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A RINGING HOLIDAY

FROM time immemorial there have been ringing holidays. Two centuries ago, we read, famous bands like the College Youths undertook long journeys to ring peals on famous bells. From the beginning of this century there have been organised tours in which have been associated leading personalities of the Exercise. Devon and the West Country were favoured centres in those days, but in no sense were they confined to this area. It is probably true to say that where there are good bells then ringing parties would be arranged to visit them.

Since the war, ringing holidays have figured very prominently in the pages of this journal, particularly during the summer months. In a sense, these weeks fall into two categories—those with peal ringing as the main objective and others what might be not unkindly called 'tower grabbing,' in which a variety of towers and picturesque scenery, if possible, are intermingled.

It is to be regretted that many of these regular tours—year by year—do not bear a distinctive name for their party. In recent years Mr. T. J. Lock has organised peal ringing holidays with a programme also for the non-peal ringers. Ringing on these tours has been confined to Surprise methods. This year the company he assembled scored only 14 peals from 25 attempts. A gratifying feature is that an examination of the list of ringers participating records a number of new names—although known to ringers by repute. The tour was made famous this year by Mr. G. E. Fearn, the popular secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, ringing his 1,00th peal.

We leave it to other pens to assess the relative merits of the 'Lockites' with the band of Cheshire and other North Country ringers who toured Ireland. Here again it was largely Surprise ringing, and the nine peals scored included Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 12 methods—two achievements of merit. The welcome they received was indeed cordial and the visit should help to foster a closer liaison between English and Irish ringing. Since the days of Gabriel Lindoff, there has been a strong desire on the part of English ringers to test the qualities of Irish bells, and independent Eire has still an understanding—we might even say affection—with the ordinary folk of our land.

A party of Kent ringers, inspired by Mr. A. P. Cannon, spent a week in North Cornwall, visiting 40 towers, scoring seven peals and receiving, unfortunately, unpleasant notoriety in the local Press. The advice given by Comdr.-Instr. R. Gordon Cross in our columns to touring bands ringing on noisy or troublesome bells, we are sure, will not go unheeded by those who organise future tours in the West Country. The unseen audience outside the belfry must be studied, especially in areas unaccustomed to change ringing and ears whose bell music is rhythmic call changes.

For sheer enjoyment the Sussex ringers' annual tour stands on a high plane. Peal ringing does not enter into their programme. Their holiday was spent this year among the dales of Derbyshire, with long distance excursions to the Loughborough Foundry and Boston Stump.

Another week amid glorious scenery was the North Wales tour, where peal attempts were sandwiched in between admiring a beautiful and rugged countryside. A peal was rung in Anglesey, a rare occurrence, and the party took a set of ropes against unfortunate contingencies. Their visit gave delight to one Welsh rector, who heard his own bells for the first time!

Youth hostelling for ringers is now a regular feature, and the number of parties touring year by year seems to increase annually. There must be few youth hostels which have not been visited by itinerant ringers. Probably in the forefront of these bodies is the Society of Roving Ringers, which for some seven years has been cycling and youth hostelling. This year the members were in the Wye valley and surrounding countryside, visiting 31 towers in seven counties. They have within their ranks some of the best of our young twelve-bell ringers, and on their previous tours have created a good impression by the high standard of their striking. The reports received of this year's tour indicate that reputation is unsullied.

Closely akin to this Society are the Bedfordshire Young Ringers, whose week was spent in the New Forest and the Isle of Wight. Another body to introduce themselves this year are the South Staffordshire Young Ringers, whose tour, mainly in Gloucestershire, covered 425 miles and visits were paid to 52 towers. Few of our readers have heard of the St. Christopher's Guild of Change Ringers. This body toured Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire for a week during August, visited 56 towers and rang 42 different methods. The tour was organised by Mr. Norman Smith, of Chichester, and the Editor has

a 3,000 word unpublished story of the Society's activities from that well-known and much-travelled ringer, 'P. N. B.' (There is, however, an editorial blue pencil.)

University weeks have been regular features. Cambridge University Association were this year in Devon, Manchester University spent 10 days cycling in West and North Yorks, while the Universities Association's week at Oxford was as popular and enjoyable as ever and made a contribution to the Exercise by the first performance of a peal of Spliced Maximus in 12 methods 'in hand.' A holiday with bells is indeed a sheer delight for the keen ringer.

NORTH WALES TOUR

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 3	ROGER O. FRY 7
*GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 4	JOHN HILL Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*BETTY GRIFFITHS Treble	*GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 2	DONALD G. CLIFT .. 6
JOHN HILL 3	ROGER O. FRY 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	*GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
DONALD G. CLIFT 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 6
*CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 3	*ROGER O. FRY 7
JOHN HILL 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county, and for the Association.

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 5
DONALD G. CLIFT .. 2	ROGER O. FRY 6
ARTHUR H. REED .. 3	JOHN HILL 7
*GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. The first peal in the method in the county of Anglesey.

BARMOUTH, MERIONETHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 15 lb. in E.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	ARTHUR H. REED .. 5
JOHN HILL 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 7
*GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 4	*ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILFRID WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county.

MACHYNLLETH, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT .. 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 6
*GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3	ROGER O. FRY 7
ARTHUR H. REED .. 4	JOHN HILL Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method in the county.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE .. Treble	EDWIN G. MOORE .. 7
WILLIAM C. PORTER .. 2	CHARLES COLES .. 8
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 9
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG .. 10
WILLIAM BUTLER .. 5	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 11
PHILIP WALKER .. 6	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN HILL Treble	*WILLIAM J. PAICE .. 7
NOEL J. DISERENS .. 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 8
JOHN PHILLIPS .. 3	JOHN B. SANSOM .. 9
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 4	MRS. PAT LEWINGTON .. 10
CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. 11
JOHN CHILCOTT .. 6	*CHARLES SANGWIN .. Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS.

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

* First peal on twelve bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Hill and with good wishes to David Parsons on the commencement of his National Service in the Royal Navy.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. Treble	*ALAN TAYLOR .. 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 2	HAROLD TAYLOR .. 7
PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 8
*JOSEPH A. CONSTANT .. 4	*MARK J. BARKER .. 9
*GORDON A. HALLS .. 5	†STANLEY HUTCHINSON .. Tenor

Composed by G. FREEBREY.

Conducted by HAROLD TAYLOR.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal.

Rung as a tribute and farewell to the Assistant Bishop and Provost of Derby, the Rt. Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferrall, D.D., President of the Derbyshire Association of Change Ringers, who is leaving to become Rector of Cranham, Gloucester.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

*MICHAEL LUKIN .. Treble	PATRICK PAGE .. 6
NELIA M. LEAHY .. 2	JOHN H. GILBERT .. 7
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 8
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 9
RICHARD M. CURRIE .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells. 200th Surprise peal as conductor.

BRISTOL

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

*MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. Treble	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 6
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 2	WILFRED WEBB .. 7
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 3	LEONARD DERRICK .. 8
IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 4	NORMAN H. COOMBS .. 9
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5	ALAN A. HILLIAR .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NORMAN H. COOMBS.

* First peal on ten bells. Except for the starting and turning courses the peal was rung 'non-conducted.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,536 changes of Yorkshire, 2,208 of Cambridge, and 1,344 of Superlative, with 132 changes of method.

Pitstow's Doxology.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 2	BRYAN S. COPE .. 6
BRYAN F. SIMS .. 3	PATRICK CHAPMAN .. 7
BRYAN PATTISON .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred King, of Luton.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

TONY PRICE, Master .. Treble	
*JANET S. BAILEY, Asst. Sec., South and West District .. 2	
ALICK CUTLER, Ringing Master, North and East District .. 3	
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW, Sec., South and West District .. 4	
THOMAS J. LOCK, Sec., North and East District .. 5	
ERNEST C. S. TURNER, General Sec. .. 6	
FRANK T. BLAGROVE, Asst. Master, South and East District .. 7	
RICHARD E. PRICE, Ringing Master, South and East District .. Tenor	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of London Major.

HALEWOOD, NEAR LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt.

Pitstow's Variation.	Tenor 11 cwt.
ARTHUR MADDOCK .. Treble	WILLIAM ROBINSON .. 5
GEORGE H. HESKETH .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. 6
THOMAS ROBINSON .. 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 7
JOHN ROBERTS .. 4	EDGAR WHITE .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to Daniel Harrison, a former churchwarden at St. Nicholas' Church.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Dexter's Variation of Washbrook's.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
ARTHUR G. MASON .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5
VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
PETER F. BORER .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
TREVOR CROSS .. 4	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. treasurer of the Association, and 44 years captain of the local band.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*MICHAEL PEARCE .. Treble	CHARLES ROUSE .. 5
†RONALD FORSTER .. 2	PETER BAKER .. 6
ROY TAYLOR .. 3	LESLIE BARRY .. 7
*DOUGLAS HEWITT .. 4	WILFRED FOLLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 11).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. J. R. SMITH .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
JOHN R. SMITH .. 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 7
TERENCE A. THORNER .. 4	BRYAN S. COPE .. Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. F. Milner, of Kirklington, Notts.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR COWAN .. Treble	WILLIAM TYSON .. 5
*ERIC OLIVER .. 2	ROBERT B. SKELTON .. 6
†J. EDMUND HENDERSON .. 3	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN .. 7
RICHARD OLIVER .. 4	†DEREK WILKINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside' in method. ‡ First peal. First peal as conductor in method.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Samuel Berry Stewart, churchwarden, who passed away the previous day.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

RALPH BIRD .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 6
*PETER F. BORER .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. 7
†TREVOR A. CROSS .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major.



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GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN A. ACRES Treble	†SAMUEL A. MARTIN .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 6
PAUL L. TAYLOR 3	JOHN R. SMITH 7
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4	*HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

*25th peal together. †First peal of Major.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. Treble	*CHARLES W. DENYER .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	LEONARD STILWELL .. 6
*EDWARD J. BRAGG 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

*First peal of Yorkshire.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*DAVID SUTCLIFFE .. Treble	DEREK P. JONES 5
*K. PATRICIA HUTTON .. 2	WILLIAM A. COLLINS .. 6
*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 3	EDWIN G. BUCK 7
R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by EDWIN G. BUCK.

*First peal of Major.

