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AN AUSTRALIAN TOUR

ACCUSTOMED as ringers in this country are to making long journeys, the enthusiasm of the St. Jude's Society, Sydney, Australia, who covered 1,317 miles by road during the last week-end of September, is worthy of record. The party consisted of Messrs. W. M. Rowe (captain), J. Duncan, E. Wright, J. Cummins, T. Goodyer and E. Fowell. The details of their tour are supplied by Mr. W. M. Rowe.

The party left Randwick at 5.45 p.m. on the Friday, and an uneventful trip (although care had to be taken at Razorback as the road had been washed out after the recent heavy rains) took them to Yass (188 miles), which was reached at 11.40 p.m. Here the party were met by the members of St. Clement's band at the home of Mr. H. Curll, where Mrs. Curll provided an excellent supper for the gathering. The band left again at 1 a.m. with the good wishes of the Yass folk for a good trip over the last long leg of the journey.

Albury and the border of N.S.W. were passed at 5.45 a.m. (367 miles) just 12 hours after leaving Sydney. The next stop was Rushworth, a country town in Central Victoria, which was reached at 9 a.m. (511 miles). Here the party had breakfast and left again at 9.55 a.m. after a telegram had been sent to Ballarat to notify the ringers there as to the band's progress.

A call was made at St. Paul's in Bendigo, a large city in Victoria, where the bells of this fine church were inspected. It was found that the wheels were in a bad state of repair, otherwise frame and fittings appeared in good order. The band departed from Bendigo at 12.25 p.m. (560 miles), after spending 1 hour and 25 minutes inspecting the bells.

Ballarat was reached at 2.40 p.m. (637 miles), 10 minutes behind the estimated time of arrival. There the band were given a civic welcome by the Mayor (Ald. J. C. Rowe). Afternoon tea and refreshments were served to the Ballarat ringers and the travellers, during which three members of St. Paul's, Melbourne, Mr. J. Spencer (capt.), Mr. A. Bennett (secretary) and Mr. Frank Broughton, arrived. The Mayor expressed a wish to hear handbell ringing, and four of the visitors rang a touch of Grandsire Triples, which was very well received. All then adjourned to the belfry. Some good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung and a few touches of Doubles. Tea at a restaurant in the city and a quarter peal of Doubles concluded a very long day for the tourists.

Sunday, October 1st. During the previous day some of the Ballarat men had placed the ropes brought over by the St. Jude's band on the bells at St. Peter's in Sturt Street. These bells are a ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank, of which two are fixed for chiming. The tenor is 22 cwt. They had not been rung for 36 years, and the only peal rung on them was a peal of Minor in seven methods in 1905. In the short time available it was found that the bells were in good order and only needed a set of ropes and some slight adjust-

ment to the slides to make them in first-class condition. As it was, the treble was without a stay, and during the first touch a shake in the slide of the tenor caused it to break with the result that Messrs. Duncan and Rowe had to hold their bells on balance between touches. The bells are very musical and Ballarat people are very fortunate indeed to have two such glorious rings in their city.

After ringing at St. Peter's, the ringers went back to the City Hall and finished their ringing at Ballarat on this fine ring, saying farewell to a host of new-found friends at 12.20 p.m.

A quick journey was made to Melbourne with lunch on the way, and the band arrived at 2.45 p.m. in Melbourne, where they were welcomed by the ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral band. There the St. Jude's ringers were given their first opportunity to ring on ten and twelve bells. During the afternoon, touches of Grandsire Caters were rung and the afternoon was concluded with an excellent quarter peal of Grandsire Triples.

The tourists rose at 4 a.m. on the Monday morning and left Melbourne at 4.50 a.m. The first stop was at Chiltern at 8.25 a.m. (912 miles) to view the passing of the Spirit of Progress, the crack Victorian train. At 8.50 the journey was continued to Albury across the border into N.S.W. (937 miles). Here the party had breakfast, leaving at 10.40 a.m. on the next part of the journey to Yass. On the way they stopped and inspected the Dog sitting on the Tucker Box, five miles from Gundagai, made famous in a poem by Jack Moses, and then proceeded on to Yass, where they arrived at 2.20 p.m. (1,166 miles). Here the tourists had lunch and rang a good quarter of Doubles on the bells of St. Clement's. From there they again went to the home of Mr. H. Curll, where four of the party entertained the guests of young Master Curll (who was celebrating his birthday) with a touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells. As usual, Mrs. Curll, although in the midst of a children's birthday party, provided the assembled company of ringers with a most enjoyable afternoon tea.

The party said farewell to their Yass friends at 5.10 p.m. and started off on the last stage of their journey. Tea at Mittagong at 7.25 p.m. (1,228 miles), departing at 9.15 p.m. and arriving back in Sydney at 12 midnight with mileage at 1,317.

This trip will live in the memories of those members who were fortunate enough to make it, and it is hoped that the goodwill and fellowship which were found in the belfries of Victoria will long continue and thus firmly establish the one aim of all bellringers in these, our so distant cities where bells are to be found. The experience gained by the band in ringing in the different towers will no doubt help all who made the trip. The mileage and times of departure and arrival at the different points will help our ringing friends in England to realise the great distances the ringing towers are apart in Australia and should help them understand the difficulties under which the ringers 'down under' labour.

In closing, the St. Jude's Society wish to record their grateful thanks for the hospitality extended to them by the Mayor of Ballarat, the captain and members of the City Hall Bellringers Club, Canon Yeo and the members of St. Peter's, Ballarat, the captain of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Mr. Jack Spencer and Mr. Allan Bennett, the secretary of St. Paul's Cathedral and members of the Cathedral band. Especially do they thank Mr. Gullock, of Ballarat, for the trouble he took in arranging accommodation and placing the ropes in St. Peter's tower, and Mr. and Mrs. Curll and the Yass band for their hospitality on both visits to their town.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF PUDESEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES,

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN SCOTT	Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ...	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	9
ALBERT WALKER ...	4	HENRY H. FEARN ...	10
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	5	LEONARD TREVOR ...	11
JOHN PINFOLD ...	6	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal of Pudsey Maximus for the Guild and by all the band.

TEN BELL PEALS

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

ERNEST J. TAYLOR ...	Treble	THOMAS W. KIMBER ...	6
JOHN THOMAS ...	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	7
STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	3	HENRY J. SANGER ...	8
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ...	4	RONALD G. BECK ...	9
FREDK. A. TARGETT ...	5	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	Tenor

Composed by W. H. BARBER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

FREDK. G. LEAKER ...	Treble	*FRANK HANSFORD ...	6
*JACK R. WORRALL ...	2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ...	7
*SIDNEY G. RICHES ...	3	*P. LESLIE PEARCE ...	8
*ERIC G. TAYLOR ...	4	WILLIAM H. PARKER ...	9
IVOR H. TRUAMAN ...	5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal in the method. In memoriam Walter J. Rawlings.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ...	Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	6
ALFRED E. REAVES ...	2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ...	7
THOMAS W. KIMBER ...	3	HENRY J. SANGER ...	8
ERNEST J. TAYLOR ...	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	9
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	5	LEONARD F. DERRICK ...	Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

To the memory of John H. B. Hesse.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ...	Treble	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ...	6
ALAN ELSMORE ...	2	HENRY E. GREEN ...	7
ERNEST STITCH ...	3	JOHN LUCK ...	8
RICHARD C. INGRAM ...	4	JOHN N. LINDON ...	9
J. NORMAN HADLEY ...	5	MACRICE G. TURNER ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. J. C. Adams, of Bloxwich, on her 82nd birthday. Also a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. Howell and M. G. Turner.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*FRED C. LYNE ...	Treble	*CLARENCE R. STEED ...	5
JOHN J. WEBB ...	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ...	6
*REGINALD C. CHAPMAN ...	3	FREDERICK G. KINCHIN ...	7
C. ARTHUR MANNING ...	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ...	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.
* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. G. Chapman and to enable him to ring a peal on the bells of his birthplace.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.			
*ROGER HAYWARD ...	Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON ...	5
NUN L. WALKER ...	2	LEONARD E. TOWERS ...	6
JOHN H. BAILESS ...	3	ALFRED BALLARD ...	7
REGINALD C. TPIER ...	4	JOSEPH HERBERT ...	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal on eight. Rung as a welcome to the Bishop of Leicester.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*E. WINIFRED KEYS ...	Treble	PETER R. BLACKMAN ...	5
†BLANCHE M. BALL ...	2	RICHARD G. BLACKMAN ...	6
MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN ...	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ...	7
*NORMAN J. SMITH ...	4	JOHN H. HUNT ...	Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON.

