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### THE END OF THE M.C.A.

One of the great bulwarks of English ringing was the Midland Counties Association, whose final meeting is reported in this issue. For over 60 years it has played no small part in advancing the art of change ringing in the heart of the country. In future its work will be undertaken by four new Guilds—Leicester, Derby, Southwell and Burton. There is wisdom in division; guilds should never become unwieldy organisations and officers should be able to cover their territory easily. We are not suggesting in any way that Mr. Ernest Morris, during the 21 years of his secretaryship, has been guilty in any sense of neglecting meetings; indeed, his work has been most praiseworthy.

We hope that S. Truggler will note that, despite his great responsibilities, Mr. Morris has rung 778 peals for the M.C.A.! But then Mr. Morris is not an ordinary man. Canon Wilkinson gave the meeting at Leicester a pen-picture of 'Ernest's' activities. 'One saw him running up and down the Church; doling out charity at the Select Vestry; in the stokehold or in the schools; one found him in the Museum delving into ancient documents dealing with genealogy; in the reference department at the library searching out historical data; he wrote books; he gave lectures, and, despite this, found time to visit all sorts of belfries.'

The officers of the old association were not permitted to part without receiving mementoes of their stewardship and each new guild starts with a balance of £70 in the General Fund received from the funds of the parent body. The new guilds will also take with them a worthy tradition; they have already started to shape their destiny along the right lines. Rarely is there an issue of 'The Ringing World' without the new Leicester Guild being prominent either in respect to the arrangement of meetings or the ringing of peals. The other three, we believe, have equal confidence. The Exercise wishes them well and hopes that in years to come they will be able to say, 'Bell, book and candle shall not drive me back.' Nevertheless, amid all the atmosphere of 'the green new broom sweepeth clean,' time will be found to renew the happy memories of the past and hold annual reunions as suggested.

### TEN BELL PEALS

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PAEL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 2031 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Treble	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
*MISS JULIA M. PRESTON 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH... 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON* ... 3	DAVID VINCENT ... .. 8
*GEORGE H. HESKETH... 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 9
JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 5	*FREDK. S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PAEL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25½ cwt.

HAROLD A. MAY ... .. Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 8
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 9
ALBERT W. BOND ... .. 5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,  
AT THE BELL TOWER,

**A PAEL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 31¼ cwt.

HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 2	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... .. 8
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Royal.  
‡ 300th peal. First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PAEL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

*CHARLES WARD ... .. Treble	*JOHN ORME ... .. 5
THOMAS H. MATHER ... 2	*ERNEST H. HUGHES ... 6
*ALBERT BILLINGTON ... 3	*DENNIS MADDOCK ... 7
ROBERT HULSE ... .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. ALLMAN.  
\* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

**A PAEL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 5
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 6
*ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... .. 7
ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Doncaster and District Society.)

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PAEL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 30½ cwt.

EDGAR C. STACEY ... Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 5
*F. ARTHUR STAVELEY ... 2	RICHARD WILCOCKS ... 6
*RICHARD THOMPSON ... 3	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 7
†LEONARD WEBB ... .. 4	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKS JAMES. Conducted by W. CRITCHLEY.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the new bells. Rung to welcome the ringer of the 2nd from H.M. Forces.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PAEL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
*BETTY SPICE ... .. 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 6
JAMES HIGGINS ... .. 3	NEIL I. ALLNATT ... .. 7
†HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. First peal in the method on the bells.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PAEL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*WALTER ALLMAN ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM R. HAMMONS... 5
*REGINALD D. WOKRALL 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 6
*MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 3	HARRY PARKER ... .. 7
*ERIC NOBLES ... .. 4	CECIL RADDON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.  
\* First peal of Oxford.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PAEL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 2	TOM WILDE ... .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 3	PETER LAFIN ... .. 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON (C.C.C. 223). Conducted by J. WORTH.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PAEL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	LESLIE C. W. HUNTER ... 5
HENRY MULLARD ... .. Treble	ALAN E. BROWN ... .. 6
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 3	*RODNEY COOPER ... .. Tenor
*ERIC T. LEE ... .. 4	

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.  
\* First peal.

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PAEL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

*TREVOR DEW ... .. Treble	FRANK A. PENN ... .. 5
NORMAN G. N. KNEE ... 2	FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 6
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 3	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING 7
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 4	REGINALD H. NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.  
\* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PAEL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 24 cwt.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 5
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 6
W. ARCHIE LOCK ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 7
EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

STAVERTON, DAVENTRY.—On September 1st, 720 Bob Minor: Miss P. Jackson 1, Sidney Osborne (first 720) 2, Mrs. F. S. Powell 3, Kilby R. Holtom (first 720) 4, Rev. E. S. Powe! (conductor) 5, Miss M. Clarke 6.  
IVINGHOE, BUCKS.—On September 7th, 720 Bob Minor: Miss K. Putnam (first 720) 1, F. J. Reeve 2, R. W. Metcalfe 3, F. C. Reeve 4, Capt. W. H. J. Hooton 5, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 6.



**BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.**  
**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon., Sept. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 12½ cwt.

ANTHONY WRIGHTSON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN A. BROWN ... .. 5
*KENNETH PICKERING ... 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 6
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... .. 7
ROBERT BELL ... .. 4	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by A. BRUNTON.  
 \* First peal (aged 15).

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Sept. 24, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*  
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation. Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 5
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
 Rung with half-muffled bells as a token of respect to Mr. H. Harris, an old and valued member of the Cathedral band.

**HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Sept. 25, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. <i>Treble</i>	NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH ... 5
JOHN W. CARTER ... .. 2	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 6
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 7
*GEORGE R. BUTLER ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.  
 \* First peal of Major.

**SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING ... <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 5
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 2	NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH ... 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 7
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

**LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

*ALFRED W. TOWNSEND <i>Treble</i>	†ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	GEORGE R. BUTLER ... .. 6
NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH... 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 7
ARTHUR ROLFE ... .. 4	†JOHN G. AMES ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.  
 \* First peal of Major. † 100th peal together.

**EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.  
 First peal on the eight bells since being augmented.

**EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.**

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Parker's Twelve-part.

*HAROLD A. ROLES ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. C. SMITH ... .. 5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... .. 6
JAMES E. FIGGURES ..... 3	LEONARD HARRIS ... .. 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 4	LESLIE A. PAGE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\* First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung for the 34th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the seventh.

**WEDMORE, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt.

*KENNETH J. JONES ... <i>Treble</i>	DENNIS H. LANGDON ... 5
†PERCY HULL ... .. 2	HENRY J. SANGER ... .. 6
JOHN E. METCALFE ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
*DAVID TARGETT ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. T. DYKE. Conducted by R. G. BECK.  
 \* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.

**FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

LESTER L. GRAY ... .. <i>Treble</i>	†ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 5
*MISS MARGARET L. TUTT 2	†GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 6
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (151). Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.  
 \* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Superlative.

**LEYTON.**

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH**

**SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

\*SQUIRE CROFT ... .. *Treble*

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... 2	ERNEST E. FURBANK ... 5
ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 3	RICHARD T. NEWMAN ... 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	*HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 7
	EDWARD D. SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOS. W. TAFFENDER.  
 \* First peal of Surprise.

**WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDK. W. BURNETT ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 5
*ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY 2	RAYMOND WOOD ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	JOHN HUNT ... .. 7
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN... 4	HENRY STALHAM ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.  
 \* First peal of Major with an 'inside bell.'

**CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE DAVIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS... 2	*LESLIE EVANS ... .. 6
*JOHN D. ROCK ... .. 3	HARRY JENKINS ... .. 7
*E. PETER ROCK ... .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.  
 \* First peal of Major.



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### SIX BELL PEALS

MUNDFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt in B.

WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 4
WALLACE COUSINS ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 5
FRED WIGMORE ... 3	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 22 cwt.

JACK MUSSEL ... Treble	LEONARD HARRIS ... 4
*LESLIE A. PAGE ... 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 5
LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 3	FRANK L. HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Rev. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 16 cwt. approx.

ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ... Treble	† STANLEY MURPHY ... 4
*ERIC SMITH ... 2	† CLAUDE GIMBERT ... 5
† WILFRED E. YOUNG ... 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 77th birthday of Mr. A. J. Abrams.

ALLENMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Consisting of five six-scores of Plain Bob and 37 of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*LESLIE H. COLCOMBE ... Treble	A. JAMES YOUNG ... 4
*LESLIE D. YOUNG ... 2	PERCY H. YOUNG ... 5
TRACEY H. YOUNG ... 3	*VICTOR G. YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.

\* First peal. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. J. D. George-Harris, for many years a member of the local band.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt in A.