Rung as a compliment to Margaret, daughter of Canon and Mrs. L. P. Smith, Rector of Baldock, and the Rev. George Roe, Rector of Wheathampstead, who were married on this day; also as a farewell to the Rev. J. B. Rigby, curate of Baldock, and Mrs. Rigby, the former having been instituted Vicar of Rye Park on September 30th.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*LEWIS J. LAST Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
CECIL W. PIPE 3	PERCY MAY 7
GEORGE W. PIPE 4	FREDK. J. CRAPNELL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

*50th peal. Specially arranged on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Mary Lyttelton to Captain Arthur Cox.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,600 changes of London, 1,600 of Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 16½ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER .. Treble	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5
GIBSON JACKSON 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
*GORDON BENFIELD .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

*First peal of 'Spiced' in eight methods.

A birthday compliment to Arthur C. Walsh, Percy J. Johnson and Ernest H. Simpson.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Treble	CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 5
*ANNE V. LEWIS 2	*GEORGE W. BARNES .. 6
DONALD C. ANDREWS .. 3	ROY DUESBURY 7
FELIX H. ERITH 4	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

*First peal on eight bells.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	WALTER G. SOAR 5
HAROLD TAYLOR 2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
*PERCY STONE 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

*First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative with 110 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
*FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	ALAN A. POTTS 7
BASIL JONES 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

*First peal in four spliced methods.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's One-part Composition. Tenor 16½ cwt.

MARGARET GIBSON .. Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR .. 5
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY .. 2	CHARLES LEA 6
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
THOMAS W. CROWE .. 4	JACK SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

Specially arranged to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the first peal by this Association, which was rung in this tower in the same method on October 1st, 1878, and conducted by Mr. William Read, the then president. Also recorded as a compliment to J. A. Ainsworth, whose 18th birthday fell on the previous day.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LADIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. Treble	MRS. J. R. SMITH .. 5
ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE .. 2	MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 6
*JANETTE M. SIMPSON .. 3	WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 7
†MRS. J. F. WILKINSON .. 4	MARY PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH

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

Rung in honour of the visit to Leicester of H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent, for the presentation of colours to the No. 579 (Royal Leicestershire) L.A.A. Regt., R.A., this day.

LANCASTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

R. CROOK Treble	J. A. HORNBY 5
H. RAINFORD 2	J. E. BURLES 6
R. RAINFORD 3	F. POSTLETHWAITE .. 7
S. JEFFERY 4	J. PYE Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BURLES.

Rung to commemorate the 94th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 5
KEVIN S. HOHL 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	FRANK H. HICKS 7
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 4	WILLIAM ROGERS .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. C. Brasier, a member of the local band for 43 years and captain at this tower for 30 years.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM H. COLES .. Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE .. 4
*FRANK C. PRICE .. 2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS .. 5
.. 3	TONY PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First attempt for a double-handed tower-bell peal.

A farewell peal for P.O. F. C. Price, R.A.F., who is to serve abroad for two years.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH .. Treble	FRANK BIRKETT .. 4
ALAN CAPSTICK .. 2	RAYMOND SUART .. 5
JAMES E. BURLES .. 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

First peal in four methods by all.

Rung for the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, the Right Rev. H. V. Turner, Bishop of Penrith.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

In four methods, being 2,520 Grandsire, 1,260 All Saints, and 630 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, with 504 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

WALTER RICHARDSON .. Treble	ALAN C. COZENS .. 3
GEORGE ROOME .. 2	IVOR J. DICKIN .. 4

KENNETH D. PERKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

First peal of Spliced Doubles for all, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung for the Dedication Festival.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*DONALD S. PAYNE .. Treble	A. JOHN HOBLEY .. 4
*RICHARD S. HOLLAND .. 2	†MICHAEL F. AMOS .. 5
*JOHN G. UNDERWOOD .. 3	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN.

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

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

J. EDMUND HENDERSON .. Treble	ROBERT B. SKELTON .. 4
*ERIC OLIVER .. 2	RICHARD OLIVER .. 5
WILLIAM TYSON .. 3	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor by all the band.

For the visit of the Lord Bishop of Durham to dedicate a new altar in the north aisle of the Parish Church.



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APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of: Childwall, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 14½ cwt.

TERENCE G. MORTON .. Treble	AUGUSTINE V. GOOD .. 4
*ROY L. SHUTTER 2	KEITH GOOD 5
WALTER AYRE 3	*REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor (age 17).
 Rung in honour of St. Michael's Day and for the Harvest Festival.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

*URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	JAMES BENNETT, SEN. .. 5
GEORGE W. WATERMAN .. 3	†RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD W. STEWARD.

* Has completed 'circle' of this tower. † 200th peal.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, and St. Clement's.
 Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK PEARSON Treble	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4
RONALD E. BURT 2	*T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 5
WILFRED A. SAUNDERS .. 3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

* 25th peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival of the above church.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE PRESCOTT Treble	ROY COLEMAN 4
MARJORIE LEGG 2	*KENNETH MEDWAY .. 5
HOWARD COLLINS 3	HAROLD BANWELL Tenor

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'inside.'

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 (St. Nicholas Guild, Itchingfield.)
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Southrepps, and fifteen each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 8½ cwt.

*PEARL SPRACKLING .. Treble	MALGWYN H. WILLIAMS .. 3
*SHIRLEY A. RICHARDSON .. 2	GEORGE FRANCIS 4
†W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. A birthday compliment to Malgwyn H. Williams.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*REGINALD MORLEY .. Treble	†OLIVER MILLS 4
ALFRED LYNALL 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
†VICTOR JELLINGS 3	*MICHAEL MORLEY Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a welcome to the Right Rev. R. S. M. O'Farrall, former Assistant Bishop and Provost of Derby, who was inducted Rector of Cranham the previous evening.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, Norbury and College Exercise Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK C. MAY Treble	DONALD COOMBS 4
HERMON OLIVER 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
PHILIP SADLER 3	GERALD FROST Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Netherseale, Bourne, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
 Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDGAR W. WINTERS .. Treble	*WILLIAM F. TODD 4
PETER W. CROFT 2	JACK CHURCH 5
GEORGE CHERRY 3	FRANK W. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal 'inside' in seven methods.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary and augmentation of the bells.

HORNSEY, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Wells, London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN E. CRUMP Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 4
REGINALD P. CRUMP .. 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 5
DAVID H. KINGSTON .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

100th peal as conductor.

Rung on the day of completion of 50 years' service in the Sacred Ministry of Christ's Church by Rev. Preb. E. S. Duval, Rural Dean of Hornsey.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

FRANK WARRINGTON .. Treble	LAURIE A. NORFOLK .. 4
HENRY SHARP 2	ARTHUR YARROW 5
VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN .. 3	GEORGE A. WALKER .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Sharp; also a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nobles, married September 19th, 1953.

HANDBELL PEALS

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 2, 1953, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
 IN THE BELFRY OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob (maximum callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

WILLIAM HALL 1—2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 3—4
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*THOMAS SMELTZER .. 5—6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal 'in hand' in two methods.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
 IN THE BELFRY OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores of Stedman, 30 of Grandsire (10 callings) and eight of Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

JEAN STEWART 1—2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 3—4
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*THOMAS SMELTZER .. 5—6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal in three methods.

OBITUARY**MR. C. BRASIER**

The ringers at St. Denys', Rotherfield, Sussex, have suffered a great loss by the death on Oct. 2nd of Mr. C. Brasier at the age of 78 years. A year ago he had a major operation, but had recovered so well as to be able to ring again. It was during practice one evening about three months ago that Mr. Brasier had a slight stroke in the belfry from which he never fully recovered.

Mr. Brasier came to live in Rotherfield from Barton in Bedfordshire in 1910, two years after the old ring of five had been augmented to eight, and was a welcome acquisition to the local band because he could already handle a bell. With the help of the late Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, and Mr. H. R. Butcher, the local captain at that time, he quickly learnt the art of change ringing, and when Mr. Butcher moved from the district he was elected captain, an office he kept for over 30 years.

He was not a prolific peal ringer; his total, as near as can be ascertained, was 30 in methods up to Double Norwich. Mr. Brasier's heart and soul was in maintaining a good Sunday service band, and he was never happier than when he had some new recruits to teach. Quite a useful conductor, he called his one and only peal, one of Grandsire Triples, on his own 73rd birthday.

The funeral on October 6th was attended by many of his friends and ringers, and as the cortege left the church the local band rang the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to one who had devoted his whole life to ringing at St. Denys'. In the evening a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled to the memory of a good character who will be sadly missed.

W. R.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Mr. Whitehead Resigns Secretaryship of Tonbridge District**

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tonbridge on October 3rd. This was not as well attended as had been hoped, only 26 members being present at tea and the business meeting which followed.

During the afternoon the Association service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Russell B. White, who gave an excellent address. He joined the ringers for tea and then took the chair at the business meeting. Before starting on the agenda, the Vicar said how sorry he was that Mr. R. Whitehead, the district secretary, was unable to be present. Mr. Whitehead had recently had an operation and had only returned home the previous day. He was sure the ringers would wish to send him their good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Whitehead had intimated that he did not wish his name to go forward for re-election as secretary, and a hearty vote of thanks to him was recorded in the minutes for all he had done for the district during the past seven years.

Three new members, all under the age of 16, were elected, and in welcoming them the chairman expressed the hope that they would 'stick to it.'

Mr. R. Collins was re-elected Ringing Master; Mr. E. J. Ladd and Mr. P. Carter representatives K.C.A. General Committee; Miss D. Colgate, hon. secretary.

During the evening there was ringing to suit all tastes, ranging from rounds to a well-struck touch of Spliced Surprise.

JOINT MEETING AT CULLOMPTON

There was a warm atmosphere of friendliness in the belfry of Cullompton on October 3rd, when the members of the North-East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers held a joint meeting with their 'foreign' friends of Taunton Deanery of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

The ten bells were set in motion soon after 2 p.m., and kept going until service time, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Guy Hammond, at 4.15 p.m. During a delightful sermon, he welcomed all present to an enjoyable afternoon and evening on their Parish Church bells. The service was followed by tea at a local cafe.

At a short business meeting, held at the Church Hall, the Chairman, the Rev. Mr. Jones, of Huntsham, stressed the usefulness of joint meetings in bringing together the ringers of the two counties. Mr. A. H. Reed, secretary of the Taunton Deanery, replied on behalf of the visitors. An apology was received from Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild.

After the usual votes of thanks, the ringers returned to the tower and kept the bells going in a variety of eight and ten bell methods, culminating in a good lower in peal.