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

JOHN O. WELLER ...	Treble	RALPH BIRD ...	5
*WILLIAM G. COOK ...	2	WILLIAM ROGERS ...	6
PERCY PAGE ...	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ...	7
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	4	HARRY PARKES ...	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Superlative.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALAN DUGDALE ...	Treble	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN ...	5
HENRY O. BAKER ...	2	WALTER ALLMAN ...	6
*CECIL RADDON ...	3	JOHN ORME ...	7
HAROLD WORRALL ...	4	JOHN E. BIBBY ...	Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* 150th peal.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).			
*C. E. JOHN BLAKE ...	Treble	†A. JAMES COLE ...	5
†JOHN J. OLIVER ...	2	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ...	6
†MOLLY P. FLYNN ...	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ...	7
*PAUL WILLIAMS ...	4	EDWARD BLAKE ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. All the band assist in the Sunday service ringing at this church.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*RONALD PRESTON 5	ALEX J. WEBSTER 5
JULIA M. PRESTON 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH 6
†ROGER C. PRESTON 3	ERIC J. GILBERT 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 4	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*K. MARY COWLEY 5	WILLIAM YATES 5
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	FREDERICK C. CASE 6
MICHAEL E. H. BARROW 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 7
*GEORGE F. BURTON 4	*GEORGE E. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. V. Fenn, Branch President.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

W. Cave's Variation of Washbrook's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON 5	JAMES BENNETT 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM 7
FRANK WALKER 4	WALTER J. LEMON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

POOLSTOCK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES GROUNDS 5	RONNIE KENRICK 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	SYDNEY CLOUGH 6
JAMES BURNS 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
NORMAN BROWN 4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. E. Groves' Transposition.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM GIGG 5	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
HARRY GAYLARD 2	ROGER O. FRY 6
DAVID HOARE 3	JOHN B. BENNETT 7
*COLIN P. WALKER 4	†WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by J. B. BENNETT (first half) and R. O. FRY (second half).

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. J. Morris's Variation.

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb.

GERALD ARMSTRONG 5	RAYMOND LYDSTER 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 6
WILLIAM A. STOTE 3	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE 7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN 4	JOHN E. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

Rung to mark the 72nd birthday of Joseph Hy. W. White.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON 5	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 2	MICHAEL L. CALLOW 6
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY 7
LEONARD TREVOR 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

First in the method on the bells. Rung for the christening of H.R.H. Princess Anne; also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

MARY HOWELL 5	KENNETH SNELLING 5
HORACE E. LILLEY 2	CECIL NICE 6
GEORGE W. CECIL 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
JOHN DEARLOVE 4	RAYMOND OVERY Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

SYDNEY MERRY 5	JOHN F. WILKINSON 5
R. ALLEN HICKTON 2	WILLIAM A. PARSONS 6
DENIS R. CARLISLE 3	ALBERT E. THOMPSON 7
HAROLD TAYLOR 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. PARSONS.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 2nd, and first for the Association. Rung in honour of the christening of Princess Anne.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

F. BERNARD DITCHER 5	*J. MARTIN THORLEY 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON 2	GIBSON JACKSON 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner on the 19th anniversary of their wedding.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part (variation).

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD 5	*GRACE BURCHNALL 5
*KATHARINE BURCHNALL 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF 6
†WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 3	WALTER NICHOLS 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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



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HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Four-part (C.C.C. 36).	Tenor 14 cwt.
WILLIAM T. GRICE Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSER ... 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	LEWIS NEWMAN ... 6
LUHER J. HONESS 3	PETER C. WRIGHT ... 7
JACK MEDHURST 4	FRANK P. THWAITES ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIDNEY H. BAILEY... .. Treble	*REV. P. J. BOULSOVER... 5
ALBERT A. EASTON ... 2	†COLIN E. VERDON ... 6
*BERYL R. COWLIN ... 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 7
JOHN E. PENNELLS ... 4	†R. GEORGE ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.
*First peal in the method. †First peal 'inside.' ‡First peal.
Rung for the christening of Princess Anne.

HILLSBOROUGH, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHI,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN SAVAGE Treble	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 5
JAMES EDGAR 2	NAT. SAVAGE 6
PAUL L. TAYLOR 3	FRED E. DUKES... .. 7
WILLIAM PRATT 4	HARRY BROWN Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.
First peal of Spliced Major for all the band and in Ireland. First peal of Major on the bells since rehanging Rung in honour of the christening of H.R.H. Princess Anne. Also a birthday compliment to ringers of the 2nd and 6th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
HAROLD MARCON Treble	*ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
HARRY BROUGHTON ... 2	COLIN HARRISON ... 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 3	†HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 4	†TERENCE A. THORNER Tenor

Conducted by TERENCE A. THORNER.
*500th peal. †50th peal together. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the 7th ringer. Also a coming-of-age compliment to Miss Mary Jennings, of Braintree.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

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

CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 3	CYRIL TANSSELL ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
*First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.' Rung for the christening of Princess Anne.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 10 cwt.
JAMES W. WILLIAMS ... Treble	JOSEPH PORTER ... 5
HERBERT HALL 2	VERNON SYKES ... 6
KENNETH HARTLEY ... 3	WILLIAM H. RIDEOUGH... 7
*HAROLD PARKINSON ... 4	JOHN ROSTRON ... Tenor

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

*First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the consecration and dedication of the Church of St. Paul on October 23rd, 1850.

REVELSTOKE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
*H. OWEN THOMAS ... Treble	JOHN P. SIMS ... 5
†HAROLD W. MILFORD... 2	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY... 6
‡DENIS F. WHEELER ... 3	WILLIAM G. LAVERS ... 7
THOMAS G. MYERS ... 4	CYRIL A. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

*First peal away from tenor. †First peal. ‡First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the royal christening.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

KATE HIGGINS Treble	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 5
W. GWYN THOMAS ... 2	FRANK WRIGHT ... 6
*PATRICIA WAREHAM ... 3	EWART H. EDGE ... 7
ELIZABETH BROWN ... 4	PETER BROADER ... Tenor

Composed by B. D. PRICE. Conducted by W. GWYN THOMAS.

*First peal in the method.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 15½ cwt.
HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... Treble	ROBERT COLLINS ... 5
ALEC E. RICHARDSON ... 2	DORIS E. COLGATE ... 6
*KEVIN S. HOHL (15) ... 3	ERNEST J. LADD ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	ALBERT RELFE ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

*First peal on eight bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MONTGOMERY, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE MANCHESTER

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On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one Morris's 240 and 40 six-scores, with 10 callings.
Tenor 12 cwt.

WM. T. HOLDING, Prov. G.M., Pride of the Valley Lodge... Treble
HARRY F. HOLDING, Pride of the Valley Lodge ... 2
RICHARD T. HOLDING, Good Samaritan (Whitchurch) ... 3
RICHARD D. LANGFORD, Rose of Crewe ... 4
SAMUEL JONES, JUN., P.G., City of Chester Lodge ... 5
W. FRANK STENSON, P.P.G.M., 'Stranger's Home' Lodge... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES, JUN.

First peal in the method by all except R. T. Holding. 2, 3, 4 and 5 have now completed Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PANCAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three callings.	Tenor 16 cwt.
CLAIRE ISLES Treble	KENNETH GRAYSON ... 4
ELIZABETH BROWN ... 2	JOHN SCOTT ... 5
N. GERARD MCCRIM ... 3	W. GWYN THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. GWYN THOMAS.

First peal as conductor.

