Co. and hung in substantial cast-iron cradles. They were presented by Miss Charlotte Charinton, the foundress of the church, who gave the site, built the church and schools and endowed it.

All reported at headquarters at an earlier hour than usual and compared notes—Rupert Richardson with 260 miles added to his 'taxi' after driving his daughter to her girl guide camp in Yorkshire.

The visit to Lincoln on Wednesday provided a big day, with 50 miles to travel via Sleaford and Walesby. On this route we had an agreeable change of scenery, with hedgerows and big timber at the roadside, and, as we climbed the hills, beautiful views of the district with the distant Cathedral crowning its valleys.

All Saints', Walesby, is a time-worn mellow old church, upon an eminence, which necessitated empty cars for the last quarter-mile. The whole place is reminiscent of West Wycombe, or the Welsh churches by Brecon. The building consists of a western tower, nave and chancel in line, north and south aisles and a south porch. During repairs in 1931 examination revealed the ancient stairs to the rood loft, which were replaced in 1933, in lieu of the remnants of the original of 1566, that had been burnt, portions being used to repair the church benches. The isolated position of All Saints' probably saved its destruction, as proposed when erecting a new church in the rapidly growing under part of the parish.

## THE COTSWOLD TOUR

(Continued from previous page.)

### BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.

### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, at

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

|                  |   |                     |       |
|------------------|---|---------------------|-------|
| KEITH HART...    | 1 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY | 5     |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS | 2 | FREDERICK PAGE      | 6     |
| NELSON ELLIOTT   | 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS | 7     |
| JACK M. CRIPPS   | 4 | WILLIAM T. BRERSON  | Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

The three ancient bells of 1553 did duty at the new church for about 20 years. They form a useful little octave to-day, after additions, and restored fittings, by Mears and Stainbank in 1935.

In the absence of Rector Arnold, we were met by the Rev. N. S. Harding, the promoter of the bell restoration, who also took a rope with us, and Mr. J. Freeman, of Lincoln. After a good peal of Superlative Major, during which the conductor must have recalled North Stoneham we left All Saints' crouching upon its mount as if to defy the North Sea storms and the unkind efforts of time and mankind.

### LINCOLN CATHEDRAL.

'And when evening shadows soften  
Churchyard-cross, and tower, and aisle;  
These shall blend their vesper summons  
With the day's departing smile.'

At Ashton-under-Lyne, 1871.

We pulled up at 3 o'clock on the north side of the Cathedral, scarcely realising the gradient of the winding roads up through the older parts of the city surrounding the venerable pile. A nearer view of this magnificent building impressed one with its huge proportions: its monster central tower, its wonderful west-front and the remarkably good material preservation of the whole structure. This Cathedral stands pre-eminent among the many cathedral churches of Great Britain, besides being one of the most ancient. Ruskin said that it was worth two of any others and that it was out and out the most precious piece of architecture in the British Isles.

We went 'down' to luncheon at Boots' establishment via the Exchequer Gate, down Steephill, which cars never use, past the house of Aaron the Jew, said to be the richest man in England in the reign of Henry II., and another, belonging to a Jewess, Balaset of Wallingford, who was hanged in 1200 for debasing the King's coin. Down, down until my knees went over a bit, into the High Street that connects with Ermine Way, a Roman thoroughfare. The Newport Gate, and part of the town wall, is the oldest Roman arch in Britain, built some time before A.D. 45, the walls of the city enclosing some 40 acres on the crown of the hill.

Under the guidance of brother Lindoff (a resident here 40 years ago) the half-dozen tourists not ringing in the morning were able to explore many more historical features.

At 4 p.m. we were all united again at the west front, listening to two deep-toned bells tolling for evensong, joined by Mr. Freeman (tower warden) and others, and kindly shown the way in, through the Ringers' Chapel, up the south-west 'Hugh' tower to the handsome ringing room.

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### A MODEL RESTORATION.

(Continued from previous page.)

There followed the usual preliminary proceedings, and when all was ready 'Go, Stedman,' was called. Very little was said afterwards until 'This is all' by the conductor, when a most enjoyable performance became a thing of the past and with no errors to regret.

Like Ipswich tower, if you cannot ring well at St. Hugh's there must be something below first-class standard at the rope's end, because circle, draught, light and sound give testimony to a first-class piece of workmanship.

This restoration scheme constitutes a model for other church authorities to learn and profit by. Bellfounder, architect and engineer have all combined to secure perfection. Its recent completion has been so fully reported in 'The Ringing World' that further reference to it now is unnecessary, except to add that the 'Lewis paneling' in the ringing chamber will be an everlasting tribute to the science of its inventor.

As our team were leaving the room an active dozen of strapping young men of the Cathedral company congratulated us and kindly offered to lower the bells in peal. As listeners outside this was a real treat to us all. An excellent fall, the rich notes of the bells echoing across the green forecourt, with a full moon peeping over the ancient houses opposite, roused personal feelings and emotions not easily described in cold print.

Ye ancient ringers' house, The Black Boy, near the Hugh tower, has been converted into a private residence. It has been the scene of many a Christmas and New Year's gathering and patronised by past ringers whose names are in black letters on the tower walls to-day. It once possessed a 'Jack,' or black leather jug, which for centuries distilled sweet sustenance, but is now an object of veneration in the City Museum. However, another ancient hostelry, the Black Horse, housed us until 10 o'clock, when our party left to enjoy a moonlight drive back to Spalding.

'Dark grow the windows, and quench'd is the fire;

Sound fades into silence, all footsteps retire.