Ringers were present from Tiverton, Exeter, Plymouth, Silverton, Culmstock, Newton Abbot and Honiton Clyst, Devon; and from Ashbrittle, Wellington, Taunton, Milverton and Corston (Bath), Somerset. Also two visitors, from Wellington, Shropshire, and Gillingham, Kent. Everyone present is now looking forward to the 1954 joint meeting to be held in Somerset.

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A FINAL REMINDER

To those who have not sent their quarterly
subscriptions (6s.) to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Grey-
stones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall: the period
of grace has elapsed and copies will be stopped.

Oxford University Guild
will note that a splendid
send off was given to Mr.
W. H. Jackson, before leaving for his first
term by a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in
eight methods at Guiseley on October 3rd.

Will Mr. E. W. Tipler please forward his
address to the Editor?

Congratulations to Mr. R. F. B. Speed, who
conducted his 100th peal on October 3rd at
Hornsey.

Mr. W. Simmonds has left Hersham, Surrey,
where he has been captain of the tower for 18
years, for Devon.

The peal at Bunwell recorded this week was
Mr. T. C. Browne's 25th. Messrs. F. C. Arnold
and C. F. Philippo have taken part in every
one of them.

Mr. Eric Nobles expresses his thanks to the
ringers at Chepstow, Cardiff, St. David's, and
Newton, Porthcawl, for their warm welcome
during his visit to Wales.

The next meeting of the East Norfolk branch
of the Norwich Diocesan Association
will be held on November 14th at Acle and
not on the 21st, as recommended by the meet-
ing at Norton Subcourse.

The Ancient Society of College Youths were
at St. Michael's, Cornhill, last Saturday. A
peal of Stedman Cinques was successfully
brought round in 3 hours and 45 minutes with
Mr. John Chilcott as conductor.

The visit of Miss Hilda G. Snowden to the
Leicester area has resulted in two peal successes
for the Ladies' Guild. As we go to press we
learn that a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major
was successfully accomplished at Earl Shilton
last Saturday. This is the first in the method
for the Ladies' Guild. Congratulations!

BELFRY GOSSIP

Since July, 1952, the bells
of Great St. Mary, Cam-
bridge, have been at the
Loughborough Foundry. The retiring Vice-
Chancellor of the University (Sir Lionel
Whitby), in his valedictory speech, made an
appeal to business firms within the parish to
raise the remaining £1,000 of the £2,600 for the
rechanging of the bells and other work. The
'Cambridge Daily News' has opened a fund
for this purpose with a donation of £25.

Mr. R. W. Steward has now rung 200 peals.
These have been rung for three different Asso-
ciations in 50 towers in East Anglia.

In connection with the Kent Education
Committee's Jubilee Commemoration Service,
to be held at Canterbury Cathedral on Satur-
day, October 31st, there will be ringing, com-
mencing at 1.30 p.m. Any teachers or retired
teachers who can help will be most welcome.

Baldock and Norton ringers held a half-day
trip in their own county on Sept. 19th. Red-
bourn was the first stop, followed by Hemel
Hempstead (where tea was provided by the
local ringers), Berkhamsted and Tring. Thanks
were accorded incumbents and tower captains
for the use of their bells and meeting the
visitors.

Peals at St. Mary's, Hornsey, are not fre-
quent, as the tower sway makes the back end
difficult to handle. To celebrate the comple-
tion of 50 years in the ministry by Preb. E. S.
Duval, father of the Rev. Philip Duval and
a relative of Canon Carew Cox and Preb. E.
V. Cox, a peal of Minor was rung on October
3rd. The local band was supplemented by
three distinguished visitors for the occasion.
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and courses rung on handbells.

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FOLLOWING the pattern of last year's visit to South and West Wales, the Welsh enthusiasts this year toured North Wales.

On August 29th, in a near tropical downpour, two parties set out, one from London, the other from the West Country, to rendezvous at Willemhall, where we received a warm welcome from Mr. C. Wallater and the Vicar. At short notice H.M. Collector for Winchester very ably conducted Superlative, and the first was in the bag. We were entertained by Mr. Chris Wallater to a fine meat tea, and then into the rain for Chester, which was to be our headquarters until the Tuesday.

Sunday brought a welcome change in the weather and we were at Wrexham to ring for morning service and admire the magnificent tower, reputedly one of the seven wonders of Wales. After eleven days, during which an unsuccessful attempt was made to bait the Methods Committee member, a move was made through some fine scenery to Ruthin, where we lunched, and then through more wonderful scenery down the famous Horseshoe Pass to Llangollen, where most spent the afternoon admiring the rushing waters of the Dee, and later rang for service.

Monday found us on the road to Gresford and our first peal attempt in North Wales. Here we were welcomed by the Rector and Mr. Griffiths, the local steeplekeeper. A prompt start and we were away to Pudsey, but after 2 hours 40 minutes of good ringing a miscall sent the attempt the way of all others. Yorkshire was successfully brought home at Buckley in the afternoon, where we had the able assistance of Betty Griffiths, of Chester. Following tea in a local cafe, where we had an example of Welsh hospitality, we joined, at the invitation of Mr. H. O. Baker, in the practice at St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester.

FAILURE AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL

On Tuesday, the last day of our stay in Chester, the Dean and Chapter had kindly given permission for a peal attempt at the Cathedral, and with the assistance of Betty Griffiths and Walter Allman, a start was made for Cambridge Royal. An hour's good ringing brought an unexpected shift and we had lost our only attempt in Cheshire. Taking leave of our Cheshire friends, we were soon on the road to Llandudno, which was to be our headquarters for a further three days. En route we stopped for a brief moment to inspect the lovely marble church at Bodellwyddan, then on to meet our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Griffiths. A quick tea, and Mr. Griffiths, himself a ringer, was piloting us to Rhyl, where we joined in the local practice, being welcomed by Mr. Jack Evans, the captain, formerly of Hereford, and Mr. C. Powell, formerly of Brecon.

Wednesday, an early breakfast and away to Holy Trinity, Llandudno, a nice eight, where Mr. Griffiths had preceded us and had everything in readiness. Here we redeemed our failure of Monday and rang Pudsey, though not without incident. Back to lunch to find that our host had obtained permission for us to ring at Boddellwyddan and Abergele so that we should ring in three counties in the day. We had a fine time at Boddellwyddan, much to the delight of Jack Evans, who scored his first course of Cambridge. Then a pleasant hour on the nice six at Abergele, where we were again met and welcomed by the local leader.

IN ANGLESEY

Came Thursday, and we left for our most important assignment, a peal attempt at Beaumaris, crossing en route the lovely Conway suspension bridge, then on down the lovely coastal road through Penmaenmawr and Llanfairfechan to Bangor, where permission had

been given for a peal attempt, but, being so near Snowdon, we rang a few touches, then rushed off in the hope that we might have time to reach the summit of Snowdon before our attempt at 3 p.m., but it was not to be. However, the run down to Llanberis and back again to Caernarvon was well worth while and we were able to appreciate all the wonderful scenery which here abounds.

Lunch at Caernarvon, a quick look at the wonderful old castle, then on to Telfords Suspension Bridge, huge but graceful, for road traffic which permits the wayfarer 'to go to the land of Mona, notwithstanding the water of Menai.' Beyond the water the first village encountered bears the name of Llanfair-pwll-gwyngyll, and so to Beaumaris. Here we needed and missed the expert advice and practical assistance of our bellhanging friend, but all hands on deck soon fitted new ropes, oiled the bells, and we were off to Cambridge, a first-class peal resulting. One member will always remember the way in which 1-2 was struck both in front and behind. By the time we had removed our own ropes many of us needed a bath, and while the hungry junior members searched for fodder the elders paid a visit to Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Bangor, who though now confined to his home, had played such a big part in ensuring the success of this visit. It was almost 27 years to the day since he had last met C. H. K., the occasion being a peal at Brighton, but the recognition was instantaneous. We were glad, too, to meet both Mrs. Hughes and daughter.

Friday saw us take leave of our hosts, to whom we tender our most grateful thanks, and set course for Portmadoc, travelling by way of Llanwrst, Bettws-y-coed and Blaenau Ffestiniog. Our arrival at Portmadoc was well behind schedule, and it was decided to forgo the peal attempt and press on to Barmouth. A course of London sufficed on this lovely little eight. Barmouth was reached in time for lunch and then came the problem, should we find the bells pealable?

RECTOR HEARS HIS BELLS

We had been informed that the bells had not been rung for years, that there were no ropes, and the Rector, who made us very welcome, had never heard his bells rung. Our minds were soon at rest, for we found a magnificent eight by Mears, dated 1891, hung in ball bearings, seven ropes in excellent condition and several broken sliders. An hour's work and all was ready. As these bells pulled off in rounds, on a flight of fancy one might well have been at Chewton Mendip or Ebbw Vale, so well did they compare. We certainly did justice to the bells, and rang a first-class peal, the tenor men deserving every praise for the work they put in. It is reported that the eyes of one member fairly shone when 'That's all' came up, and well they might, for the long cherished ambition of a peal in each Welsh county was almost in sight.

We spent the night at the Wynnstey Arms, Machynlleth, and were well looked after by Horace, the golfing night porter. The final day commenced with a tropical downpour. We were met at the church and welcomed by the Vicar and local ringers, who requested a touch of Stedman before starting the peal. We duly obliged and got off to a good start, plus a huge sneeze from the troubleman which almost put an end to the proceedings. However, we soon settled down and, amid much amusement, were shown how to get the best out of two tuneless trebles, a good peal being rung and another county in the bag.

Lunch, and the West Country contingent said their goodbyes, the others remaining for another night with Horace.

It only remains to record our thanks to all who met us and helped in the arrangement of a most successful week. Thank you, North Wales!

D. G. C.

LADIES' GUILD MAKE HISTORY

On Saturday, October 3rd, eight ladies of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild travelled by train, buses, motor-cycle and bicycles to the Church of All Saints, Thurstaston, to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples. It was a glorious autumn day with the sun shining brilliantly, when one by one the band arrived to admire the beautifully decorated church—all set for the harvest festival thanksgivings.

A clear start was made at 2.55 p.m. with everyone settling down immediately. Good ringing was enjoyed, and the bells were brought into rounds at 5.35 p.m. The local captain, Mr. Fred Bindley, soon appeared through the trap door to offer his congratulations. Everyone was pleased to hear him say he had heard most of the peal from all sides of the church and the ringing was good.

This is the first time a peal has been rung by all-district members since the district was formed in 1948.