MARKET LAVINGTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 14 cwt. in G.
EDWIN J. POTTER ... Treble	LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS 4
PERCIVAL W. G. HARDING ... 2	FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 5
JOHN ROMAIN 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN LOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*GEORGE RANDLE Treble	EDWARD W. COLLEY ...	4
LESLIE EVANS 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE ...	5
*ERIC O. DAVIES 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Earl of Plymouth, of Oakley Park, Bromfield, and Miss Caroline Rice, which took place at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, London, while the peal was being rung.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and *one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Double Oxford.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT BOOTH Treble	DOROTHY C. OSBORN ...	4
ERIC HORNBY 2	DAVID SMITH 5	
HARRY PARKER 3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ...	Tenor

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon G. R. Sandars, Rector of Davenham from 1904-1939, who was interred at Davenham earlier this day.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of St. Clement's College Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOAN SMITH Treble	†ARTHUR B. COOPER ...	4
HERBERT T. ROOKE 2	GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	5
GEORGE CHALLANS 3	†JOSEPH SAXTON	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Miss J. Smith. The conductor has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty 120's of Plain Bob, four callings, ten 120's of Grandsire, ten callings, and six 240's of Grandsire, six callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HARRY DRURY Treble	†FREDK. S. PARSONS ...	4
*FREDK. W. PINCHBECK ... 2	JAMES H. MUSSON ...	5
†THOMAS W. CHARITY 3	†ARTHUR C. NICHOLS ...	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal. ‡ First peal in two Doubles methods. Rung as a 21st anniversary compliment to James M. Simpson, of Great Ponton.

CASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being extents of (1) Combined Double and Single Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*JOHN S. BARNES Treble	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	4
CHAS. E. G. BANHAM 2	GEORGE SAYER	5
*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE 3	NOLAN GOLDEN	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in eight methods. First peal in eight methods on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*S. ANTHONY JESSON ... Treble	JOHN B. BENNETT ...	4
*WINFRED M. BURTON ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS ...	5
TERENCE A. THORNER ... 3	ROGER O. FRY ...	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Princess Royal on her visit to Leicester.

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On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALAN J. BROYD ... Treble	†JOHN W. V. SINFIELD ... 4
*VALERIE WILLARD ... 2	*FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... 5
†DENNIS KNOX ... 3	JAMES G. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. NEWMAN.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal. First peal as conductor in seven methods.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hippolytus,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ALFRED C. HARRIS ... Treble	GEORGE CHERRY ... 4
LEWIS R. RUNNACLES ... 2	EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 5
ALBERT E. SYMONDS ... 3	FRANK W. CROFT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter J. Turner.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOYCE LEWIS ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 4
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH ... 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 5
JACK LISHMAN ... 3	THOMAS W. DODD ... Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

* First peal. Rung for the birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED LITTLE ... Treble	*DR. L. CASTLEDEN ... 4
GEORGE SCHLEITER ... 2	*ALFRED T. M. PERRY ... 5
H. WALTER SMITH ... 3	GEORGE SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SAUNDERS.

* First peal in four methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Walter Smith on his 65th birthday.

WEST HADDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 120's each of Southrepps Pleasure, Old Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*STEPHEN J. SUMMERS ... Treble	ROY C. SPRING ... 3
PHILLIP C. STEPHENS ... 2	LESLIE G. TOWNSEND ... 4
ERNEST G. ORLAND ... Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 17, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Single Oxford, Plain Bob and one College Single. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK MANSEY ... Treble	*ALBERT KELVIE ... 4
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	LEWIS NEWMAN ... 5
WILLIAM R. MANSEY ... 3	LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

* First peal in four methods. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. M. Luck, of Peckham Place, to Miss D. M. Spry, of Larkfield.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, every call a single. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	MICHAEL BROWN ... 4
GEORGE PICKERING ... 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 5
PETER HALLAM ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John of Beverley,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, one each of Double Court, Single Court and Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

D. HENRY METTAM ... Treble	WILLIAM H. DALE ... 4
*FREDK. S. PARSONS ... 2	H. REGINALD WOODS ... 5
JAMES W. HAVY ... 3	JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in four methods. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Dorothy Clark and Mr. Norman Armstrong, of Mablethorpe.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 3½ cwt.

DEREK WOODRIDGE ... Treble	ALFRED C. BOXKLEY ... 4
DENIS A. FRITH ... 2	PERCIVAL C. RICHARDS ... 5
JOSEPH WARR ... 3	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY WESTWOOD.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Hunts Branch.)

On Fri., Oct. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

FRANK WARRINGTON ... Treble	*ALBERT CLEMENTS ... 4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 2	STANLEY GILBERT ... 5
REV. B. FREER-SHEPPARD ... 3	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Miss G. I. Rusby. The Rev. B. F. Sheppard is the first Rural Dean to ring a peal for Ely Association, incidentally in his rural deanery and his own parish church.

WELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Bankes James's. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... Treble	†OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 4
*WILLIAM R. PARKER ... 2	*COLIN W. REED ... 5
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 3	JOHN E. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of London Minor. First peal of London as conductor.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*ANTHONY R. TURLEY ... Treble	HERBERT W. IMPEY ... 4
†ALBERT R. G. TWINN ... 2	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 5
THOMAS COLLINS ... 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. BANNISTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. Rung for the christening of Princess Anne and a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

HANDBELL PEALS

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 15, 1950, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
AT 13, PEVERIL ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.
BARRY COPE ... 1-2 | WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 3-4

GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5-6

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS ... 1-2 | ALAN CATTELL ... 5-6

JOHN BRAMLEY ... 3-4 | JOHN J. MORRIS ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Pamela Riddington.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5028 CHANGES;

Being 27 methods: Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kildington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereford, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Little Oxford Bob, Victoria Little Court, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court; 365 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6

GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 1-2 | ALBERT H. WARD ... 5-6

CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | FREDK. A. SALTER ... 7-8

FRANK BRADLEY ... 9-10

Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

IN ST. MARY'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6

ALAN CATTELL ... 3-4 | HECTOR A. KNIGHT ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

Rung for the 5th birthday of Christopher F. Trotman.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 3-4

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight methods, comprising 1,712 Plain Bob, 768 Double Bob, 592 St. Clement's, 444 each of Gainsborough and Wellington Little Bob, 384 each of Reverse and Little Bob, and 296 Crayford Little Bob, with 330 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

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

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If your friend has not received his
postal copy this week the reason is
probably due to his subscription (5/6)
not having reached Mrs. Fletcher, The
White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

The Hesse Anniversary
week-end was held on
October 14th. Ringers

and friends attending were Mrs. Hesse,
Messrs. A. A. Hughes, J. T. Dyke, Stafford
H. Green, E. J. Taylor, T. W. Kimber,
A. E. Reeves, H. J. Sanger, L. F. Derrick,
Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. H.
Dobbie, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kingcott, Mr. and
Mrs. H. W. Knight. Two peals were rung
this year, Plain Bob Royal at Evercreech, and
Grandsire Caters at Wrington. All wish to
express their thanks to Mrs. Hesse for her
very kind hospitality during the week-end.

A fine peal of Plain Bob Royal at St. Mary's,
Redcliffe, Bristol, on October 14th, saw Mr.
Jack Worrall complete Minor to Maximus in
the method.

Correction.—The peal of Stedman Caters on
October 13th at Loughborough Foundry was
rung in two hours and forty-seven minutes,
composed and conducted by Shirley Burton.

By taking part in the peal at Stoney Stan-
ton, Mr. L. E. Towers makes a welcome return
to peal ringing after 21 years. His first peal
was in the same tower where he started
ringing with Mr. A. Ballard under the instruc-
tion of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, now at East
Lulworth.

The Bishop of Leicester personally congratu-
lated the ringers at the conclusion of the peal,
the band including five local members.

To mark the 72nd birthday of Mr. Joseph
H. W. White, of Coventry, a peal of Bristol
was arranged at Bedworth, Warwickshire, but
owing to a last minute hitch, one of the locals
kindly stood in and a good peal of Grandsire
Triples resulted. Many friends will wish Joe,
who rang his bell faultlessly throughout the
peal, many happy returns.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Probably the first school
to have a ringers' outing
is the Humphrey Perkins
School, Barrow-upon-Soar, Leicestershire.
Their Campanological Society's all-day tour
included ringing at Saddington, Foxton, Hus-
bands Bosworth, Hallaton and Great Glen.
Touches in five methods were rung during the
day. A highlight was when the record secre-
tary ripped his trousers and these had to be
repaired in the coach.

Southwell Diocesan Guild ringers wish
'Paddy' Preston, who has to go overseas with
H.M. Forces, a speedy and safe return.

There are relatively few towers with lady
captains. Mablethorpe, Lincs., had one in Miss
Dorothy Clarke, whose wedding was com-
memorated by a peal at Whatton-in-the-Vale,
Nottingham, on October 18th.