No voice in the chambers, no sound in the hall!

Sleep and oblivion reign over all.'

W. H. F.

(To be continued.)

### FOREMAN RINGER MARRIED.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. F. Honey, foreman of the local band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung at Sunningwell, Berks, on Saturday, September 4th: R. White 1, F. Clinkard 2, J. Nobes (conductor) 3, C. Betteridge 4, W. Cudd 5, J. Wilks 6.

### THE LATE MR. WILLIAM WATTS.

#### CLOSE OF A LONG RINGING CAREER.

Mr. William Watts, who, as already briefly mentioned in our columns, passed away at the age of 72 years on September 1st, began his ringing career about 50 years ago in the Eastern Counties, and was for long a ringer at Staunsted, Essex. He rang many peals for the Essex and Norwich Diocesan Associations.

He migrated to Sussex in 1918 and joined the band at Lindfield. He went to Lower Beeding in 1923, and after retiring in 1936 lived at Cuckfield, where he died. He was an ever-ready helper in any district in which he resided, and in the mid-Sussex area will be greatly missed.

He was an excellent ringer and conductor and had called 104 of his 228 peals; in fact, he had called peals in all the methods he had rung except Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Court Bob Triples. In some methods, among them London and Bristol Surprise, he had called all he had rung. Appended is his list of peals, as far as they can be ascertained.

|                                   | Rung | Conducted |
|-----------------------------------|------|-----------|
| Bristol Surprise Major ... ..     | 2    | 2         |
| London Surprise Major ... ..      | 3    | 3         |
| New Cambridge Surprise Major ...  | 13   | 7         |
| New Cumberland Surprise Major ... | 3    | 2         |
| Superlative Surprise Major ... .. | 32   | 12        |
| Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..   | 17   | 13        |
| Double Norwich Major ... ..       | 20   | 6         |
| Stedman Caters ... ..             | 5    |           |
| Stedman Triples ... ..            | 37   | 12        |
| Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..      | 20   | 5         |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..    | 9    | 2         |
| Bob Major ... ..                  | 10   | 2         |
| Bob Royal ... ..                  | 1    |           |
| Grandsire Caters ... ..           | 8    |           |
| Grandsire Triples ... ..          | 2    | 1         |
| Duffield Major ... ..             | 1    | 1         |
| Stansted Triples ... ..           | 2    | 2         |
| Pennings Triples ... ..           | 1    | 1         |
| Canterbury Pleasure Major ... ..  | 1    | 1         |
| Court Bob Triples ... ..          | 1    |           |
| Double Oxford Bob Major ... ..    | 1    | 1         |
| Minor 8,120 in 9 methods ... ..   | 1    | 1         |
| Minor in 7 methods ... ..         | 38   | 30        |
| Totals ...                        | 228  | 104       |

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

His friends will regret to hear that Mr. W. D. Smith was suddenly taken ill while in Eastbourne on Saturday. He was removed to his home in Folegate, where latest reports indicate, we are pleased to say, satisfactory progress.

Mr. Smith is one of the oldest members of the College Youths. He was Master first in 1891 and again in 1903 and 1904. He was for years connected with the ringing at Hackney.

Congratulations will be extended by the Exercise to Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Master of St. Martin's Guild, and Mrs. Pritchett, of Hill Top, King's Norton, on the celebration of their golden wedding day on Tuesday.

There is to be a meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Lawford, near Rugby, to-morrow, and a quarterly meeting at Stratford-on-Avon on October 16th.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association celebrates its diamond jubilee this year, and particulars of the arrangements for the annual meeting and dinner on September 25th will be found in our notice columns.

Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, writes: Your remarks in 'Peal Notes' about 'circling a tower' has reminded me of Mr. J. R. Sharman, of Cogenhoe, Northants, whose record in this, I should imagine, is unique. At Easter, in the years 1901-2-4-5, he visited Quex Park, Birchington, rang 12 peals in 12 attempts, and each on a different bell.

## MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

### CHANGE OF HON. SECRETARY.

Mr. A. A. Savage has resigned the hon. secretaryship of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, Australia, which he has filled since 1925. Mr. Savage, who learned to ring at Turvey, Beds, first migrated to Australia in 1912, served in the Great War, and returned to Australia in 1919, but it was not until 1924 that he joined the Cathedral Society. He has done splendid work as secretary and his resignation is much regretted.

He is succeeded in the office by Mr. J. Roper, one of the younger members of the society.

Recently the society has received an influx of 'recruits,' four young men and one young lady having joined. It is hoped that this acquisition of strength will ensure the maintenance of ringing at the Cathedral.

## OLD BELL METHODS HELP BEGINNERS.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cannon may have visited over 30 counties for ringing, but it is evident, from the conclusions he draws, he has never been to Birmingham. When he does come to 'grab' a few towers round that district, he will be able to hear striking equalled by very few bands. And, sir, may I point out to him that, in that home of Stedman, most of the ringing is done in odd bell methods.

In my humble opinion, good striking can only be obtained when the bells lead correctly, and how can the beginner do this when the bell he has to lead off is constantly changing?

MALCOLM MELVILLE.

Exhall, Coventry.

## BOB TRIPLES.

### THE BIGGEST WORRY.

#### To the Editor.

Sir,—It is not my intention, nor do I wish to waste valuable space in 'The Ringing World' by entering into a lengthy correspondence with Mr. A. P. Cannon. The letters by Messrs. H. Drake, C. W. Pipe and T. Groombridge should effectively silence him (if that is possible). He has failed to grasp the meaning of my letter. I will say again that if a band is not strong enough for Major, stick to Triples. The Triples methods, he says, are merely Minor with a bell in the hunt added. That may be, but the fact remains they are Triples. By taking Bob Minor and adding a hunt bell we get Grandsire Triples. The so-called Bob Triples are not Triples at all. I call it Plain Bob spoilt.