Before leaving the belfry there was a general distribution of apples—very gratefully accepted—previously supplied from The Wayside by the ever-thoughtful 'H. J.'

Outside the church we were met by Mr. Ernest Dawson with his never-failing 'jalopy.' Into this 'well known to ringers' green van went seven of the band, plus two cycles, to Hugglescote for the quarterly district meeting.

There, although a little late for tea, Mr. Horace Over, the local captain, had very kindly arranged a much appreciated meal.

Once again, husbands, boy friends and other interested ringers were pleased to hear of our success. It was later reported to the band that 'Young Terry' (who considers the majority of the ladies live up to their name — 'The Clatterbangers'), on arriving at the church and hearing the peal still going and the ringing good, said, 'Confound it! Good ringing—can't even complain.' This was sufficient praise and satisfaction to the ladies in question.

The thanks of the band are due in the first place to the Vicar of Thurstaston, and also to Mr. Bindley, Mr. Rawson and Mr. Over.

J. S.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Life Membership Decision

Over 100 members and friends attended the half-yearly meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild held at Spalding on September 12th.

The bells of the Parish Church were rung during the afternoon and evening; several members later rang on the eight at Fulney.

The Vicar of Spalding (the Rev. M. F. R. Syngé), president of the Elloe Deaneries Branch, presided at the business meeting. Following the routine business a lengthy discussion took place on the question of life membership for those who had been members for 40 years. On being put to the vote it was decided by a large majority that the matter be dropped for the time being.

Mr. R. F. Smith, of Lincoln, was appointed the first Guild librarian.

The Central Council circular giving the ruling on irregular Minor and short course Royal methods was read. The meeting approved the increased Central Council fee and also voted a donation towards the cost of the case to contain the Ringers' Roll of Honour.

The usual votes of thanks concluded a most, enjoyable meeting, everyone feeling very grateful for the sincere welcome and for the efficient arrangements made by the Spalding ringers.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Darlington Visited for Annual Meeting After 30 Years

LAST year the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association revised the rule which for many years had restricted the venue of the annual meeting to the cities of Durham and Newcastle alternately, and very soon after that revision the wider choice was exercised, Darlington being chosen for the annual meeting in 1953. Thus it was that on September 26th, the Association held an annual meeting again in Darlington after an interval of 30 years.

Darlington possesses three churches with bells. The Parish Church of St. Cuthbert and the Church of St. John have rings of eight and there is a light six at Holy Trinity. Good use of these bells was made throughout the day, as ringing was available from 10.30 a.m. until 9 p.m. except for the lunch and tea intervals.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar of Darlington, the Rev. G. E. Holderness, assisted by the Vicar of Holy Trinity, the Rev. E. J. Simpson, and the president of the Association, Canon H. S. Stephenson. The Vicar, in his address, expressed his appreciation of the services rendered by ringers and went on to discuss the objects of the Association. He hoped that all would remember that the belfry was part of the House of God and suggested that that thought, together with the use of a prayer before ringing, would help to achieve belfry reform. As for recognition of ringers as church workers, he felt that that was already achieved among right-thinking churchmen. A collection realised £2 15s. 2d. for the Bell Restoration Fund.

In St. Cuthbert's Parish Hall a company of about eighty sat down to a splendid tea prepared by the ladies of St. Cuthbert's. Twenty towers of the Association were represented and there were, in addition, ringers from York Minster, Richmond, Bedale, Saltburn, Ripon and Churchham, Glou.

The business meeting followed the tea, and Canon Stephenson, in opening the meeting, said that that was his 'swan song' as president. He had felt honoured and privileged to hold office during the period which had included the Coronation.

NEWCASTLE 1954

The general secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles, presented his report for 1952-3. He referred to the undoubted improvements that had taken place in the standard of ringing at meetings over the past five years, but added that all was not well while many towers were silent and membership was not as high as it should be. During the year the war memorial had been dedicated and a few months later the fund was closed. No restoration had been completed, but work had been in progress at Stockton, which would culminate in the dedication of the recast bells on October 7th, 1953. The Ladies' Guild had formed a North-Eastern Branch in January, but there was no cutting across the work of the Diocesan Association. In 1954 the Association would be host to the Central Council for a second time in Newcastle, and he hoped that 'Newcastle, 1954,' would be a memorable date in the Council's calendar.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley, presented his cash statement. This showed that the balance in the General Fund had increased by about £7, compared with a decline of almost £9 in the previous year. He warned against undue optimism, pointing out that this improvement resulted from the saving on the annual report. The austerity report for 1951-52 was something forced upon the committee rather than a free choice, and that for 1952-3 would follow the same pattern, but eventually a heavy bill would have to be met when a comprehensive report was published. He was very grateful

to the two district secretaries who had waived their claims to expenses to help the Association.

The hon. editorial secretary, Mr. J. Brewster, presented his first report, showing that 29 peals had been rung—a decline of six from the previous year. Nevertheless, the total included three first performances for the Association, viz., Ashted, Painswick and Whitminster Surprise Major. The great event of the year, the Coronation, had produced seven peals. The peals were rung in 18 towers and 59 members took part in them, nine of them for the first time. The leading peal ringers were J. A. Ainsworth and E. N. Harrison with 17 each. There were 10 conductors, two of them for the first time, and the highest totals were D. A. Bayles 10 and R. Park 6.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Canon Stephenson, having held office for three years, was ineligible for re-election as president. As his successor Mr. W. N. Park, on behalf of the committee, nominated Mr. Richard A. Gofton, of Whitley Bay, a distinguished member of a family whose fame as ringers had spread far beyond the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle. Mr. G. A. Pickering seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. The other officers were re-elected en bloc so the list of officers for 1953-4 reads as follows: President, R. A. Gofton; general secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, F. Ainsley; editorial secretary, J. Brewster; hon. auditor, J. F. Bird; Central Council representatives, F. Ainsley and W. N. Park; peal referees, W. J. Davidson, J. E. R. Keen, R. Park and W. N. Park.

District officers: Northern, vice-president K. Arthur, secretary, S. Hewitt; Southern, T. Cooke and D. R. Airey; Eastern, A. Brunton and W. F. Sheraton; Western, S. Thompson and C. T. Lamb.

Mr. C. McGuinness proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers. He said that the reports presented earlier testified to the hard work put in by them and showed that the members had been wise in their re-elections. Without any disrespect to the new president, he was sorry that Canon Stephenson's retirement could not have been delayed for one year so that he might have covered the Central Council's visit. The proposal was carried with acclamation.

Mr. G. A. Pickering voiced thanks to the incumbents for the use of their bells, to the Vicar and the Rev. E. J. Simpson for the service, and to the organist. To this the Vicar responded.

Mr. D. A. Bayles proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies who had provided such an excellent tea for the large company. He had taken upon himself that very pleasant duty because he would like to make it clear that he himself had done nothing but submit proposals for the programme to Mr. T. Cooke and the other Darlington ringers. All the organisation and the work had been done in Darlington, and he personally was very grateful.

In acknowledging the very hearty vote of thanks, Mrs. R. M. Cooke said that for her speech making was the worst part of the job.

Meetings arranged for 1954 were announced as follows: The J. W. Parker commemoration, Sunderland, March 20th; half-yearly meeting, Staindrop, May 8th; annual meeting, Newcastle, September 25th.

Nine new members were elected from Chester-le-Street, Consett, Newcastle and Stockton.

The attendance at the meeting amply justified the revision of the rule and suggested that it would be a great mistake to allow another 30 years to elapse before the Association returned to Darlington.

WORKSHOP, NOTTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: O. Street 1, Miss K. Burchall 2, Miss G. Burchall 3, Miss W. Wilkinson 4, C. Cook 5, D. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, J. Bartram 8. First quarter on the recently recast bells.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Reports from Llandaff and Coity

Thirty-six members attended a successful meeting at Caerphilly on September 26th. Both Llandaff and Monmouth branches were well represented, and also present was Mr. F. C. Mogford. Ringing arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. A. J. Pitman, Branch Ringing Master, who saw that everyone had an opportunity to ring.

Tea was kindly provided by the Rector's wife and ladies of the parish, and they were thanked on the proposition of Mr. A. Hoare. A short service followed, conducted by the Rector, Canon J. O. Williams.

An interesting lecture was given by Mr. Arthur Wright, the author of 'The Bells of Monmouthshire,' on bells, which evoked many questions. He was thanked by Mr. A. Hoare.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, and owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. R. E. Coles, branch secretary, Mr. F. J. Hanington acted as his deputy.

Before reading the minutes, members stood for a few moments in respect to Mr. Fred Lasbury, a popular and highly respected member, who was fatally injured in a mine on August 25th.

Arising out of the minutes, the secretary said Llandaff bells had been rung open in rounds by the local learners for the first time on the previous Tuesday.

Mr. T. Roderick told the meeting that although Coity bells had not yet been dedicated, Mr. Tom Petty had been going there regularly helping the local band.

When the place of the next meeting was discussed, Mr. A. Hoare proposed and Mr. T. Roderick seconded that a joint meeting be held with the Swansea and Brecon (Southern District) Guild. This was carried and Baglan was the venue selected, the date to be left to the two secretaries.

New members elected were: Tudor Edwards, Pentre; Howard Luff and John Lintern, of Caerphilly.

Mr. A. Hoare moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for use of the bells, for taking the service and presiding at the meeting.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Oct. 17th, 1913

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE

The Midland Counties Association

and the St. Martin's Society, Leicester

On Saturday, Oct. 11th, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes

At the Church of St. Thomas

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE

MAJOR, 5,088 CHANGES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

George Cleal	Treble
Arthur S. Pettit	2
Louis E. Allen	3
Fred. H. Dexter	4
Samuel Cotton	5
Ernest Morris	6
Josiah Morris	7
Charles H. Fowler	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook and

Conducted by Charles H. Fowler.