Mr. W. Poston, of Ross-on-Wye, writes re
the peal of Doubles at Newland, Glos., on
October 7th: 'May I remind our friend, Mr.
L. Barry, that a peal of Stedman Doubles, two
callings, was rung at Newland on August 15th,
1937, conducted by myself.'

Ringers of Emmanuel, Plymouth, note with
pleasure the quarter peal rung by Miss Mar-
garet Izard at Christ Church Cathedral, Vic-
toria, B.C. They recall her holiday in England
two years ago and how she came regularly to
ring at Emmanuel and accompanied the band
on their outing.

Among the secular towers in the Exercise is
Morpeth Watch Tower, Northumberland,
which was built in 1309, and whose first bells
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WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ANNUAL DINNER

*Coincides with the Bishop's Mission Mr. Fred Bennett
Recalls Early Days A Yorkshire Quip*

WITH the exception of the first dinner—held to mark the jubilee of the Association—the 13th annual Worcestershire dinner, held in the Assembly Room of the Guildhall, Worcester, on October 7th, attracted a record gathering of 119. The date happily coincided with the inaugural service of the Bishop of Worcester's mission—at which the Cathedral was crowded with representatives from all over the Diocese—and, in addition to ringing at the Cathedral, special efforts were made to keep the city bells going throughout the afternoon.

With the evening's arrangements, several experimental innovations were tried, including taking the complete toast list without interruption immediately after dinner, and with each speaker keeping within time limits and adding a spice of humour. This proved very popular.

The president, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester; presided, and he was supported by Mr. W. Skidmore (Master), and Mrs. Skidmore, the Rev. H. Hartley (chaplain), the Rev. L. J. Birch (clerical vice-president) and Mrs. Birch, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president) and Mrs. Newman, Mr. W. B. Cartwright (vice-president) and Mrs. Cartwright and Mr. J. Bass (vice-president). Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. F. Bennett and some of the band from Claverley (Archdeanery of Stafford); Dr. S. E. Darmon, Leeds; Messrs. F. C. Lyne and R. C. Chapman, Stratford (Coventry Diocesan); Mr. C. Rouse, Prestbury (Gloucester Diocesan) and Mr. J. P. Fidler (representing Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.). Apologies for absence were announced from Bishop B. Lasbrey, Messrs. E. E. Barber and E. F. Cubberley (through indisposition), Mr. B. C. Ashford (on holiday) and a letter was received from Mr. S. T. Holt, who had recently undergone an operation and sent his apologies and good wishes from convalescence at Torquay.

The Loyal Toast having been honoured and the National Anthem sung, the toast of 'Church and State' was proposed by Major G. H. Derrington. They had, he said, often heard preachers complain of Church of England schools being taken over by the State under the guise of progress, but the Church and progress could and should march side by side.

The Dean of Worcester said he probably had a dual qualification to reply. In his last post as Principal of a training college for men, he was not only a minister of religion but also an official of the State. His present post was an appointment by the State and the State paid his salary. Probably if all clergy were paid by the State, they would not be so impoverished. Some people thought it was scandalous that the State should have the authority to make such an appointment and when they wanted to cite an example, they said, 'Look at the Dean of Worcester.' (Laughter.) But it did provide a bond between Church and State. Bonds need not mean bondage; there might be limitations of freedom, but there were compensations. For instance, bachelors may have better quarters, but married men had better halves. The State, like the Church, was responsible for its members to God.

FRIENDLY GREETING TO ALL.

In proposing the toast of 'The Worcestershire Association,' Mr. Fred Bennett said that he was not a stranger to the county as his first post was at Upton-on-Severn, where, as a junior clerk, his biggest job was fetching the manager from the 'local' when wanted. Acknowledging the honour of proposing the toast, he did not flatter himself it was due to his ability as a ringer, but it was typical of Worcestershire that a friendly greeting and

welcome were extended to all, whether it was the humble Grandire ringer or the London Surprise expert. The success of an Association depended mainly on two things—the quality of its officers and the enthusiasm of its members. These the Worcestershire Association had in full measure; high standards set in the past had been maintained and improved upon; among their personnel were some of the very best in the Exercise and to-day the Association was second to none in the country.

In a charming speech, Miss Jean Southerst said she hardly felt qualified to reply after only 12 months' residence in Worcester, but of the sentiments expressed by Mr. Bennett, she could echo all of them herself. She had had the same experience of Worcestershire comradeship, welcome and friendliness, and from her own observations the Association was a flourishing organisation. She had been one of a party to visit Worcester on a university week outing some years ago, and the welcome then was the same for all, whatever their ringing abilities.

The Rev. H. Hartley proposed 'Kindred Associations,' and said that although he might not be a lot in touch with practical ringing, he could extend a welcome and greeting to neighbouring Associations and especially to those with them that evening. He appealed to all to take every interest in new entrants to the art and encourage their keenness—the younger ones would carry on when they were gone.

Dr. S. E. Darmon, in reply, said that the toast 'Kindred Associations,' called to mind all that was best in the comradeship and freemasonry of ringing. Only during the last 50 or 60 years had we had the organisations as we knew them to-day. The territorial associations—of which no better example existed than the Worcestershire—and the Central Council were responsible for the remarkable advance, and it was good for the Church that such associations existed. He referred to the difference in the tempo of life in Worcestershire as compared with the county of his adoption, and told of the Yorkshireman who, after residence in another county, was obliged to return to the West Riding periodically 'in order to sharpen his wits.' That county could not have been Worcestershire, and in thanking the Association for its welcome, he expressed very best wishes for the future.

The entertainment side of the programme was ably compered and controlled by Messrs. D. H. Watson and T. W. Lewis as M.C.'s. Songs were sung by Messrs. G. J. Hemming, G. Allibone, A. Richardson and E. Barber and were all well received. Mr. J. P. Fidler entertained the party and sang the 'Yorkshire National Anthem,' 'On Ilkley Moor,' while Miss J. M. Hemming made a willing and efficient pianist.

The Brierley Hill handbell band (Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. Hemming and J. Lloyd) gave selections of tunes, and their spectacular 'rise and fall' on handbells was a popular feature. A course of Stedman Caters was rung 'in hand' by: Miss J. Southerst 1-2, Mr. J. W. Johnson 3-4, Mrs. J. Thomas 5-6, Mr. J. Thomas 7-8 and Miss M. Rowland 9-10. The singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' brought a successful gathering to a close.

J. D. J.

LOIS-WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: N. Chamberlain 1, W. J. Chester 2, E. R. Lambert 3, M. Saunders 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5, W. Hinton 6. A farewell to the Rev. E. V. Fenn, Vicar for 22 years, secretary of the Towcester branch for 14 years and, later, branch president.

Kent County Association

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The annual district meeting was held on October 14th at All Saints', Maidstone, and over 40 ringers from 20 different towers took part. Afternoon ringing over, the company dispersed for tea, which had not been organised party fashion. While this violation of the Laws of the Medes and Persians was perhaps regrettable, everyone managed to find sustenance, and if the experience of one small party was any guide, the innovation had its favourable points.

We reassembled in the College Room for the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, Canon C. B. Sampson. In his report, the secretary said that a total membership of 180 was unchanged from the previous year, so that the 20 new members, including the complete East Farleigh band, were counterbalanced by the lapses of a similar number, mostly of young people who had been recruited since the war. In parallel with this tendency, which had been evident now for two years, was drop in attendance at meetings. Paradoxically the standard of ringing had steadily improved.

After presentation of the provisional balance sheet and the election of three new members, A. L. Eiffert and A. T. Pearce, of All Saints', and Miss June Monckton, of Bearsted, the meeting proceeded to re-elect all its officers for another year: Secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher; representatives on the Central Committee, Mr. G. F. Cantrill and Mr. A. Waddington.

The suggested meetings for 1951 were accepted without modification, but the direction of the summer coach tour led to discussion, the general feeling being that it should be further afield than East Kent, either into Sussex or beyond London to Hertfordshire. Final decision was postponed.

Following an appeal for more contributions to 'The Belfry,' the acceptance of an offer of Mr. Cantrill to type out the annual returns of ringing information from affiliated towers for the district tower record ('The Chronicle') and a decision to alter the date of the Wateringbury meeting from November 25th to December 2nd, we returned to All Saints'. In the lovely choir evensong was sung, with a course of Grandire Triples on the handbells after the Third Collect, and to end the singing of 'Unchanging God' to 'Belfry Praise.'