If ever Mr. A. P. Cannon takes up Sunday ringing he will find his biggest worry is not how best to get a learner on to Surprise, but how to keep his bells ringing at all.

C. A. LEVETT.

Hastings.

## FRANCIS BACON REPLIES.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My thanks to Dr. Slack. His equations are better than crossword puzzles. But why should he recommend me to try to compose a peal of Stedman Triples in two exact parts with only two singles? Surely any person of average intelligence can see at a glance that that is impossible. It cannot be that Dr. Slack does not see it.

Mr. Daniel's reason for using a box when ringing a tenor is delightful. Personally, I have usually found that the best thing to do when one cannot reach a bell at backstroke is to lengthen the rope.

FRANCIS BACON.



## RINGING IN DISTANT LANDS.

## AN APPEAL FOR HELP FOR THE ART OVERSEAS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your article in 'The Ringing World' of September 3rd on 'Australian Lady Ringers' and the excellent work being done among them by Miss Joan H. Kynaston is a timely one, and raises important questions for the ringer who is interested in 'Empire ringing.' Quite recently, also, we have read of the dedications of new peals at Victoria, British Columbia, and at Hobart, Tasmania, and of the training of boys at both places to ring them.

What is to happen to these new and isolated companies of ringers? Are they to be left to their own fate in their struggle for existence, or are they going to receive active encouragement and support from their richly endowed brothers in the 'old country'? The task of keeping the bells rung in this country is hard enough, especially in some country districts. But it is infinitely harder in a dominion tower. It usually depends on the goodwill of the few 'immigrant' ringers who happen to be in the neighbourhood. The training of native sons and daughters usually ends in complete failure, partly because of the lack of tradition and the 'pull' of counter-attractions, but chiefly because of a dearth of fresh towers and ringers with whom the keen youngster can associate. His early enthusiasm soon flags, and there is no peal ringing to act as an incentive to higher effort.

It would seem that the least we can do is to ensure visiting ringers from the Dominions a hearty welcome and plenty of instructive practice. The impression made by her visit on Miss Joyce Layton, for instance—the lucky girl from Mittagong—will do much to encourage or discourage her less fortunate friends in Australia.

But cannot something more be done in the course of time? Could not regular visits be organised on the lines of that excellent 1934 tour of ringers to Australia. The British Columbia ringers are eagerly looking forward to such a visit. And could not the visits be in both directions, because a visit to this country by Dominion ringers would be of more real value to those ringers than vice versa? Or are exchanges of visits the sole prerogative of test match cricketers and rugby footballers?

Another suggestion one could make is that disused peals like that at the Church of St. Peter-in-the-East at Oxford might be sent to a city or town in the Empire. I could name many such in Canada which would be only too glad to have them. There must be numbers of other ways, too, by which we can lend a helping hand to these struggling bands of ringers. But the purpose of this letter is merely to point to the need for help.

This year, at the time of the Coronation, we witnessed Dominion troops taking over the 'guard' at Buckingham Palace, each contingent for a week. Is it too much to hope that at the next Coronation the bells of Westminster Abbey will be rung by representatives of Dominion ringers? A. E. F. TROTMAN.

Long Bredy, Dorset.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## BARTON CAPTAIN'S LONG SERVICE.

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, September 11th. The lovely peal of eight at St. Peter's Church was kept going during the afternoon and evening by ringers from Ulceby, Grimsby, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Barrow-on-Humber and the local members. Mr. and Mrs. J. Brothwell, of Treeton, and Mr. Chamberlain, of Hull, were also among those present. The service was conducted by the Rev. Goulding (curate). The address was a very homely talk.

After service the members adjourned to the Assembly Rooms, where an excellent tea was awaiting them. Twenty-five sat down, including the Vicar, Canon W. E. Varah, R.D., the Rev. and Mrs. Goulding and Dr. F. P. H. Birtwhistle (an honorary member). The Vicar, in the absence of the president of the district, presided over the meeting. Mr. E. Brittain proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service and for his address, to the caterers for an excellent tea, and to all those who had made the arrangements.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Bray and carried.

In reply, the Vicar said it was always a pleasure to welcome ringers to Barton. Bells were made to be rung, he said, and they were rung at Barton. He was greatly indebted to the Barton band and to Mr. A. W. Hoodless for his untiring interest in the bells, as captain of the band during his (the Vicar's) 26 years in the parish. Canon Varah also welcomed the Vicar of Ulceby (the Rev. R. Marsden).

## BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

## VALUABLE SERVICES RECOGNISED.

The long service rendered to the Barnsley and District Society by its president (Mr. C. D. Potter) and a former secretary (Mr. A. Panther) have been marked by presentations to these two gentlemen in recognition of their ungrudging work for the society for many years.

Each has been the recipient of a walnut-cased clock with Westminster chimes and suitably inscribed, and the presentation took place at a happy gathering at Barnsley on September 4th, when about 40 members were present, and the following towers were represented: Adwick, Arksey, Almondbury, Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Eastwood, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Friezland, Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Hands-worth, Metham, Rotherham, Sandal, Shelly, Wath, Wortley and the local company.

Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and later a service was held, conducted by the Vicar, Canon Wilkinson.