This is the first peal of Surprise ever rung by a complete band of Leicester ringers.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Evers (first of Major) 1, Miss W. Mellin 2, W. S. Butler 3, Miss J. Sims 4, W. H. P. Mellin 5, D. Portway 6, C. Burton 7, E. W. Bright (cond.) 8. For harvest festival

LETTERS

YOUNGEST RINGER TO REACH 1,000 PEALS

Dear Sir,—While congratulating Mr. George Fearn most heartily on his 1,000 peals, I was surprised to see the suggestion in 'Belfry Gossip' some weeks ago that he is the youngest to reach this total repeated so prominently—indeed, I wonder it was not corrected at the time. Both Ernest and William Pye reached this total much younger—both were under 40, I think. Had it not been for his death at the close of the first world war, even their record would have been well beaten by Bertram Prewett, who, at 36, had rung 953 peals; the last few years of his life, of course, contributing a mere handful.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Mr. G. E. Fearn on his 1,000 peals. The following items may be of interest in which ringers have completed 1,000 peals at an early age. That truly great ringer, the late Ernest Pye, was 38 years of age at the time of his tragic death: his peal total at the time was over 1,000. His equally-famous brother, William, completed his 1,000th peal at the age of 41 years and four months, when he conducted a peal of Cambridge Royal at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on December 16th, 1911. This peal was interesting as it was the 100th rung by Alfred W. Grimes, who a few years later was to create a record by ringing 250 peals in two years. The time taken by William Pye to complete his 1,000 peals was 22 years two months and included in the list were over 100 peals of London as a conductor.

Dear 'Old Bill' told me on one occasion his ambition was to ring 2,000 peals. It was not to be for he was taken from our midst when within sight of a goal that had never before been reached, and he only needed 31 for game.—Yours faithfully, JOHN G. NASH.

London, N.22.

Dear Sir,—First of all I should like to congratulate Mr. G. Fearn on his 1,000 peals.

As no exact age is given of Mr. Fearn, I may be wrong in my statement, but I should like to point out that the late Ernest Pye was only 38 years of age when he completed his 1,000 peals in 1915. Also the late William Pye was only 41 years of age when he completed his 1,000 peals in 1911.

I think, therefore, that my Uncle Ernest is still the youngest person to accomplish this feat.—Yours sincerely, E. W. PYE.

Saffron Walden.

ENGLISH RINGER IN CANADA

Dear Sir,—I have just returned from a three months' trip across Western Canada. Here, in Toronto, there are about as many churches to the square mile as there are in Oxford, but none of them have bells which are hung for ringing.

You can imagine my delight, then, when I found at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria, B.C., not only some bells, but also a band of ringers. I was only there for three nights, but, fortunately, one of those was their practice night, and so I had an opportunity to ring with them.

I guess it is pretty difficult to get ringers in a place like Victoria, which is so cut off from the rest of the ringing world, but the ringers that there are seem very keen, and we had a most enjoyable evening ringing Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

The welcome which I received was typical of Western Canada. The captain, Mr. E. W. Izard, has even asked me to go out there and spend Christmas with them. Maybe I will. It is only about 2,500 miles each way!—Yours sincerely, CATHARINE M. TRIST.

Bishop Strachan School,
Toronto 12.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

A Great Reception at Grantham

A cordial reception was received by the National Guild of Police Ringers at Grantham for their 22nd annual meeting on September 19th. On this, their first visit to Grantham, the bells of the Parish Church were available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with those of Bottesford, Harlaxton and Barkston.

The bells of Bottesford were set going shortly after 10.30 a.m. by members of the Leicester contingent, to be joined shortly afterwards by members from London, Driffield and Grantham. Some very good ringing was enjoyed until mid-day when those present made their various ways to Grantham to join the Manchester and Liverpool party at the Parish Church. After the usual greetings, touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Cambridge and London and Bristol Major were rung before lunch. The bells of Harlaxton were rung after lunch.

The business meeting was held at Spittlegate Police Headquarters, with the president (Inspector H. J. Poole) in the chair.

In his report the secretary said that 1952 was one of the eventful years of the Guild. The 21st Anniversary Celebration Dinner was held at Leicester in January and was attended by over 160 members and friends of the Guild. The annual meeting held at Liverpool in December showed that membership had increased by four serving members and two policewomen. By loss through death of ex-Superintendent A. Wiggins, the membership was 108. The year ended with a balance of £9 13s. 5d. One peal of Stedman Triples was rung for the Guild during the year at Leicester.

The president gave the meeting a brief account of the Central Council meeting and paid high tribute to the work of the retiring secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, and Mrs. Fletcher. He considered it one of the most successful Council meetings he had attended.

Inspector H. J. Poole, of Leicester City, was again unanimously elected president of the Guild, and P.C. Knight, of Leicester City, was re-elected secretary and treasurer. Sergeant Prior proposed that P.C. H. R. Woods be elected to the committee in his place and all other members were elected en bloc. Inspector Butler was elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council again. Sergeant R. Sumner, of the Metropolitan Police, was elected a member of the Guild.

NEXT MEETING IN LONDON

After some discussion on catering facilities and transport problems, it was proposed by P.C. R. Benson seconded by Inspector Butler, that the next annual meeting be held in London. It was decided that similar arrangements be made for a dinner and social evening as on this occasion. P.C. R. Benson proposed a vote of thanks to the Grantham members, P.C. Woods and P.C. Armstrong, for the excellent arrangements which had been made for the meeting and the dinner which was to follow.

The president said that he was pleased to see a good company present at the meeting, although letters of apology had been received from 15 members unable to attend. This concluded the business meeting and, after a nice cup of tea, members made their way to the Parish Church where some excellent ringing was enjoyed by all the company.

CHALDON BELL

Dear Sir,—William Shepherd does bell archaeology a disservice, by making the extravagant claim that the Chaldon bell probably was cast in Italy. There is not a scrap of evidence to support this.

In fact, it is a typical English, lathe turned, loam modelled bell, with its head moulded by the waste wax process.—Yours sincerely, Lewes, Sussex. GEORGE P. ELPHICK.

Mr. O. J. B. Cole, Chief Constable of Leicester City, and Superintendent V. Ford, of Grantham, visited the church and showed great interest in the chain library and then went to the belfry to see the ringing in progress.

Departing from the usual practice of a mid-day luncheon and tea, on this occasion a dinner had been arranged at the George Hotel, where over 100 members and friends sat down to an excellent meal. The president was supported by Mrs. Poole, and guests included the Mayor of Grantham (Councillor J. Hardaker) and the Mayoress, Mr. R. H. Fooks (Chief Constable of Lincolnshire), Mr. O. J. B. Cole (Chief Constable of Leicester City) and Mrs. Cole, Canon W. Leake (Vicar of Grantham) and Mrs. Leake, Mr. W. E. Pitts (Chief Constable of Derbyshire), Superintendent W. Ford (Grantham) and Mrs. Ford, Mr. C. H. Bream (Commandant of the Special Constabulary of the Loughborough Division of the Leicestershire and Rutland Constabulary).

After the Loyal Toast, the president, in expressing pleasure at the presence of the Mayor of Grantham, said that on this, the first occasion of the Guild's visit to Grantham, the Guild was honoured by his attendance. The Mayor, in welcoming the Guild to Grantham, said that he did try to ring once but that was a long time ago. He understood they had a fine ring of bells in Grantham and they were proud of their church and the bells.

ONCE A HOME GUARD PRIVILEGE

The Chief Constable of Lincolnshire (Mr. R. H. Fooks) said he was glad to support the Mayor in welcoming the National Police Guild of Ringers to Grantham. It was a nice sound to hear church bells ringing, but he remembered it was once the privilege of the Home Guard to ring them. Ringing was classed as an art, but he didn't know whether it was an art or a sport, and understood a good ringer had to be a good mathematician—one able to count from 1 to 10.

Inspector Butler, of Liverpool, proposed the toast 'The Guests,' and said that it was the practice of the Guild to invite guests and to interest them in their hobby of bellringing. The Chief Constable of Derbyshire (Mr. W. E. Pitts), responding with his usual spontaneous wit and good humour, kept the gathering in laughter with his description of his journey to Grantham. He recalled his previous meetings with the Guild. The first occasion was at a club in Manchester, then a middle-class hotel in Liverpool, and now a first-class hotel in Grantham. He humorously remarked that though they thanked the Almighty for what they were about to receive, he wanted to thank those who had to pay for it. Speaking on behalf of the guests, he said he was sure everybody had enjoyed a very fine dinner.

The president then expressed his thanks to the Chief Constable of Leicester for his assistance in granting facilities for members of the Leicester City Police Concert Party to travel to Grantham for the after-dinner entertainment: to Canon Leake for the use of the bells during the day; also to Superintendent Ford, of Grantham, for facilities for the business meeting; and to P.C. Woods and P.C. Armstrong for their efforts which added to the success of the day.

The social evening followed with a 'rise and fall' on handbells. Musical items were rendered by members of the Leicester City Police Concert Party under the direction of Sergeant L. Vines. Tunes on handbells were provided by members of the Manchester City party and ringers from Leicester.

Just before the conclusion of the evening, Mr. W. E. Pitts (Chief Constable of Derbyshire) was initiated into the art of campanology by lapping a pair of handbells.

H. J. P.

A TOUR IN KENT AND SUSSEX

By Coventry and Peterborough Guild Ringers

THE last week in July was the time determined for the now seemingly annual visit to 'fresh fields and pastures new.' This year Tunbridge Wells was to be the centre of activities, and on July 25th this became the objective of our small party from the Midlands, consisting of an equal number of Coventry and Peterborough Diocesan Guild members, not forgetting the lone representative from Norwich. Transport was provided by four cars.

A good start was made soon after lunch, at Westerham (8, 23½ cwt.). This church possesses a fine old octave, and the time allotted passed all too quickly, so bidding farewell to Jack Weller, we drove along the valley to Brasted (6, 12 cwt.), where the bells seem to know all the answers, and only needed guiding through Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Cambridge. But what a different tale is told of Sundridge (6, 15½ cwt.); it's debatable which makes the most noise, the bells or the squeaking of the ceiling of the ringing chamber. The last tower of the afternoon was Sevenoaks (8, 21½ cwt.), where the full value of the bells was probably not appreciated by a travel-weary party.

Sunday was a day of rest, with service ringing at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, in the morning, a pleasant afternoon by the sea at Hastings, and in the evening, by permission of the Vicar, so readily given at short notice, we had the experience of ringing on the eight steel bells at St. Clement's for evensong.

WET DAY IMPROVES 'GO'

On Monday morning the tour—and the rain—started in earnest. Speldhurst (8, 13½ cwt.) was the first tower, where Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were enjoyed on a musical octave, and the appointed hour for departure arrived all too soon. Cowden (6, 8½ cwt.) took nearly ten minutes to raise in peal! The wooden bell frame is built from the ground on large beams, and we were told by the tower captain to be grateful for a really wet day, as the 'go' was much improved. Our advice is, 'If your ringing outing is spoilt by rain, go to Cowden.' The last tower of the morning was Hever (6, 8½ cwt.). With a little heaving we rang Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge.