E. S. J. H.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held on October 14th. The usual large crowd rolled up representing 26 towers in the district and visitors coming from Bobbing, Folkestone, Bexhill and Rye.

Ringing was held during the afternoon at St. Stephen's, St. Alphege's and St. Dunstan's, at which church the service was held, this being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. Brown, assisted by the Rev. T. G. Rutherford. A collection for the Association's Benevolent Fund amounted to over £2.

Tea was held for the first time in the new Church Room, which had been built to replace the one blitzed during the war. The large attendance almost filled the place. The annual business meeting followed, the chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell, Birchington, and the secretary, Mr. B. J. Luok, being re-elected unopposed by nomination. A ballot, taken during tea, for the offices of representatives and Ringing Master, for each of which there were four nominations, resulted in Messrs. C. E. Buesden and H. R. French being returned as representatives, and Mr. R. G. French as Ringing Master.

Faversham was selected as the place of the quarterly meeting, and Whitstable for the bi-meeting previous. The secretary's report showed that there was a slight drop in the total number of members with fully paid subscriptions, though there was an increase in the number of honorary members.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD DINNER

*Free Church Members Admitted Welcome to Central Council
Princess Elizabeth's Visit A Wife's Lament*

THE annual dinner was held at the Bar's Hotel, Chester, on October 14th. There were over eighty present, drawn from every branch of the Guild. The company included the Bishop of Chester and Mrs. Crick, the Dean and Mrs. Tubbs, the Archdeacon and Mrs. Burne, and we were greatly honoured this year by the presence of Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, and Mrs. Lewis.

After an excellent meal and the loyal toast, the Bishop proposed the toast of the Guild and once more emphasised the importance of its members being regarded as church officers and expressed his appreciation of their services.

The Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke), in replying, spoke of the continued prosperity of the Guild, which, he said, must act as an incentive to yet further advance. He made special reference to the increase of lady ringers and to the recently revised rules, in which ringers at the Free Churches were no longer excluded from membership, and incumbents of churches with towers were now vice-presidents of their respective branches. He went on to refer to the 1925 report, in which the total of 97 peals for the year was described as 'an almost impossible feat,' whereas last year the total was 143, many of which were in advanced methods. He spoke, too, of the Guild's many social activities, outings and tours, and concluded by exhorting the young not to forget the great debt they owed to the older ringers who had laid so good a foundation for them.

'NOT RINGING THE BISHOP.'

The Secretary (the Rev. J. Kingdon) proposed the health of the visitors, to which Mrs. Burne replied. In an amusing speech she spoke of the large part bells played in life from school bells onwards and then referred to the 17th century custom of ringing the Bishop (who lived at Wigan) in and out of Chester and to an incident culled from the wardens' accounts for St. John's in 1937: 'Paid to the ringers for not ringing when the Bishop came to view the church, 3s. 4d.' This was a Puritan protest against his insistence on the use of the surplice and Prayer Book.

Mr. A. R. Elkins proposed the toast of the Central Council. He spoke of the events which led to the formation of the Central Council in 1891 and of the great work it had done and was still doing, emphasising that the greatest tribute we could pay to it was our loyalty to its decisions.

He offered a cordial welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and said they were proud of the fact that the former's path to the high office he now held was through Cheshire. He recalled some of the peals Mr. Lewis had conducted, in particular at Frodsham, including the last peal on the old six (7,200 of Minor, being 720 each of 16 methods) and the first peal on the new eight (Superlative). He also referred to the way the president had put his technical knowledge of strains and stresses and swinging towers at the disposal of the Exercise. In concluding, he mentioned how much the Guild was looking forward to the visit of the Central Council next year—the year of its diamond jubilee.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in returning thanks, said that nothing could have been better for the health of the Council than the invitation to come to Chester next year. He told of his early association with Cheshire, which included his first peal at Pulford on November 4th, 1905, and spoke of the great strides which had been made since those days, particularly in methods rung, but he made a strong plea that the plain methods should not be neglected.

Mr. Lewis also gave a most interesting outline of the history of change ringing during the

past 300 years. Starting with Roan's composition of Grandsire Doubles in 1650, he continued with a vivid description of the state of the Exercise 100 years later in 1750 when ringing was purely a sport and entirely divorced from church worship.

Passing on another 100 years to 1850, he spoke of the gradual change which had come about since that year when churchpeople began to realise that the bells were church bells and ought to be used as such. Since 1850, he said, ringers had been increasingly integrated into the life and worship of the church. It was significant that at the Central Council at Eastbourne this year about 90 per cent. of the members present came to the early celebration preceding the meeting. He looked forward to next year's meeting in Chester and suggested that it would be appropriate if, after the manner of King Edgar, the president were rowed by eight Masters up the Dee to Eccleston and proceeded to the church for a peal.

The toast of 'The Clergy' was proposed by Mr. John Worth, who spoke of the close relationship which now existed between the clergy and the ringers and stressed the importance of their helping each other. He pointed out the great value of visits of the clergy to the belfry and wished such visits were more general. He also thought it desirable that there should be more clerical ringers—the diocese of Chester being somewhat deficient in that respect.

LADY RINGERS WANTED.

The Dean, in his reply, agreed that great progress had been made on both sides towards mutual understanding and co-operation, and then expressed some of his thoughts about ladies in the belfry. He mentioned the visit of the King and Queen to Chester a few years ago when he presented the ringers to their Majesties, and their obvious surprise at the sight of a lady amongst them. He hoped that when the proposed visit of the Princess Elizabeth took place there would be as many lady ringers as practicable in the band which would sound forth the city's welcome from the Cathedral bells.

The toast of 'The Ladies' was entrusted to Mr. G. E. W. Griffiths, who was evidently in his element. He covered a good deal of ground in a racy speech, the pièce de résistance being his reference to the emergence of glamour and romance in the belfry, of which the recent marriage of two young ringers in a neighbouring church afforded concrete evidence.

Mrs. C. Kenneth Lewis replied. A ringer herself, she nevertheless had (she said) the greatest sympathy for the poor uninitiated wife who was deprived of her husband's company at breakfast, not by the morning paper, but by a strange looking scrap of paper over which he poured in silence, save for intermittent murmurings of 'wrong' and 'home,' till she began to feel something must indeed be wrong with him and he ought to be in a home. She thought the glowing picture of the proposer should bring comfort to wives on such mornings as well as on those evenings when the husband's arrival was unduly late, or, as sometimes happened, unduly early.

The speeches were interspersed with handbell ringing, courses of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Major being excellently rung by Messrs. J. Worth, J. E. Bibby, R. G. Edwards and C. K. Lewis, and by comic items contributed by Mr. J. H. Brookes.

Before dispersal the Master thanked the secretary for his work in organising the dinner, the ringers of the handbells, and Mr. Brookes, the special entertainer. Thus concluded a most enjoyable evening.

Dedication

MAULDEN, BEDS.

On Saturday afternoon, October 7th, a large congregation of ringers and parishioners attended St. Mary's Church, Maulden, Beds, when two new treble bells were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Bedford, the Ven. D. B. Harris.

This was the culmination of 18 months' hard work by the ringers and their hon. secretary (Mr. M. J. Lockety), who, assisted by many kind contributors, had raised the sum of £800 for the new bells and the entire rebanging of the existing six bells, which had been undertaken by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London.

Some weeks ago some £30 was required, but an anonymous donor came to the rescue and the account has been paid.

After shortened evensong, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Millington), the choir went in procession to the tower, accompanied by the Rector, the Rev. R. P. Stacey Waddy (Amptthill), the Rev. J. Adams (Silsoe) and the churchwardens, Mr. H. Woodward and Mr. C. W. Sinfield, who conducted the Archdeacon and handed him the bell ropes with the request that he should dedicate the two bells ('to the glory and praise of God'). The dedication completed, the procession returned to the chancel while the opening rounds were rung by the Maulden ringers.

At the chancel steps the Archdeacon announced that he had a very pleasing duty to perform. This was to hand cheques to two old ringers of the church who were presented by the Rector. They were Mr. William Fisher and Mr. Sidney Sharp, who had both completed over 50 years as ringers at St. Mary's, a duty which Mr. Sharp still performs, and he also took part in the opening rounds.