The presentations were made after tea in the new Parish Room. The Vicar (Canon Wilkinson), who presided, said it was the first time he had had the opportunity of meeting the ringers, and he was very pleased to be present on such a memorable occasion. He gave the society a cordial welcome and hoped it would not be long before they came again.

Mr. Ricketts spoke of the early days of the Barnsley Society and of the good work that had been done both by Mr. Potter and Mr. Panther. Mr. Potter was one of the founders of the society, and Mr. Panther was secretary and treasurer for a long period.

Mr. Brearley supported these remarks and praised the good work done by the society in improving the ringing in the district, both in methods and striking. He had done a lot of judging in the society's shield contests, and it was very worthy of note how this competition had improved the ringing.

Mrs. Wilkinson, with a few happy words, then presented the clocks, first to Mr. Potter and then to Mr. Panther; both of whom suitably acknowledged the gifts and the honour thus done them. Mr. Moxon moved the usual vote of thanks to all who had made this meeting such a happy gathering, and this was endorsed by all.

A social evening followed at the Royal Hotel, with handbells and other items, while some returned to the tower to ring various touches of Minor and Major.

The meeting was one of the happiest events in the history of the Barnsley and District Society.

A peal in 14 methods of Treble Bob Minor was rung at Felkirk on September 7th in honour of Mr. Potter's 79th birthday, which occurred on September 2nd.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## ENTERTAINED AT SYDLING.

The Dorchester Branch was again favoured with glorious weather for the quarterly meeting at Sydling—a village nestling between the hills and still unspoilt—on Saturday, September 4th. Coming as it did within a fortnight of the practice meeting at Hilton, the attendance of members and friends was very gratifying.

The bells, a fine mellow peal of five, tenor approximately 19½ cwt., were available from 3 p.m. The party in the touring coach were there on time and found the local band in the tower with everything in readiness. Practice with mixed bands was continued until the service, conducted by the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector of Upwey). The Vicar (the Rev. J. Wynn Wernick) gave an excellent and helpful address. The service was choral and very bright. Afterwards all adjourned to the Vicarage lawns, where, as a fortnight previously, an alfresco 'Dorset' tea was awaiting them. The members and friends, numbering 47, were the guests of the Vicar and local ringers. Needless to say, out in the lovely sunshine and amid such surroundings, this was greatly enjoyed.

The business was cut to a minimum. In the absence of the chairman (the Rev. A. W. Markby), the vice-chairman (the Rev. R. P. Farrow) took the chair. Two new members were elected.

The usual vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman and seconded by the Rev. A. F. Godley (Vicar of Bradford Peverell). The Vicar was particularly thanked for his great kindness in allowing the members the use of his gardens and lawns during the whole afternoon and evening.

In supporting the vote of thanks, the Rev. A. S. Bryant paid a great tribute to the excellent work the Vicar had done, and said at the end of this month he would complete 60 years in the ministry of the Church. A thanksgiving would be held at Sydling to commemorate this.

The lady ringers of Sydling, who had done their part so well, were not forgotten in the speeches.—The Vicar, replying, thanked them all. He said it was always a pleasure to welcome the Guild.

The members again returned to the tower, where under the guidance of the Ringing Master one or two were piloted through their first 120. Some went on to Cattistock and had a short touch on the eight bells hung for ringing, after which the visitors heard the carillon, which consists of 35 bells, play two well-known tunes. A short halt was also made to ring on the handy peal of six at Maiden Newton.

Thus ended another happy gathering, at which the following towers were represented: Bradford Peverell, East Lulworth, Hazelbury Bryan, Preston, Stratton, Stoke Wake, Sydling, Wyke Regis and a welcome visitor from North Cadbury.

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## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### PROPOSED WEDNESDAY MEETINGS.

The meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at West Clandon on Saturday attracted nearly thirty ringers, and some good practice was put in in the 'standard' methods on the eight bells of St. Peter and Paul's Church during the afternoon and evening. The hon. secretary had received names of 16 who had said they would be present at tea; courageously he ordered tea for 30 and, as things turned out, made a very good guess, despite the fact that some of the 16 did not put in an appearance.

In the absence of the Vicar, the Guild service was taken by the Rev. L. Starey, Vicar of the adjoining parish of Merrow, who has himself begun ringing and took part in some rounds before service.

He also presided at the business meeting when two new members were elected, including Mr. A. J. Corrigan, until recently of North Stoneham, who has now come to reside at Woking.

The members discussed the question of holding occasional meetings on Wednesdays. The matter had been before the Farnham District the previous week, and was introduced to the Guildford District by Mr. R. Whittington.

Mr. R. Gordon Cross, who was present, said in one of the branches of the Oxford Guild in which he was interested, Wednesday meetings were instituted and proved successful the first year, but afterwards they were attended chiefly by those who were also present at Saturday meetings.

It was pointed out that the object of the meetings would be specially to encourage the attendance of those who were at present unable to attend Saturday meetings, and it was thought that steps might be taken to ascertain how many members there were in the district who were thus situated and who would attend Wednesday meetings if they were arranged.

The subject is to come before the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

A vote of thanks to the Rector of West Clandon, to the Rev. L. Starey and to the organist was passed on the motion of the general hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), and acknowledged by the Rector of Merrow.

The bells of West Clandon are a good ring of eight, very noisy in the ringing chamber and several of them 'odd struck,' but they go well. The trebles were added about five years ago, almost entirely by the efforts of the West Clandon ringers, but there has been no peal rung on the octave yet—the first 'local' peal being still awaited.