An excellent lunch at Edenbridge was followed by an hour on the fine octave at the Parish Church. Methods rung here were Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, and a few rounds for the youthful member of the local band who met us. Then to the lovely village of Chiddingstone, and to ring on a good octave touches of Oxford Bob and Duffield. The long draught at Penshurst (8, 17½ cwt.) caused some deterioration in the striking, and we confined our remarks to Stedman and Bob Major, and again a few rounds, this time for the benefit of a master from Groton School, U.S.A. (this is one of the two schools in the States with a ring of bells). The last tower of the afternoon was Leigh (6, 9½ cwt.). Here we rang Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Little Bob. Not content with seven towers in one day we all had a long ride to Tenterden (8, 30 cwt.) in the evening, and were well rewarded by some good ringing.

On Tuesday a start was made at Lamberhurst (6, 13 cwt.), where we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. A. Relfe, and from the many peal boards in the ringing chamber of admiring the achievements of the local band. These, no doubt, inspired us to produce some good Double Court Double and Plain Bob. Oswald, however, did not delight. Thanks, Mr. Relfe, for your touch of Spliced Minor; the writer did manage to conduct it at the third attempt.

If ever a party of ringers met their 'Waterloo,' it was this little party at Horsmonden (6, 19½ cwt.). Our apologies to the Lambert brothers for the worst striking of the week. Surprisingly enough the only good ringing was a course of Horsmonden Bob. Our ringing after lunch at Goudhurst (8, 25 cwt.) was curtailed owing to a funeral. This, however, lengthened our stay at Smarden (6, 18½ cwt.), where we had some good Treble Bob, also the 'Lamberhurst' touch of Spliced Minor and a course of Double Stedman. Headcorn (8, 24 cwt.) was the last scheduled tower of this day of 'weight,' where Stedman, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Triples and Duffield Major were rung. The evening was spent with the ringers at SS. Peter and Paul, Tonbridge, on their practice night.

On Wednesday only three towers were visited, first the fine eight at Rotherfield (23 cwt.), and also in the morning East Hoathly (6, 9½ cwt.). It was intended that the afternoon should be spent at Brighton enjoying the sea air, but the weather was again unkind and time passed all too slowly, until it was time to ring at St. Nicholas' (10, 18½ cwt.).

A LOOSE HEADSTOCK

Thursday morning was reserved for Minor ringing, and at the first two towers, Wadhurst (13½ cwt.) and Ticehurst (15 cwt.), everything went according to plan, with Cambridge and Kent at Wadhurst, and Plain Bob, Little Bob and Oxford Treble Bob at Ticehurst. Of Sandhurst (6, 12½ cwt.) a very different tale is told. The tower was encased in scaffolding, and altogether presented a not very helpful picture. The 'rise' brought results, the tenor man retired half-way up and spent 10 minutes recovering in the back pew, and the men working on the scaffolding decided on an early lunch. It only needed one lead of what should have been Bob Minor to show us that the tenor was unringable and, on inspection, was found to be so loose on the headstock that it was catching on the frame. The 'minor five' were rung to Grandsire Doubles.

After lunch, we visited Hawkhurst, where Stedman, Double Norwich and Bob Major were enjoyed. Then on to Burwash (8, 10½ cwt.) to be met by Fred Lambert and to enjoy a pleasant hour on a ring recently augmented by Messrs. Taylors. The way back to Tunbridge Wells was over the beautiful Sussex Downs, and on one of the few fine afternoons of the week we had an opportunity of appreciating the scenery. A call was made at Frant (6, 8 cwt.) for touches of Cambridge, Kent and Double Court. In the evening the party split up, the majority going to Maidstone practice, and the remainder again visiting St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells.

The last day of the tour was greeted by a further downpour of rain. The first call was at Withyham, where a good Taylor eight (15 cwt.) went well to Stedman and Erin Triples, Little Bob and Double Norwich. A short visit was made to Hartfield (6, 12½ cwt.) for Kent, College Single Reverse and Little Bob. The last tower before lunch was East Grinstead (8, 23½ cwt.). After a morning on a fast moving octave and a handy six, the slow rhythm required at East Grinstead needed more concentration than could be found at the end of a tour. The rain did not detract from the pleasure of a visit to Balcombe (8, 9 cwt.). The other towers of the afternoon were Turners Hill (8, 14 cwt.), where the special method was Little Grandsire Triples, and West Hoathly (6, 11 cwt.), where the party were asked to have a long rest between each touch to convince the local inhabitants that a peal was not being attempted. We trust that the Cambridge and Oxford Bob was acceptable. A journey to

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OUTINGS

ST. ANN'S, STAMFORD HILL

Some 28 ringers and friends attended the first annual outing of St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on September 19th, the venue being the towers of the Misbourne Valley. Mr. C. W. Knight kindly consented to act as ringing master.

Towers visited were Chalfont-St.-Peter (six, with bells not renowned for their 'go'), Chalfont-St.-Giles (a pleasant toned six; ringing suffered through the passage of a wedding party through the circle of ropes on this ground floor ring); Amersham (justice not done to this heavy six); Missenden (standard of ringing much improved); Great Missenden (took some ringing, but Cambridge brought round); Weston Turville (recently rehung by Croydon Foundry, bells a pleasure to listen to and to ring); Stoke Mandeville (bells difficult to strike); Wendover (best tower of the day. Bells exceedingly noisy in ringing chamber, but it is almost impossible to strike them badly).

MARHAMCHURCH

South-West Cornwall was visited this year by Marhamchurch ringers for their annual outing. Ringing took place at St. Columb Major, St. Mary's, Penzance (a church with a beautiful interior), Paul, St. Gluvias, Penryn, and St. Erme. Grandsire Doubles, call changes and rounds for learners were rung at all towers during the day.

IN N.W. SOMERSET

On October 3rd, in beautiful weather and amidst glorious scenery, a small party of ringers representing the counties of Devon, Dorset and Somerset much enjoyed an outing organised by Miss Boyle, of Combe Martin. About ¼ hour of ringing took place in each of the following towers, Porlock (6), Selworthy (6), Luccombe (6), Wootton Courtenay (6) and Timberscombe (8). Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Union Doubles, Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. Best thanks are due to Miss Boyle for her excellent organisation, to the incumbents and local ringers.

E. T. P. F.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK

The SS. Peter and Paul ringers, Lavenham, held a half-day ringing excursion on Saturday, October 3rd, when they visited Harwich (8), Mistley (6) and Ardleigh, Essex (8).

Methods rung were Plain Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bourne and Netherseale. The band wished to thank the three incumbents for the use of the bells, and those brother-ringers who met them at the towers. Tea was taken at the Pier Pavilion, Harwich.

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Cranbrook in the evening produced no ringing, as choir practice had commenced.

The only tower arranged for Saturday morning on the way home was Wrotham (8, 23½ cwt.), and no better tower could have been found to end a successful week's tour.

No account of this tour would be complete without expressing our sincere thanks to the tireless secretary of the East Grinstead Guild, Mr. C. Bassett, who made all the arrangements, and whose planning of the programme was such that we were never more than five minutes late at any tower, and then only once or twice. To the incumbents of the parishes visited, and to those who met us on our arrival, we are indebted.

E. G. O.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary W. Brown 1, Valerie Mephram 2, Beryl Reynolds 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, R. D. Brown (first quarter) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

ALFORD, Lincs.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Grandire Doubles: L. Mason 1, C. Angus Dixon (cond.) 2, H. C. Cant 3, J. R. Ketteringham 4, R. Barratt 5, L. Slack 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Scoffin, captain of the tower, who died on September 12th, aged 69 years.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. G. Mitchell 1, A. W. Beard 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, C. Fenn 4, C. Wardell 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, E. G. Cottis 7, F. V. Gant 8.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandire and Plain Bob Doubles: K. W. Graham 1, P. Chambers 2, B. S. Payne 3, R. G. W. Soars 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5, P. Soars 6.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Smith 1, B. Pattison 2, Sheila Duffin 3, S. H. Wallis 4, A. Smith 5, W. J. Athow 6, B. Sims (cond.) 7, G. Bridge 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Stedman and 600 Grandire): J. W. Allen 1, Lucy Allen 2, Elizabeth Smith 3, E. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5, Rung for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Ely to harvest festival service.

BRANSTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 30th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 360 Cambridge, 240 Bourne): R. Wordsall 1, W. R. Parker 2, G. R. Parker 3, L. Willders 4, A. Brummitt 5, J. E. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. C. Raine, late Vicar of Blankney.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,277 Grandire Caters: W. C. Hart 1, R. Overy 2, F. Bennett 3, A. W. Bond 4, W. H. Hargreaves 5, H. W. Woolven 6, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 7, F. Page 8, S. E. Armstrong 9, R. W. Knight (first quarter) 10. Rung for the harvest festival.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, B. D. Hall 2, Miss J. Hitchcock 3, J. Collett 4, M. C. F. Collett 5, F. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. Also 1,260 Grandire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, M. C. F. Collett (cond.) 2, Miss J. Hitchcock 3, T. J. V. Search 4, J. Collett 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, L. Jewell 8. For harvest festival.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Woolley 1, T. J. Clark 2, Mrs. J. D. A. Cleaver 3, J. D. A. Cleaver 4, P. Parslow 5, W. Wenban 6, T. W. Sheppard (cond.) 7, R. Rowley 8. For harvest festival.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss M. A. P. Bertie 1, F. Sheraton 2, W. Phillips 3, R. Chickien 4, S. C. Walker 5, C. Mordue 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, W. Nicholson 8. For harvest festival.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: C. Hales 1, D. L. Hooper 2, W. C. Rhodes 3, L. L. Willis 4, J. W. T. Davis 5, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 6, E. E. Hill 7, H. Walker 8. First of Triples for 1, 5 and 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. L. Hooper 1, W. C. Rhodes 2, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 3, J. W. T. Davis 4, L. L. Willis 5, E. E. Hill 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