The Archdeacon congratulated both ringers on their wonderful record, which, he said, was a great example of loving and devoted work for their church.

After the service the opening touch was a well-struck course of Yorkshire by R. Kendall (Luton) 1, C. Izzard (Kempston) 2, A. C. Sinfield (Maulden) 3, R. J. Sharp (Maulden) 4, C. H. Harding (Blunham) 5, W. Theobald (London) 6, B. Sims (Biggleswade) 7, L. H. Bywaters (Henlow) 8.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall by ladies of the congregation, and over 100 ringers and friends were provided with a good spread.

Among those present were Miss E. Steele, of Biddenham (president of the Beds Association), Mr. A. King (Luton), Mr. W. Stapleton (Bedford), Mr. C. J. Ball, Sandy (vice-presidents), Mr. A. J. Woodward (donor of one of the bells), Mr. A. A. Hughes (representing Mears and Stainbank), and ringers from many parishes in Bedfordshire and neighbouring counties, including Coventry and London.

After tea the bells were kept going until 9 p.m. to various methods, including London and Bristol, and all agreed that the bells were a nice musical ring and the 'go' excellent.

ODD FELLOWS' PEAL

The Odd Fellows' peal at Montgomery on September 30th was rung as a compliment to Brothers J. E. Tomley, 70 years' membership of the Order, S. Jones, sen., 64 years, Richard Mansell, 66 years, and Arthur Shone, 60 years. It was also for the 68th wedding anniversary of Mr. John Davies, retired sexton of the church. It is of interest to note that four of the band in the Montgomery peal—Brothers R. T. Holding, H. F. Holding, W. T. Holding and R. D. Langford—stood in the peal at St. Bertoline's, Barthomley, Cheshire, on October 15th, 1910, rung by brethren of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows to mark the centenary of the Order. Other survivors of the Barthomley peal are John Brassington and Arthur Allman, and they are still ringing.

Amplification of Bell Records

Dear Sir,—Ringers may be interested to know that the Chancellor of the Diocese of Ripon has attached the following conditions to his recent grant of a faculty authorising the installation of amplification equipment for relaying recorded bells in a church near Leeds.

1. Chimes or peals of bells may be reproduced only:—
(a) for periods not exceeding fifteen minutes on any one occasion.
(b) before Matins and Evensong on Sundays; on Christmas Day; at midnight of the thirty-first of December; on Ascension Day; on the Patronal Festival; and after weddings.
2. Reproduction shall not be so loud as to be:
(a) audible beyond the boundaries of the parish or an area in which a peal of bells rung by hand is audible or
(b) a nuisance or annoyance to neighbours.
3. The apparatus shall be kept under lock and key and its use supervised by a responsible person.
4. Care shall be taken that no worn needles or records are used.
5. No reproduction of any sound other than that of chimes or peals of bells is authorised.
6. The use of the apparatus shall be subject to such further conditions and restrictions as may from time to time be prescribed in writing by the Bishop, which conditions and restrictions may be withdrawn, varied, abrogated or added to as the Bishop may from time to time think fit.

Yours faithfully,

C. O. ELLISON,
Archdeacon of Leeds.

Wetherby Vicarage, Yorks.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLLEGE YOUTHS THROUGH AMERICAN EYES

Dear Sir,—Your readers will know of the new film, 'The Mudlark,' featuring Irene Dunne as Queen Victoria, which is shortly to be shown at the command performance. The book of the same title, by an American author, Theodore Bonnet, contains a character, Sir Gilpin Jarvey, the Master of the Household at Windsor Castle. Members of the Exercise may be interested in these extracts relating to him:

'One of the great passions of his life was bellringing, and he belonged to that noisiest of civilian companies of England known preposterously as the Ancient Society of College Youths, which met fortnightly for practice in the belfry of St. Paul's Cathedral. There, on the evening of Wheeler's escapade, he and his colleagues had been heaving at it in deafening devotions, coats off, sweat shining on their happy faces as they yanked away at the ropes, and the twelve great bells of St. Paul's had crashed out of the darkness like a Volcanic anvil chorus, driving to cover every dog in the City of London; after which the brethren had adjourned to their regular tavern for ale all round and a jolly little go on the handbells.'

and later

'he propagated his opinion not only through the castle, but among all the bellringers of St. Paul's Cathedral. What allies were there! Think of those doughty Youths, many of them with snow-white locks, but as spry as monkeys, apple-cheeked, taut-bellied, tough of thew and bright of eye, ready at a moment's notice to call London to arms or to worship, to peal out the tidings of history, come death or *Te Deum*. Think how they walked with beads and sextons, vicars and vergers, deacons and archdeacons, prebendaries and canons, and drank their ale fortnightly in the Amen Tavern, at the corner of Paternoster Row and Ave Maria Lane, not far from Fleet Street; and how in the course of their daily living they must have penetrated into banks and exchanges, the Inns of Court, Parliament, and probably into the British Museum, the Bible Society, the Royal Academy, Guildhall and the Abbey, country houses and bell foundries and musical teas, and kept running down to Oxford, if only to see how Great Tom was holding up and haply give him a clang.'

The action of the book takes place in the 1870's. I understand that Sir Gilpin's bellringing proclivities are not dealt with in the film.—Yours, etc., WILFRID G. WILSON.

Ealing.

HALF-MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—After ringing here at a funeral service with the bells half-muffled at backstroke, I was told by an old inhabitant that the custom has always been to muffle the tenor the reverse way, i.e., at hand. Do any of your readers know of this being done? It is difficult to imagine the result, but it would hardly seem to be so effective as that of the usual way of muffling.—Yours faithfully,

C. CULLEN.

Chelsfield Park, Kent.

UNIVERSITY ASSN. LINCOLN WEEK

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in your issue of October 13th of the above ringing tour. As a Lincolnshire Yellow Belly, I am rather perturbed at the activities of the U.A. in moving Great Tom from the central tower of Lincoln Cathedral to St. Hugh's Tower, the south-west tower, where hangs the ring of 13 bells. I hope they had a faculty for the removal!—Yours sincerely,

J. MARTIN PAGE.

King's Langley, Herts.

RINGING FEES

Dear Sir,—In approaching this question I can only be guided by the legal aspect as laid down by Phillimore in 'Ecclesiastical Law' and other lawyers. On the moral aspect it is not always wise to say what one thinks. A bell is the 'property' of the parishioners under the care and guardianship of their representatives, the churchwardens elected in vestry. When anyone pulls the bell rope and rings it, it is in use. And the use is in the incumbent. Phillimore I., 1,484: 'The property in the goods of the church, e.g., bells or bell ropes, is in the churchwardens.' Phillimore I., 1,386: 'The bells cannot be rung without the consent of the incumbent.' See Canon 88: 'neither the bells to be rung . . . at any other times without good cause to be allowed by the minister. . . . ' Phillimore I., 727: 'The parishioners at their own charge shall find bells with ropes.'

My mode of procedure would be as follows: The party requiring the wedding peal approach the incumbent, he gives permission and states the amount the ringers would require, according to custom or belfry rules. He then informs ringers of date and time. The representative of the wedding party pays out the fees due to incumbent for wedding, the parish clerk, organist, blower and choir if employed, and last, but not least, the ringers.

The incumbent may refuse the use of the bells unless a fee is paid for their use. For church services he is compelled 'to cause a bell to be tolled a convenient time before he begins that the people may come to hear God's Word and to pray with him.' See Prayer Book Preface.

The fee for 'the Passing Bell' is due to the sexton, who usually is asked to ring it and is paid by the undertaker.

Curious people may ask what the incumbent does with the fee he demands. Does he pay it in to some church fund or put it into his pocket? It all depends on the sort of incumbent and his belief, for they are of two kinds. No. 1 believes it is more blessed to give than to receive. No. 2 believes it is more blessed to receive than to give.

And there we must leave it. A meeting would serve no useful purpose. Kent is a long way from Devonshire and I am not a bishop nor desire to be one. Mr. V. A. Jarrett has my sympathy.

J. M. TURNER.

Washfield.

PUZZLED LEARNER'S QUERY

Dear Sir,—Could someone possibly inform me why frequently the Major method bears no resemblance to the Minor method of the same name? To give only two examples, Norfolk Surprise Minor bears no resemblance to the Major and neither does Lincoln Surprise.