In 1913 the old ring of six perished in a fire that destroyed the contents of the tower. Thomas Lester had cast the peal in 1714, but 3, 4 and 5 had been recast in 1875 by Mears and Stainbank.

In the second inventory of the reign of King Edward VI. there were three bells in the steeple, of v, iij, iij cwt., with a saunce bell.

This second inventory was taken because of the disappearance from many churches of the goods enumerated in the earlier catalogue, some having been sold for legitimate purposes, others purloined.

There does not seem to be any record, in Surrey at any rate, of bells being stolen, but in West Surrey the churches seem to have suffered from an epidemic of thefts of more portable goods. At West Clandon the second inventory records, 'The rest of the former inventory stolen and robbed by thieves,' and there is a similar endorsement in the case of a dozen or more adjacent parishes.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT GREAT WALTHAM.

The meeting of the South-Eastern Division at Great Waltham proved to be very enjoyable, about 50 ringers from 21 towers being present.

In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. R. F. Burnett), the service was conducted by the Rev. Egerton Ward, Vicar of Finiscliffe, Lancs, who gave a very inspiring address. The singing was accompanied by the organist and the lesson read by the Divisional Master (Mr. H. Mansfield).

Tea was served in the Village Club, after which the business meeting was presided over by the Divisional Master.

The election of W. Dawkin, of Boreham, previous to a peal was confirmed, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rettendon on Saturday, October 9th.

To avoid the clashing of dates for the divisional annual meetings it was proposed that the South-Eastern Division hold theirs on Saturday, November 27th, at Writtle.

The thanks of the meeting was tendered by Mr. W. Chalk to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, to the Rev. Egerton Ward for conducting the service and for his address, and to Mr. Day and the local band for having everything in readiness.

The following towers were represented: Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Danbury, Ford End, Fryerning, Goldhanger, Maldon, Springfield, Great Waltham and Writtle, and visitors from Popping, Newmarket, Woodford, Hornchurch, Melbourne, Great Bardfield, Leyton, Slapney and St. Lawrence Jewry.

**PULFORD.**—On Monday, September 6th, at St. Mary's Church, after a peal attempt had failed, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Arthur Prince (conductor) 1, Rev. Arthur Minns 2, Harry Lewis 3, George Williams 4, Thomas R. Griffiths 5, William E. Fletcher 6, John W. Best 7, Arthur Tilston 8.

## PEAL NOTES.

### THE COTSWOLD TOUR.

Eleven peals were rung out of fourteen attempted on the tour of the Cotswold country which concluded last Saturday.

The successes included two peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal, one of Yorkshire Royal and one of these two methods spliced; two peals of Bristol Surprise Major, two of London and one each of Yorkshire, Cambridge and Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. The three peals lost were Spliced Surprise, Cambridge and Superlative. A good week, with a very Royal touch about it!

Mr. Cyril Pooley, of Northrepps, Norfolk, introduced Mr. Nolan Golden (now hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association) and Mr. Hanbury F. Carter to change ringing at the Parish Church, where he is the leader of the local band. After long effort Mr. Pooley succeeded in getting the bells, a ring of five, restored this year, Messrs. Taylor and Co. completing the work in May.

The first peal on the bells was rung on August 31st, conducted by Mr. Nolan Golden, and Mr. and Mrs. Hanbury Carter took part. It was their first peal of Doubles and the first peal of Doubles in two methods by Miss E. J. C. Angwin and Mr. A. S. Roberts, of Truro, Cornwall. The ringers wish to associate Mr. Cyril Pooley's name with the peal.

It seems strange to notice that Mr. Dan Cooper, who has taken part in so many peals, particularly at Beddington, where all sorts of Surprise peals on ten bells have been rung, has just called his first peal of Royal—a peal of Treble Ten. But Dan, the leader of the band at Croydon Parish Church, from which we have heard such excellent broadcasts, is like that. He prefers to keep in the background.

A handbell peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung at Stockport on September 9th as a compliment to a newly-married couple, Mr. H. Ashton and Miss J. Stevens. The bridegroom rang the tenors to the peal.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at East Hagbourne, Berks, on Saturday. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. A. Goodenough (whose husband rang the tenor) and Mr. V. P. A. G. Scardfield, nephew of Mr. Williams.

Victor Scardfield learned to ring at St. Peter's, Brighton, many years ago, when living with his uncle and aunt, but, entering the journalistic profession, his opportunities for following the art disappeared. His interest in ringing, however, continues.

The first peal on the bells at Ufford, Suffolk, where the Rev. Herbert Drake is Rector, was rung on Saturday.

Cam Treble Bob, which is one of the methods by the Rev. E. B. James for cutting the tenors out of the 'slow,' is not often rung, but a peal was scored at Eritia on September 8th, with five of the band ringing their first in the method.

Miss Constance Ditton, who rang her first peal of Stedman Triples on Saturday at Cheshunt, Herts, is only 15 years of age.

A peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on September 8th, was rung in celebration of the birth of a daughter to Mr. Harold S. Hobden. It was conducted by Mr. C. A. Savage, who thus was successful in his first peal attempt as conductor.

The first peal in the city of Salisbury was rung on September 3rd, 1887, at St. Martin's Church, and to commemorate the jubilee another peal was rung in the same tower on September 4th last. The first peal was in honour of Queen's Victoria's Jubilee, that rung a fortnight ago was a Coronation peal for King George VI.

The first peal was Holt's Ten-Part, and those who took part were H. D. Adams, the Rev. F. J. O. Holmore, W. E. Tydeman, C. A. Clements, J. R. Jerram, T. Blackburn (conductor), W. W. Gifford and C. Gaisford.