COTESMORE, TRELBAD.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Minor (360 Oxford, 360 Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): H. Wand 1, R. H. Scott 2, P. D. Balcock 3, R. Russell 4, F. Owen 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Commemorating the Battle of Britain.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: N. Brown 1, Mrs. H. E. Oatway 2, C. Parks 3, Miss P. M. Steere 4, E. G. Talbot 5, G. H. Humphries 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, R. Abbott 8, W. F. Oatway 9, R. Davies (first of Royal as cond.) 10. First of Royal by 1, 3, 4 and 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss E. May 1, N. J. Fleetwood 2, J. R. Fleetwood 3, A. C. Chaplin 4, S. Atyeo 5, L. Woods 6, J. Armstrong (cond.) 7, I. Campbell 8. First quarter in the method by all the band. Rung to welcome the birth of Kathryn Ruby Barker.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. R. Roast 1, D. J. Temple (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Dowsett 3, E. G. Roast 4, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 5, J. West 6.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Spliced Grandire, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob Triples: H. Cawthorne 1, P. A. Preston 2, C. Glenn 3, P. E. Ball 4, J. Troughton 5, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 6, E. Clemence 7, W. Perkins 8. First in three Spliced Triples by all. For harvest festival.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: R. L. Gines 1, C. C. Clarke 2, G. S. Decey 3, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 4, C. H. Pearson 5, H. L. Roper 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. For harvest festival.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Mrs. W. A. Willis 1, J. Hosgood 2, Miss M. Mundy 3, W. A. Willis 4, G. Skinner 5, F. Willis 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, E. Bristow 8. For harvest festival.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: B. Aldridge 1, Miss M. Hunt 2, G. Ashdown 3, F. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, J. Hurrell 6, W. Rawlings 7, G. Daynes 8. Rung for thanksgiving service for final restoration of the church from war damage and dedication of the east and west windows and restoration of the spire.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss R. Cook 1, C. Marshall 2, T. Harris 3, C. Brown 4, J. Owen 5, D. Hoare (cond.) 6.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,320 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 600 Stedman): P. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, M. Orme 3, J. Church 4, F. Croft (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Sept. 27th, at All Souls' Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. F. Bryant 1, R. E. Moulds 2, C. Sweeney 3, K. Palmer 4, R. Beaumont 5, J. H. Fielden 6, G. F. Bryant (cond.) 7, V. Bottomley 8. Farewell quarter to ringers of 3, 5 and 7.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: M. E. Holder (first quarter) 1, A. R. Barrett 2, G. Smith (first as cond.) 3, A. J. Barrett 4, H. M. Windsor 5. For harvest festival.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, H. Bird (first in method) 2, R. Haden 3, V. Tipton 4, L. Whitby 5, E. Rochester 6, S. Clark 7, W. Wheeler (cond.) 8.

HATCH BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 540 Grandire): Miss A. Yarde (first in four methods) 1, D. T. North 2, G. Walford 3, F. W. Slocombe 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. Rung in the conductor's 1,000th tower, and to mark the completion of his 22nd year as a ringer.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (6-8 covering): Anne Powell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. A. Hannington 2, C. Baker 3, W. Gorrington (cond.) 4, J. G. Powell 5, G. Billenness 6, A. H. Kemp 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss A. Tanner (first quarter) 1, G. Akehurst 2, G. Beeny (cond.) 3, F. Beeny 4, B. Stepney 5, B. Ellis 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Dear 1, M. Orme 2, Miss D. Hare 3, G. Dear 4, D. Jones 5, L. Bywaters (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: H. Perrett 1, E. Marlow 2, L. Hawkins 3, N. Knece (cond.) 4, T. E. Mallard 5, B. Waite 6. Rung after the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. Rowland P. Griffiths).

HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. V. Blackledge 1, J. Taberner 2, H. Calderbank (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. Mansley 4, J. R. Jenkins 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

HINXWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (120 each April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Stedman, and 240 Grandire): R. Dixon 1, P. Croft 2, M. Orme 3, P. Mehew 4, D. Jones (cond.) 5, Angela Willes 6. First quarter in ten Doubles methods by all.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. V. Hare 1, L. Fidler 2, M. Collings 3, W. Todd (first of Stedman) 4, E. Winters 5, P. Mehew 6, D. Jones (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, K. C. Timbry 8. For harvest festival.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss E. Lomas 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, Miss R. Lake 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, W. D. Ashdown 8. For harvest festival.

HORLEY, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. W. Slaughter (first quarter) 1, W. Slaughter 2, D. Wilson (first 'inside') 3, L. Penfold 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, C. Pyett (first quarter) 6, W. Hunt 7, W. Taylor 8. For harvest festival.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Cornwall (first of Stedman) 1, Miss D. Coker 2, K. Biggs (first of Stedman) 3, I. Biggs 4, A. Newton 5, A. E. Cox 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 27th, 1,440 Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. B. Bull 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For harvest festival. Also at St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: M. J. Dyer 1, J. J. Pawley 2, G. D. Whitehead (first in method) 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, W. Ransome 5, H. S. Peacock 6, A. Clements 7, S. Gilbert (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: A. Nix 1, E. E. Wimlett 2, J. L. Lightfoot 3, A. A. Upton 4, A. C. Morris (cond.) 5, D. Wimlett (first quarter) 8.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, P. Hollingsdale 2, S. Hill 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. For patronal festival, and as a welcome to the assistant curate (the Rev. A. Blec). Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: P. Robinson 1, W. Small 2, S. Hill 3, Edna Everest 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. For harvest festival.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: F. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, S. Smith 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, F. Boreham 5, M. T. Symonds 6, W. Jarvis 7, D. A. S. Symonds 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Mrs. J. H. Crampion 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, C. A. Hughes (first in method) 3, D. W. Beard 4, J. F. Grove 5, C. E. Willmington 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

LINTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. J. Ridman 1, J. G. Gipson 2, C. Norden (first quarter) 3, H. L. Martin (cond.) 4, C. M. P. Johnson 5. Rung after a peal attempt had to be abandoned because of a rope breaking.

LISS, HANTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): T. Fry (first away from tenor) 1, H. E. Tice 2, J. Newman 3, C. Pound 4, A. Betsworth (cond.) 5, Sergt. D. Holbrey 6, D. Wheeler 7, K. Wright 8. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. N. Barnett) also a compliment to his wife on the birth of a son, and for the christening of the conductor's niece.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. Powell 2, R. Keeley 3, G. Whitmore 4, A. T. Truman 5, H. Keeley 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, C. W. Powell 8.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 27th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (360 London, 360 Norwich, 360 Ipswich and 360 Cambridge): A. Walpole 1, J. Forder 2, E. Long 3, S. Fenn 4, G. Walpole (cond.) 5, D. Long 6. Rung by the local company.

OTLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Mrs. N. M. Broadbridge (first quarter) 1, Miss J. A. Smith 2, Mrs. A. E. Smith 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King 5, J. Brent 6, J. F. Dodson (cond.) 7, A. Weise 8.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, covered by 1 and 8: A. Williams 1, G. Appleyard 2, Miss A. Brough 3, Miss C. Mountain 4, R. Manning 5, Miss J. Mountain 6, L. Cooper (cond.) 7, E. Watson 8. To celebrate the wedding of Mr. H. Watson, a local ringer, and Miss D. Cook, and also the wedding of Mr. W. Bellerby and Miss A. Stewart, both local ringers.

PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE, DEVON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. G. Lavers 1, G. H. Myers 2, D. J. Gay 3, T. G. Myers 4, J. P. Sims 5, D. F. Wheeler 6, R. A. Southwood (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, H. O. Thomas 8. A farewell to the conductor, who is joining the R.A.F.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,440 Doubles (being 240 each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): A. Walpole 1, B. Barber 2, G. Walpole 3, E. Long (cond.) 4, D. Long 5. For harvest festival.

READING, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss N. E. Swann 1, C. E. Lewington (first of Surprise) 2, A. Diserens 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, Mrs. P. Lewington 5, F. W. Lewis 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Baker 1; J. Harrold 2, K. Perkins 3, I. Dickinson 4, A. Cozens 5. Non-conducted for harvest festival.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, H. Corney 4, J. M. Aspinall (first of Minor 'inside') 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. Rung as a 41st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Osborne.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rosemary Stratford 1, Rita Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, R. Hall 5, Michael E. Brown (cond.) 6. First in the method by all except conductor. First of Cambridge by the Sunday service band.

SELBY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: R. Parton 1, Miss M. Moody 2, A. Cox 3, C. Parker 4, J. Pinfold 5, H. J. Turner 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, F. Walters 8. First quarter 'inside' for 2 and 3. A welcome home from Hong Kong to the ringer of the tenor.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: J. M. Ellwood (cond.) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Mrs. A. Birt (first of Triples 'inside') 3, W. Judd 4, B. T. Lister 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. C. Birt 8. Rung for the dedication festival.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. P. Elphick 1, P. Brooks 2, O. Wood 3, G. P. Elphick 4, H. S. James 5, R. C. Hide 6, R. W. E. Dawe (cond.) 7, F. J. Crese 8. First quarter for 1 and 2.

QUARTER PEALS

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Gibson 1, Miss M. A. Softley 2, Miss K. Softley 3, Miss J. B. Softley 4, Miss E. Softley 5, Mrs. N. I. Lea (cond.) 6. For the ordination of the Rev. M. S. Symmonds as priest. First quarter peal by the newly-formed North-Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild.