The first-named method is merely Cambridge without 'seconds or fifths,' that is to say, sixth's place is made on the treble's whole lead in front, and first's place is made on the treble's whole pull behind. As can easily be seen, the method is quite readily extendable, Lincoln Minor is also extendable, although it would not produce a very good method, due to the long front work.

Why, then, have Minor methods been completely ignored when naming Major methods? Are not Minor methods suitable 'basics'?

There are countless names of towns and villages yet to be used as names of methods, so why the encroaching on the Minor preserves? Long and heated discussions have often taken place in 'The Ringing World' as to whether a Royal or Maximus extension is fit to be called by the same name as the Major method. Nothing is ever said, however, of the obvious breach from Minor to Major.

I would, therefore, be very pleased if someone could give me a reason for all this.—Yours sincerely,
PUZZLED LEARNER.
Lincoln.

TOWER CORNER (17)

'READY FOR METHOD RINGING.'

Dear Learners,—We continue with Lesson X. from the point where the pupil, ringing the treble in five with sixth covering, had been shown on the blackboard the figure-work of Ex. 36—double dodging downwards.

This exercise is carried out by pulling off in the terminal order of Ex. 35, namely, 34251; and by working through to a 'stand' with a terminal order of 34512.

To make this clearer, fig. 5 of the previous instalment is repeated here, alongside. In standing at the end of this exercise, then, the pupil is left in 4ths place, as may be seen. The small letters to the right hand side indicate the 'stroke,' and provide a ready check on the nature of the hunting, by which bells come to lead either at handstroke or at backstroke.

Fig. 5. (Ex. 36.)

Our instructor, Tom Truettouch, continues his discourse:

'Each pupil in turn, on the treble, has now worked up from the front to the back, with double dodging up, as in Ex. 35, where the three-bell work on the front formed a "slow six." Then followed Ex. 36, with its double dodging down, where the three-bell work on the front formed a "quick six," as we have seen. If we continue this arrangement we shall have slow and quick sixes coming along alternately, i.e. we shall have six rows of backward hunting followed by six rows of forward hunting; nothing else whatever on the front three bells, and simple dodging on the back pairs.

'Since the pupil's bell (treble) has just finished dodging down in a quick six (see Fig. 5), it must enter the front work in a slow six. That is to say, it will start its three-bell hunting backwardly. The pattern for this was shown in fig. 3 in the previous instalment, where it was seen that the bell in position 3 in the first row of that six, remained there for one more blow, and then worked plain hunting.

'So in the next exercise, No. 37, the pupil, on the treble still, will re-enter the front work after the double dodging down, and will perform backward hunting, brought about by making the 3rds place, on the way in.

'It will be a good thing, however, having got so far, to pull off this time in rounds, and to work again through Ex. 35 (shown at fig. 4 in previous instalment), going straight on through Ex. 36 (as in fig. 5 above), and then without break into the work just described. This constitutes Ex. 37 and is shown complete in fig. 6. At the end of this slow six which we have just added we will stand, leaving the treble in second position, as may be seen.'

When each pupil has worked through this exercise (the other five ringers being experienced ones), Tom announces that this concludes preliminary exercises in hunting (both ways), place-making and dodging, and that we are now ready for method ringing. To conclude the lesson, however, he directs our attention to the figures of Fig. 6, and

Fig. 6 (Ex. 37.)

more closely continues:—
'First of all we must realise that although we have fixed our minds particularly on the path of one bell, the treble, yet all other "working" bells (i.e., excluding the tenor which has been covering), have been following exactly the same sort of path as ours; but each

has started off at a different part of the path.

'Second we observe that if we raise the line drawn under the round-row at the start, placing it above that row, we now have three rows which are found to be of the pattern of the last half of a quick six. The very important significance of this fact will come out in your study of method structure, later on; but bear it in mind, as arising from the principle of "symmetry."

'Third, we see that at each six-junction one bell leaves the front work for the dodging behind, so that at the same time one bell must leave the dodging behind for the front work.

'Fourth, the bell entering a quick six runs down to lead and out again at the same six-end, whereas the bell entering a slow six appears to stay in the front work for the next few sixes. In fact, it is there for five sixes in all and is said to be in the "slow work."

'Fifth, that the entire path, or "course," of a bell is this scheme of things is seen to consist of a cycle of: Quick work, Dodging up and Dodging down, Slow work, and Dodging up and Dodging down again. Indeed, this is known as the "plain course."

'In point of fact,' continues Tom, 'while we have been learning the rudiments of all method ringing, i.e. hunting forward, hunting backward, place-making and dodging, we have actually learnt something of the fundamentals of one of the most famous of methods—the Stedman principle. This introduction to method ringing is considered by many to be the best.

'And with this we come to the end of Lesson X. and the end of Section 3 of the Course. You should now feel able to take your place anywhere in rounds, and to attempt, at beginners' practices, method ringing—always provided you have learnt the method!'

'Before we leave,' says Tom, 'let me give you a bit of advice. Keep in mind all the finer points of good ringing style that we've tried to teach you; for by this means only can you hope to maintain 100 per cent. bell control. Without bell-control you'll never be a good striker, and without good striking you're no good as a ringer! So determine to keep on improving, and, above all, listen!

'Lastly—a social note. You remember that I had a private word with Mary and Will earlier in the lesson after Will had just got through his first bit of hunting? Well, it gives me pleasure to tell you that William and Mary have become engaged. Apparently Mary wouldn't say "Yes" until Will had mastered hunting, so now all's fine! Good luck to them both, in marriage and in ringing.'

At this Tom steps forward and turns over the blackboard, on the reverse of which he had written out the summary of Section 3, just concluded. Here it is:

Section 3.

TONE-TELLING AND ROPE-SIGHT.

Lesson IX. Selective Listening and Transits.
Ex. 28. 'Which bell-sound is mine?' (Handbells.)

Ex. 29. 'Which bell-sound follows mine?' (Handbells.)

Ex. 30. 'Which bell-sound did mine follow?' (Handbells.)

Ex. 31. Making transits UP, at call. (Tower bells.)

Ex. 32. Making transits DOWN, at call. (Tower bells.)

Ex. 33. Making transits continuously. (Tower bells.)

Ex. 34. Plain hunting—minimum—three-bell work. (Tower bells.)

Lesson X. 'Ready for Method Ringing.' (Hunting, Place-making and Dodging.)

Ex. 35. Double dodging—UP.

Ex. 36. Double dodging—DOWN.

Ex. 37. Introducing place-making in hunting.—Cordially yours,
CORN. R. STONE.

New Company at Emmanuel, Plymouth

On October 7th, the ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, with their wives and friends, had their third ringing tour this year. This was a half-day trip in Cornwall, visiting and ringing at Pelynt (6), Lanreath (6), Lannallos (8) and Morval (6).

On July 8th, they had their annual outing, leaving at 7.30 a.m., and rang at Teignmouth East (8), Exminster (8), Withycombe Raleigh (8), Littleham (8), Ottery St. Mary (8), Sidmouth (8), Sidbury (8) and Honiton (6). Their first tour was a half-day, and took place on May 13th, when they again kept to Devon.

When ringing was resumed after the war a very mixed gathering assembled at Emmanuel and included two or three pre-war Emmanuel ringers, two or three who had previously rung at Charles, where the beautiful ring of ten was destroyed by enemy action, two or three others who had not rung for years, or had come to Plymouth to live during the war.

From this assembly the foundation of the present band at Emmanuel was formed, but it was a ship without a rudder, the captain of Emmanuel ringers having died during the war. Mr. Tom Myers, of St. Andrew's, was appointed temporary leader with Mr. J. Simms (like the writer, formerly of Charles) elected deputy leader. Much time was spent in training beginners. They had much assistance in those days from fellow-ringers from various parts of the country serving in one or other of H.M. Forces, and one young man in H.M. Navy rang his first quarter peal of Grandshire Doubles (4.6.8 covering) before being demobilised in 1946.

The band grew and became stable, and in 1945 Mr. Simms was elected captain, with Mr. W. Hatch vice-captain, and Mr. R. Bennett, an old Emmanuel ringer, hon. secretary and treasurer. They have at all times received and still receive great assistance from Mr. Myers.