A board in the ringing room commemorates the peal, and, in addition to the usual details, bears the names of John Wordsworth, Bishop of Sarum; Felk Griffin, Mayor of Salisbury; C. N. Wylde, Rector; and A. Tucker and W. T. Webb, churchwardens.

Miss Kathleen E. Fletcher scored her one hundredth peal on September 4th, when she took part in a peal of Double Norwich at Hughenden. The ladies, whose peals run into three figures, are now growing numerous.

The ubiquitous Mr. Pat Cannon has just had a holiday in Yorkshire. At Marsden he 'turned in' his fiftieth different tenor to a peal, and at Pontefract rang his fortieth peal as conductor, spread over 39 towers. On the way back he rang a peal at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough. As he rang the tenor at both the last-named places we suppose his total of tenors 'turned in' is now 52.

The peal of Bob Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry on September 2nd was arranged for Mr. Arthur Davis, of Bourne-mouth.

The peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at Dartford, Kent, on September 6th, was arranged for Mr. R. Malster, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, who was spending a holiday in the district.

A wedding peal at Trysull, Staffs, was the first in three Minor methods by five out of the six ringers.

**PINNER, MIDDLESEX.**—On Wednesday, September 1st, at St. John the Baptist's Church, 1,020 Grandsire Doubles (longest touch by ringers of 1, 2 and 3): Lionel Royal 1, Sydney Smith 2, F. Arthur Braybrooke 3, Charlie Lord (aged 80) 4, Tom Collins (conductor) 5, Tommy Humphreys (aged 73) 6.

## LANCASHIRE INTEREST IN LADIES' GUILD.

## GROWING MEMBERSHIP.

The jolly sound of Ashton's lovely peal of eight at St. Peter's Church greeted members of the Ladies' Guild on their arrival for their quarterly meeting. After an all-round introduction in the belfry a good hour's mixed ringing was enjoyed before service, at which Canon A. Scott, of Bolton (president of the Lancashire Association), and the Rev. F. Bonner, of St. Mary's Church, Stockport, officiated.

After the service a hurried departure was made to the tearooms, a biting cold wind making speed a necessity. Mrs. Wolstencroft received the company, having prepared, with helpers, a delightfully original tea, to which a large gathering sat down.

Later Canon A. Scott put into words what the ladies and visitors had already felt—a very warm welcome to Ashton. The Canon thanked Mrs. Wolstencroft and helpers, also Mr. Ridyard and all those who had worked so hard to make such a good meeting.—The secretary of the Ladies' Guild thanked Canon Scott and his seconder for their welcome.

At the meeting six new members were elected to the Guild, four from Bolton and one each from Stockport and Ashton.

Owing to the greatly increasing interest in this district, an invitation to hold the annual meeting at Bolton was accepted and provisionally fixed for June 18th, 1938.

After returning to the tower, the ladies 'manned' the bells for a while. Then Mr. Hulme, who stated that he had been a ringer for the last 60 years and had seen a few changes since he first learned to handle a bell, told of things that had happened in the old days and thrilled his listeners also with the account of the introduction of ladies to the Ashton belfry to fill the gaps left by men during the war. In his own words, 'when the bells needed ringing the Lancashire girls were the "boys" to do it.'

He went on to tell how they had advanced since then and hoped that they would keep on striding ahead. He was pleased to see in the belfry the oldest lady ringer in England, a jolly good ringer at 65, also Mr. Harrison, the oldest ringer of Ashton, who is now 85.

Time sped all too quickly and those with long journeys had to make their departures, the writer to make a long ride over the wild, wind-swept Derbyshire moors by Kinder Scout, accompanied by a bus load of jolly Yorkshire folk and the pleasant memory of yet another successful meeting.

## A MEETING AT LEICESTER.

Saturday was a busy day for Leicester. All trains and buses for that city were packed and visitors seemed to pour in from all parts. We may as well admit at once that the chief attraction was the football match between Leicester and Arsenal.

Compared with their gate, the meeting of the Ladies' Guild, Northern Branch, was a very small affair, but the members were none the less enthusiastic. The venue was the Church of St. John the Divine, and visitors were pleased to meet there such old ringing friends as Mr. William Willson, Mr. W. E. White, Mr. George Ladd and members and friends from Anstey, Collingham, Duffield, Lincoln, London, Nottingham and the local ringers.

The bells are a very nice peal, very suitable for ladies to handle. Unfortunately, owing to illness near the church, they were only available until 4.30, but good use was made of them until that time, when an adjournment for tea was made.

After this the ringers betook themselves to St. Margaret's, these bells being placed at their disposal for the evening through the kindness of the Vicar and Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., who met them at the church and gave them a very hearty welcome.

Here some availed themselves of the rare opportunity of ringing on 12 bells, and a good course of Grandsire Cinques was rung with two ladies taking part. This was followed by various touches of Caters, Major and round ringing for learners. To finish up, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the heaviest peal of handbells in existence, a lady ringing 1-2.

Sincere thanks are tendered to the Vicars for the use of the bells, to Mr. Clark, Mr. E. Morris and especially Mrs. Hardy, who had considerable difficulty in finding a spot for tea, owing to the large number of visitors to the city.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT ELECTS SEVEN NEW MEMBERS.

A very enjoyable and pleasant meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Great Baddow, Essex, on September 4th, when ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Holmes), assisted by Mr. Gray at the organ. A bountiful tea was provided in the Church Hall by members of the local Ladies' Institute and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

After tea, the Vicar said how glad he was that the Guild had visited his church for their meeting, and he was pleased to know that Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, had also honoured them with his presence.