SPARSHOLT, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (840 Plain Bob, 420 Grandstyle) by J. Phillips (first quarter) 1, J. M. N. Lakin 2, R. F. Brewer (first as cond.) 3, R. M. Currie 4, J. A. C. King 5.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandstyle Doubles: C. Jones (first quarter) 1, F. Dyson 2, F. S. Dodd 3, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 4, A. S. Gordon 5, D. Sharpe (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Sept. 27th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandstyle Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, D. N. Layton (cond.) 2, B. F. Cookson (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. Smith 4, A. L. Dunn 5, R. Lees 6, D. H. Watson 7, A. D. Fellows 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: F. B. Cookson (first quarter) 1, G. C. Cookson 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, D. N. Layton 4, A. L. Dunn 5, R. Smith (first as cond.) 6, R. Lees 7, D. H. Watson 8. For dedication festival.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandstyle Triples: K. Liggins 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, Jean A. Kirkman 3, Mary C. Payne 4, Jean A. Brooks 5, H. Humphrey 6, E. F. Payne 7, C. Sanders 8. For harvest festival.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Chedgoy 1, F. Matravers 2, Miss B. Rowsell 3, G. Sage 4, W. Pridde 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, P. Pengelly 8. For harvest festival.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Sept. 27th, a quarter peal of Grandstyle Caters: F. Penn 1, Mrs. F. Penn 2, G. H. Harding (cond.) 3, R. Amor 4, M. Hawkins (first quarter of Caters) 5, J. Lucas 6, C. Butcher 7, W. Baxter 8, C. Doel 9, S. Francis 10.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Dennis Neal.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandstyle Triples: V. Mitchell 1, W. H. Coles 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, A. R. Twinn 4, F. Corke 5, A. M. Stacey 6, H. W. Impy (cond.) 7, T. G. Bannister 8, A. farwell to the Rev. R. Bruce Edie, late Vicar, and friend of all ringers.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandstyle Triples: N. Page (first quarter) 1, F. Smith 4, A. Jarvis 3, J. Blond 4, E. Garrard 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6, J. Berry 7, E. Bucknell (first of Triples) 8. For harvest festival.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Oct. 4th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Carter's Odd Bob): Miss J. Bailey 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Langdon (cond.) 3, H. Belcher 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, J. Phillips 6, S. Dearden 7, W. Rawlings 8. For harvest festival.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Aug. 29th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. G. Leaker 1, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 2, F. C. Moxford 3, R. J. Bowden 4, W. H. Parker 5, P. L. Pearce 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, F. Hansford 8, I. H. Trueman 9, E. F. Hancock 10.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,280 Ealing Surprise Major: E. H. Durrant 1, R. Rowley 2, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 3, D. K. Adkins 4, W. Wenban 5, S. H. Hoare 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, G. W. Seaman 8. First in the method for all except 6. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandstyle Triples: G. W. Seaman (first of Triples as cond.) 1, R. G. Smith 2, E. H. Durrant 3, J. Schofield 4, R. King 5, S. H. Hoare 6, R. G. Bell 7, H. Schofield 8. For harvest festival.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, YORKS.—On Oct. 4th, at All Saints' Church, Stranton, 1,260 Grandstyle Triples: R. Webster 1, K. Lawson 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, Mrs. K. Lawson 4, W. Maughan 5, A. Watson 6, H. Short (Whitby, cond.) 7, J. Maughan 8. Rung on anniversary of this church's dedication.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jill Mackintosh (first of Minor) 1, Mary Fuller 2, R. Bird 3, Anne Holmes 4, J. Brown 5, J. Cannell (cond.) 6.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandstyle Triples: Ruth Jackson (first in method) 1, H. Cox 2, J. R. Waller 3, D. Elwick 4, J. E. Dewes 5, H. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, C. Tindale 8. Rung for the harbour-side service, the blessing of the fishing fleet.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Maurice's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Nash 1, J. M. N. Lakin 2, R. F. Brewer 3, W. Harrison 4, R. M. Currie 5, J. A. C. King (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who is captain of the tower and is shortly leaving the district, and also for Mr. P. Corfield and Miss E. Edmonds, both local ringers, who are to be married.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandstyle Triples: Miss Gayner Higgins (first quarter) 1, P. S. Whalley 2, G. D. Whalley 3, G. E. Kettle 4, W. Massey 5, R. S. Barlow 6, D. R. Whaley (cond.) 7, G. Bidulph 8. Rung on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Mr. W. A. Fitchford. Mr. Barlow was leaving for Korea during the week.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District's New Secretary

Ringers of the Ashford District met at Ashford on September 29th for their annual meeting. Ringing started at 3 p.m. at the Parish Church. Then followed a service, which was conducted by Canon H. D. S. Bowen.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, and was succeeded by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. The chairman expressed his regret at the loss to the district of Mr. T. Cullingworth, who has moved to Maidstone; he has been the popular and efficient secretary for some years. Mr. W. J. Garner was elected to the office, with Messrs. J. Cooper and S. G. Waters as district representatives. Mr. C. W. Everett was again elected as Ringing Master.

The Rev. Cyril Munt, curate at Ashford, was nominated a practising member.

After a short discussion on two notices of motion placed before the meeting, business closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to Mr. J. Crittall for presiding at the organ, and to the verger and his wife for making arrangements for the tea.

Further ringing of methods up to three Spliced Surprise Major continued until 8.30 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD

A beautiful autumn day was the setting for the Halesworth District quarterly meeting at Wissett. A company of about 25 ringers from Blythburgh, Bramfield, Halesworth, Southwold, Wingfield and Wissett spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening, during which time the bells were rung to most of the standard methods from Bob Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. L. Cornell), who is leaving early next month to take up a living in Hampshire. Tea was served in the Parish Room by local ladies, who maintained their usual high standard.

At the business meeting which followed votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, organist and to all the other 'Wissettites' for making the event a success. The next meeting, it is hoped, will be held at Halesworth the latter part of November.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK, OUTING

Ringers of St. Mary's, Preston, with their wives and friends, visited Essex for their harvest-tide outing on Saturday, September 26th. The first stop was at the Four Wants to pick up D. Symonds and family. Then on to Fyfield, where various methods were rung, followed by an excellent tea at the 'Gipsy Meade.' The second call was Moreton for more ringing. The last call was High Ongar. Methods rung at these three six-bell towers were Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Bourne and Netherseale Surprise.

On the return journey the usual 'refreshment hour' was interspersed with tunes and change ringing on the handbells, including Stedman's pocket set, tenor 2in. diameter! The party would like to express their sincere thanks to the incumbents concerned, to Mr. D. Symonds for his kind help, and especially to Mr. F. Day, M.C. S. H. S.

The wedding took place at Christ Church, Swindon, on October 3rd, of Miss Jean Holloway and Mr. Eric Sutton, of Bristol. A peal in honour of the occasion was rung at Stratton St. Margaret's on October 5th.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Radstock, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3296

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The quarterly meeting arranged for Saturday, Oct. 17th, at Woburn, is **cancelled**.—Dennis Knox. 3331

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Leamington Spa, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 3-4.15. Own arrangements for tea. Evensong 5.30. Business to follow in Urquhart Hall. Bells again 7-8.45. Visitors welcome.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec. 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 3319

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Whittlesey (St. Andrew's). Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3318

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8) on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 3182

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Roydon (6), Saturday, October 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., free to those who notify A. Livings, 34, Hantsells Mead, Roydon.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 3276

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner commemorating the name of John S. Goldsmith, Lion Hotel, Guildford, Oct. 17th at 6.30 p.m., Canon R. G. Clitherow presiding. Ringing at Holy Trinity (8) and St. Mary's (6) 3-4.30. Tour of new Cathedral 3.45. Commemorative service in Cathedral Crypt 5.15. 3327

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HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—First anniversary of dedication of bells, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to P. Newton, 51, Chapel Lane, Sands, High Wycombe. 3297

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. 3291

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—To-morrow (Saturday), Oct. 17th, dinner and dance at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant, Maidstone, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (14s. inclusive) obtainable from Mr. Mark Couchman, Green Hedges, Harrietsham. 3235

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (near Kilburn Bridge and Maida Vale) on Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 3306

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Launton (6), Oct. 17th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. 3238

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading and Newbury Branches.—Combined practice at Thatcham (8) on Saturday, Oct. 17th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please support this new venture.—J. Cooper and N. Swann, Branch Secs. 3306

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Nutfield, October 17th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Double Oxford and Little Bob. 3248

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3295

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Rev. B. A. Ramsker, The Vicarage, Snaith, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 3292

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Oct. 24th, 3 p.m. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3315

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mark, Saturday, 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Railway Farm, Cheddar. 3333

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Westonzoyleland, Oct. 24th, usual times. Names for tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 3336

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Meeting, South Cadbury, Oct. 24th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify early for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchcat. 3325

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Heanor, Oct. 24th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Also, following business meeting, a talk on the elements of conducting by Mr. D. R. Carlisle. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) for those notifying, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 21st. P. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawn, Highfield Road, Derby. 3343

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Stoke Gabriel, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 3326

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Banstead on Oct. 24th. Bells from 3. Numbers for tea, by the 21st, to H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3335

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Oct. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method, London Scholars' Pleasure.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3322

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 3345

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival and dinner at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Melton bells (10) 3.15 to 6; Asfordby (6) and Kirby Bellairs (5) from 10 a.m. Other bells by arrangement with J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby, or F. J. Williams. Dinner 6 at Harborough Hotel, Burton Street, Melton. Tickets 10s. each, number limited. Apply, with remittance, not later than Oct. 19th, to F. J. Williams, Eaton Grange Cottages, Grantham Lincs. 3300

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Barrow-on-Humber, Oct. 24th. Dedication by the Bishop of Lincoln of the augmented ring of eight bells will take place at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting and ringing to 9 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 21st, to A. E. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 3299

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Quarterly meeting, Welton (6), Oct. 24th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 3320

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Please notify for tea Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222 3302

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Boyne Hill, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 19th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3332

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Please carry own food: cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3340

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Christ Church, Eastbourne, not St. Leonards, as shown on meeting cards, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. W. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 3337

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Andover District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Newbury District).—Joint meeting, Highclere, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Armoury. Newbury (10) available 6.30 onwards. Names for tea, by Oct. 20th, Mr. G. Dodd, Andover Road, Highclere, near Newbury. 3323

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Upton-Grey (6), Oct. 24th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock in the Village Hall. Names, by Oct. 21st, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 3328

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 24th, at 5.45 p.m. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), 3 to

5.30 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) available until Tuesday, October 20th, and obtainable from Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. Lewis, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeborough, Evesham. 3259

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Jasper Snowden Commemoration Dinner, Cockayne's Restaurant, Wolstenholme Hall, Queen Street, Sheffield, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 6.15 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. each from Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8, by Oct. 21st. Bells available for general ringing: Cathedral (12) 1-3; St. Marie's R.C. (8) 3-6; Ranmoor (10) 2.30-5.30; Rotherham (10) 3.45-5.15. A warm welcome will be extended to all visitors.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. 3312

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Nailsea, Sunday, Oct. 25th, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying me by Oct. 22nd.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton, near Bristol. 3330

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at the two town towers of St. Stephen's, Newcastle, from 2.30 until 4 o'clock, and St. John's, Newcastle, from about 6 o'clock. This is instead of the meeting at St. George's, Jesmond, which is not available. 3329

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Isleworth (10), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Ringing commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, Middlesex. 3334

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich (note change) on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Joseph Thornley, Ass. Sec. 3339

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, Bexley, Saturday, Oct. 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 27th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 3338

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Fletton, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Make own tea arrangements. Stanground bells available after tea. 3321

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wollaston, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Names by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough 3324

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—316th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 14th, at Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6 p.m. Tickets 15s. each.—A. B. Peck. 3305

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