They are always well represented at meetings of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, and since 1943 have visited and rung as a band at 73 towers. A visitors book was inaugurated in October, 1946, since when they have welcomed into the belfry 230 ringers from all parts of the country. At the top of each page of the visitors book is written 'A hearty welcome is extended to all visiting ringers.' Will any ringer visiting Plymouth please note.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. P. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Carter (first quarter of Doubles) 2, J. B. Robinson 3, D. Ogden 4, R. Edwards (cond.) 5, R. V. Leedham (first quarter) 6.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Gorton 1, R. Story 2, Miss M. Leavy 3, A. Anstey 4, Mrs. J. Weaver 5, F. Gilbert 6, S. Webb (cond.) 7, N. Gover 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 changes (240 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise): W. Bowering 1, F. Bradbury 2, L. Higgs 3, W. A. Weston 4, J. Stanway (cond.) 5, W. Hazledine 6.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. Bett 1, R. G. Smith 2, A. S. Smith (first quarter) 3, C. J. Smith 4, O. P. Smith 5, S. H. Wallis 6, H. W. Smith 7, B. F. Sims (cond.) 8. A welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. R. B. Griffin).

BOSTON, LINCOS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss L. Briggs 1, S. Jessop 2, A. N. Wood 3, A. Freeston 4, R. Brown 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (first as cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Forest 1, F. W. Soden (cond.) 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, J. W. Dixon 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, J. J. Westmacott 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Lubbock 1, A. Tyers 2, G. Lucas 3, R. A. F. Clarke 4, T. Tyers (cond.) 5, L. E. Piper 6.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. E. Parsons 1, E. J. King (cond.) 2, E. C. Stoner 3, B. Moore 4, F. J. Roberts 5, H. W. Symmonds 6.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Griffiths 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, H. J. Shuck 3, A. G. Hall 4, H. White 5, L. R. Hall 6, A. Wyre 7, H. Wyre (cond.) 8.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cawthorne 1, Mrs. R. A. Ward 2, F. C. Alvey (first inside) 3, P. E. Hall 4, P. Preston 5, H. Pailing (cond.) 6, R. A. Ward 7, W. Perkins 8. Rung half muffled in memory of Mr. H. Yates churchwarden.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,344 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: J. Hurst 1, J. Segar 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, H. Denman 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. First quarter spliced in the methods by all the band.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Lewis (first quarter) 1, E. Harrison (first of Triples) 2, A. Ainsworth (first of Triples) 3, J. Hedley 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, N. H. Hewett 6, T. W. Crowe 7, J. Heal 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Miss D. E. Liddbetter 2, H. Langdon 3, J. Allsop 4, W. S. Langdon 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, Dr. Hollis 7, R. F. Deal 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, H. Belcher 10.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. F. Pryor 1, D. F. Harman 2, R. Newman 3, R. F. H. Harman 4, H. Kirby 5, A. F. Lancaster 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. First quarter in method by the band.

HUNTINGDON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. G. Spicer (first of Major) 1, F. Warrington 2, R. F. Baker 3, A. Clements 4, H. S. Peacock 5, J. W. C. Blythe 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, S. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

Godfrey (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Gumbrell 2, L. Weller (first 'inside') 3, G. Francis (first quarter) 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5. A farewell to G. Francis, the local tower secretary, who is entering the R.A.F.

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MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. F. Andrews (cond.) 1, Miss R. Gibbons 2, Miss M. Kennelly 3, Miss M. Hunt 4, S. R. Cockell 5, P. W. Weeks 6, W. C. West 7, A. W. J. Hunt 8. First in method for 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

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DEATH

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MEETINGS

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Notifications to F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 7761

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey (8), Nov. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.—S. Hoare. 7755

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Pluckley, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford. 7762

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and **SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Eckington (8 bells), Nov. 4th, from 3. Numbers for tea to Mr. E. Barker, Glandford, Ducksett Road, Eckington. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper and J. E. Turley, District Secs. 7802

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, All Saints', Poplar, Nov. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, Lyons' Cafe, 5. Business and ringing after.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. Phone Wanstead 1575. 7814

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Rowde (6), Nov. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7794

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Tuddenham, Nov. 4th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5 (supplied). Buses from Ipswich 2.15 and 3.45. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. (Tel. 78926.) 7805

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham (8), Saturday, Nov. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 7808

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde, Nov. 4th. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W. 7804

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Milton Ernest, Nov. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Blotsoe bells in evening. Both churches are on good bus route. 7840

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Correction: Meeting at Caversfield on Saturday, November 4th.—C. H. Kinch. 7837

TILNEY.—All Saints'.—Dedication of re-hung and retuned ring of six, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Service 3 p.m. Tea provided. All welcome. 7831

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.2., on Monday, Nov 6th, 7 p.m. 7827

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Colchester, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by the 7th, please.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., c/o 10, Charles Street, Colchester. 7807

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield and Congleton Branch.—Meeting at Congleton (8), Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss J. M. Henshaw, 5, Great Queen Street, Macclesfield. 7813

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, Nov. 11th. Good bus service. Cafes close to church.—H. Denman. 7800

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turners Hill (8), Nov. 11th. Tea at The Forge Tea Rooms 5. Names to Mr. C. Streeter, 2, New Cottages, Turners Hill, Crawley.—C. A. Bassett. 7826

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District.—Meeting at Walkden (near Manchester), Nov. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Nov. 7th to Miss A. Potter, 73, Manchester Road, Walkden.—Mary Lewis, Hon. Sec. 7812

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Caversfield (5), Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea to C. H. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 7774

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Shelley, Nov. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify not later than Nov. 8th, Mr. F. R. Brook, Crabtree, Lower Cumberworth, near Huddersfield.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7847

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Latton (5) afternoon, Cricklade (5) evening, Nov. 11th. Tea, Cricklade.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 7829

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8), Saturday, Nov. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 8th to Mrs. B. Barker, 18, Vicarage Lane, King's Langley.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7839

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells up 3.—Julia M. Preston, Branch Sec. 7846

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Kirkby-in-Furness, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Moorhouse, Suncrest, Kirkby-in-Furness.—K. N. Newby, Branch Sec. 7844

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brownedge (Bamber Bridge), Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 7832

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Clare, Nov. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 to all who notify Mr. S. Twitchett, Station Road, Clare. 7828

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Fareham, November 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business, in School Hall 5. Names by November 8th to W. Linter, 16, Uplands Crescent, Fareham, Hants. 7833

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Refreshments 6 p.m. at the Hare and Hounds Hotel.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7849

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (tea provided).—J. Fox, Walpole Highway. 7848

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Wotton-under-Edge, Nov. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6. Notify for tea by Nov. 8th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 7852

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Nov. 18th, Christ Church, Consett. Names to Mr. T. B. Hargreaves, 271, Medomsley Road, Consett, by Nov. 15th.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7825

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Special meeting Nov. 18th, Newton St. Loe. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Notification for tea essential by 15th to Mrs. Russell, The Rectory, Newton St. Loe, near Bath. 7836

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Littlebury (6) on Saturday, Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome.—G. Blake, 96 Burford, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7842

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to me by 14th please.—E. T. Lee, Ockford Road, Godalming. 7843

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Reading, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Evening ringing. Names for tea (1/6) to Mrs. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading, by Nov. 13th.—T. N. Lanaghan. 7835

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Beenham (6) Nov. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names before Nov. 15th to E. Wallace, 12, Stoney Fields, Beenham, Reading. 7834

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Elston (6) Saturday, Nov. 18th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Bring food. Cups of tea available.—F. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 7838

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.—D. M. Reeve. 7845

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting at St. Mary's Ewell, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Nominations for 1951 District Officers will be received. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, by Nov. 15th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 7815

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton and Coventry Districts.—Joint meeting at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The Vicar requests that all names for tea be sent to him not later than Nov. 11th: Rev. L. Bruce, Exhall Vicarage, near Coventry.—A. J. Hinde, Nuneaton Dis. Sec. 7850

MITCHAM.—A bellringers' service will be held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Ringing at 5.30. Service at 6.30. All ringers and friends invited.—A. Miller. 7790

ELY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Wisbech Branch will be held at Walpole St. Peter on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1951. Details later. Neighbouring branches please note. 7830

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting will be held Jan. 13th, 1951 at Harlow Town (8) at 3 p.m.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7841

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