Mr. Lewis thanked the Vicar for his welcome and said that was the first ladies' meeting he had been able to attend.

The company were delighted with the handbell ringing, provided by Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. Lewis and Mr. G. Cross.

A short business meeting followed, Mrs. J. Davis presiding.

Seven new members were elected, viz.: Miss Linn and Miss French, of Great Baddow, Miss Waldoek, of Maldon, Essex, and Miss M.

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## FOR BEGINNERS.

## HOW METHODS ARE VARIED.

The peal of Edmonton Bob Major recorded last week is another reminder that there are numerous easy methods which ringers of Plain Bob ought to make a practice of ringing, by way of variety. In these days there is no need for stagnation, for quite a number of plain methods (all of which can be found in the Central Council's 'Collection' published at 1s. 9d.) can be learned with comparatively little effort.

For instance, this Edmonton Bob has no fewer than seven relatives, the whole family being descended from the same method, and if you can master one member of it, it needs only a little study and application to ring the rest.

If you ring Bob Major, you know that when the treble leads and a bell makes 2nd's place over it, all the other bells above dodge in pairs. In Reverse Bob, instead of making 2nd's over the treble when it leads, you make 7th's under the treble when it lies a whole pull behind; and the dodging which you get in Bob Major when the treble leads, you have, instead, in Reverse Bob when the treble is behind.

When you reverse a method you just substitute work from behind for work from the front, and vice versa. And that is what happens in the production of many methods.

Numerous plain methods have as the basis of their construction places 'made across the treble,' that is to say the bell hunting (up or down) in front of the treble stops to make a whole pull in some place, steps back across the treble, and, making another whole pull in the new place, takes up a hunting position behind the treble.

This placemaking across the treble necessitates dodging by the bells on that side of the 'place' farthest from the treble. Thus, if the places made are 4th's and 3rd's as the treble goes up, the bells in 5-6 and 7-8 dodge when 4th's is made, and the bells in 1-2 dodge when 3rd's is made.

Perhaps you will see it better from this:—

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| 13 | 25 | 4768 |
| 12 | 34 | 5678 |
| 21 | 43 | 6587 |
| 24 | 13 | 5678 |
| 42 | 31 | 6587 |
| 24 | 36 | 1857 |
| 42 | 63 | 8175 |

In regular methods the work in each half of a lead is similar, and, if there are places in 3-4 when the treble goes up, there are places in 3-4 also when it comes down. And that is just what Shipway's Court consists of. (It is No. 4 in the Collection.)

Its variations can be extended by adding 2nd's at the treble lead, or 7th's when it is behind, or both. In actual ringing you get a different method, because those places in 2nd's or 7th's add extra dodging to the work. But you can realise the relationship between them all.

Now if you reverse Shipway's Court, that is, move the places from 3-4 to 5-6, or, in other words, do from the back what was done in Shipway from the front and vice versa, you have a method known as Lavenham Court, and to this you can also add 2nd's, or 7th's or both, so that you actually have eight methods of this type in their simplest form.

Then, of course, you can join them together and have double methods, by making places both in 3-4 and 5-6 and you get another group of four, of which Double Norwich corresponds to Shipway, and is varied by the addition of 2nd's or 7th's or both.

Shipway's Court would make a simple method for a Bob Major company to start on. Try first to construct a course on paper, by writing out the figures lead by lead. In the first lead make 4th's and 3rd's with the 3rd across the treble as the latter goes up through 3-4, and 3rd's and 4th's with the 5th across the treble as it hunts down through 4-3. This will produce 15738264 as a lead head. Make sure of this first and the other six leads should follow without trouble, if the construction is closely followed.

The placemaking bells in the second lead will be 7 and 8; in the third lead 6 and 4, in the fourth lead 2 and 3, in the 5th lead 5 and 7, in the sixth lead 8 and 6 and in the last lead 4 and 2.

When you have written out your seven leads, draw a continuous line from top to bottom over one of the figures, say 2 or 8, and you will have a diagram which you can use, not only to ring Shipway Court, but which will help you, in a way we hope to explain later, with the other methods. By the way, keep your figures in regular column and not too close together. The advantage of this you will find when you want to use them again presently.

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Delves, Miss G. Jennings, Miss B. Reeve and Miss M. Sinker, all of Ipswich, Suffolk.

It was announced that the next meeting would be held at Isleworth on Saturday, November 13th.

The place proposed for the meeting in January was St. George's-in-the-Borough, London.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Holmes for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist for his services, to the ladies for providing tea, and also to Mr. George Green, who so kindly made all the necessary arrangements. Further ringing afterwards took place.



## NOTICES.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Marsham (bells 8), on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will members please send names, or numbers for tea, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk? Bus leaves Norwich at 2.15.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch, Hants. — On Saturday, Sept. 18th, a practice meeting will be held at Christchurch, when the dedication and unveiling of two peal boards will take place. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel at 5 o'clock.—G. Preston, 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Special method, London Bob Minor, No. 6, C.C. Coll. Plain Methods. All members and friends welcomed. Nearest station, Finchley, Church End. Cheap day tickets from King's Cross (L. and N.E.). There will be a twelve-bell practice at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the association will be held at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, Sept. 18th, when the bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee will be held at 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. Nominations for the general secretaryship should be handed in at this meeting. The undersigned will NOT be available for re-election: J. E. Cawser, Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual Crawford Cup Contest will be held at Sutton-on-Trent (8) on Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m. Ringing for non-competitors and visitors after tea. All welcome.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting will be held at Long Wittenham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. Bells (8) of St. Leonard's, Heston, available from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Sept. 18th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service will be followed by tea and business. May I hope for a good attendance of both old and new friends?—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan and Preston Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea (9d. each), for which please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan. — S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service 5 o'clock, with tea in the Church Room after.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drake-lowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**THE OAKS-IN-CHARWOOD.**—Appealing name? Yes. Well, come round and hunt out the M.C.A. Loughborough District meeting on Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. The change will surprise you; *counting* allowed; *now* double up; no *dodging* out. Tea a *minor* (?) detail at St. Joseph's Café.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5 p.m. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., allowed to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gilmorton on Saturday, September 18th. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Church Lawford, near Rugby, to-morrow, Sept. 18th. Bells (6), recently augmented, available. Tea at the White Lion Inn. Please note October 16th, when a quarterly meeting will be held at Stratford-on-Avon.—M. McIlville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Litton Cheney on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All are welcome.—C. H. Lathey, Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

**EBBW VALE, CHRIST CHURCH.**—The new ring of eight bells, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth on Sunday, Sept. 19th, at 3.15 p.m. The service will be broadcast.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Sept. 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—St. James', Poole.—Dedication of two new trebles in commemoration of Coronation year by the Very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Guildhall at 5. Special services on Sunday, 26th, at 11 and 6.30. Ringing from 10.15 and 5.45.



**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The sixth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 6 p.m. *prompt*. Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8), 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. each) may be obtained up to Tuesday, Sept. 21st, from branch officers, members of the Dinner Committee, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgberrow, Evesham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upton Grey on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 21st to Mr. F. E. Brasington, 3, Compton Place, Upton Gray.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Doncaster and District Society at Conisborough on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at 9d. each. Please notify Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, by Friday, the 24th, for tea.—F. Clark and E. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 21st. All ringers welcome.—W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks & South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head for those who notify me not later than Sept. 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Willesborough on Saturday, Sept. 25th (Ashford bells not available, owing to illness). Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15. Please send numbers for tea by Sept. 21st.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at the Church of the Saviour, Bolton, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Seven eight-bell towers will be open from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Smithills, Bolton, before the 22nd. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Hulme.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Enville, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. Bus service from Stourbridge bus station direct to Enville.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A practice meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. by kind invitation. All welcome, but names for tea by previous Wednesday. No rail fares.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Tidenham on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 22nd.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

**DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**—By permission of the Rev. Dr. W. Irwin, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec., Frampton Cotterell, Bristol.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (5), Saturday, Sept. 25th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting, Dore, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Will all expecting to be present, please let me know by Thursday, Sept. 23rd, so that suitable arrangements can be made?—H. L. Warburton, 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, near Sheffield.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, Sept. 25th. St. Clement's tower open 3 o'clock. All Saints' bells available after tea. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Sept. 21st?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Holbeck (St. Matthew's) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping Upland on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Lymm, Cheshire, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3 p.m. It is necessary that those requiring tea advise me not later than the 23rd.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 60th annual meeting will be held in Durham on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Cathedral bells available from 1 to 2.45 p.m. and after service to 5.45 p.m. Service in conjunction with the Cathedral Evensong at 3 p.m., with address by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Auckland (the Ven. Leslie Owen). Committee meeting

in Cathedral Choir Vestry immediately after service. Dinner and annual meeting in the Three Tuns Hotel at 6 p.m. This is the Diamond Jubilee year of the association. Will members endeavour to make the meeting an outstanding success? Acceptances for dinner to reach me not later than the morning of Wednesday, the 22nd inst.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Long Melford (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at Lion Hotel 5 p.m.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—The Clyst St. George bells, which have been rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Thursday, Sept. 30th, at 7 p.m. All ringers invited.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec.

**COURTEENHALL, NORTHAMPTON.**—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3 p.m.—a ring of five, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Burbage, nr. Hinckley. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4. Tea 5, followed by general meeting. Names for tea (1s. per head) must be sent not later than Sept. 29th to Mr. G. Dudley, 47, Sketchley Road, Burbage, Hinckley.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Metheringham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) ready early. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at a moderate charge to those who inform Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln, by the Wednesday previous.—J. Brav, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells: St. Benet's, available from 3 p.m., Great St. Mary's from 6 to 8 p.m. Service at St. Benet's 4.30 p.m., followed by annual district meeting. Please make own arrangements for tea. May I ask members to make an effort to attend both service and meeting, as the Vicar of St. Benedict's is anxious to meet members of the association?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS with LADIES' GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Leytonstone (St. John's) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea advise E. J. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, by Wednesday, Sept. 30th, without fail?—E. J. Butler, W. H. Lawrence, C. T. Coles, E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Secs.

**LEZANT, LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.**—Rededication service by the Lord Bishop of Truro on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at 3 p.m.—a ring of six, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Old Bell Inn at 4.30 p.m., 1s. 3d. per head. Those requiring same must advise Mr. H. Bradley, Station Gatehouse, Norton, near Doncaster, by Tuesday, Sept. 28th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Stratton Audley. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ambrosden, Bicester and Launton bells also available at times which will be announced at meeting. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Coleshill, near Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than Wednesday, 29th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Penn on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.45, with an address by the Rev. Edgar Hartill, M.A., R.D., Vicar. Tea (1s.) in the Parish Hall at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, Sept. 28th. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Lambeth Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.30. Service 7.30. All ringers and friends welcome. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 6th?—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

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