LEONARD WALSH ... Treble	CHAS. W. BLAKEY ... 4
J. BRIAN SMITH ... 2	CHRIS. M. JOHNSON ... 5
KENNETH HINDLE ... 3	ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Conducted by R. LEIGH.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Mon., Sept. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS ABBOT ... Treble	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 4
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	ARTHUR MORRIS ... 5
JOHN A. BRAGG ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

NORTON, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

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

Being 720 each of Biddulph, London, York, Wells, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK TRINER ... Treble	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 4
SAMUEL B. BAILEY ... 2	ALBAN JACK ... 5
CHARLES S. RYLES ... 3	JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

TREETON, NEAR ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Wed., Sept. 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*JACK G. BROTHWELL ... Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 4
*MILDRED TURLEY ... 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 5
†GORDON BRIGGS ... 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Minor in more than one method. † First tower-bell peal. Rung with bells half-muffled to the memory of Reginald Payne, a ringer in this district, who lost his life in an R.A.F. crash six years ago this day, and to all those from Treeton who gave their lives during the war.

TRULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN HOTCHIN ... Treble	REGINALD PERRY ... 4
*ROBERT W. SHIRE ... 2	HARRY CHURCHILL ... 5
LEONARD VICKERY ... 3	JAMES COLE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. CHURCHILL.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the Rev. M. L. Winterton, Vicar of Trull for 27 years, who retired on September 30th.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*KENNETH BROWN ... Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL ... 4
DONALD L. WALTON ... 2	HARRY KIRBY ... 5
G. STANLEY BREWIN ... 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

BASSINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sun., Sept. 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being seven extents in 14 Plain methods: (1) Oxford Bob and Single Court; (2) Double and Reverse Bob; (3) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; (4) Double Oxford and London Bob; (5) Thelwall and Lytham Bob; (6) St. Clement's and College; (7) Childwall and Wavertree. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CYRIL WARD ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
*KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3	*JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

\* First peal in 14 methods. One hundred and seventy changes of method.

### HANDBELL PEALS

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT SWAN STREET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

RONALD SUCKLING ... 1-2	THOMAS BIRD ... 5-6
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8

Arranged by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

CLEATHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Mon., Sept. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

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

Being seven extents in 14 Plain methods: (1) Oxford Bob and Single Court; (2) Double and Reverse Bob; (3) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; (4) Double Oxford and London Bob; (5) Thelwall and Lytham Bob; (6) St. Clement's and College; (7) Childwall and Wavertree.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 3-4
JACK BRAY ... 5-6	

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

One hundred and seventy changes of method.



**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, L. P. Cook 2, Miss E. Landon 3, H. A. Nobes 4, S. E. Cook 5, E. A. Jurd 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, F. Barron 8.

**BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.**—On September 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Impey (conductor) 1, F. Selwyn, sen. 2, W. Watson 3, R. Grainge 4, T. Impey 5, J. Simons 6, R. Grainge 7, R. H. Cave 8.

**BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On September 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Carse 1, Miss K. Stoddart 2, J. Carse 3, A. Wallace 4, R. Mallaburn (conductor) 5, R. Barrow 6. Rung for the marriage of Mr. J. Clifton, a member of the Benwell band.

**BRENCHLEY, KENT.**—On September 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. E. Lambert 1, A. W. Durham 2, T. E. Sone (conductor) 3, F. Bromley 4, R. T. Lambert 5, A. Bromley 6, E. Bromley 7, J. Hammond 8.

**BUCKNALL, STAFFS.**—On September 15th, 1,440 Bucknall Delight: Mrs. C. Bowen 1, F. W. Groot 2, R. O. Preston 3, C. Bowen 4, W. Fradley 5, F. Groot, jun. (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the mother of Mr. C. Bowen on her 80th birthday.

**CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.**—On September 12th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss F. M. Price 1, W. Wain 2, Mrs. M. Hatton 3, W. Knowles 4, W. Swain (conductor) 5, J. W. Price 6. Rung muffled for the funeral of Brig.-Gen. G. K. Jackson.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.**—On September 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan S. Sansom (first quarter) 1, J. B. Sansom 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, D. J. Hayward (first quarter) 4, J. E. Chilcott (conductor) 5, P. J. Woodgyer 6.

**CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On September 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Lilley (first quarter) 1, H. E. Lilley 2, A. C. Langford (first quarter) 3, G. Woods 4, G. Apps 5, R. Overy (conductor) 6, J. Jeffery 7, E. Quickenden 8.

**EALING, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's on September 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Fogden 1, P. E. Clark 2, J. E. Churchill 3, J. Kent 4, C. J. Tricker 5, A. M. Stacey (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, F. Miller 8.

**FITZHEAD, DEVON.**—On September 11th, 1,440 Bob Minor: H. Comins (first quarter) 1, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 2, C. Farr 3, H. G. Sparkes (first quarter) 4, S. N. Bristow 5, H. Purchase 6.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On September 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Retter 1, Miss E. Lomas (first quarter of Triples) 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, G. E. Retter (conductor) 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, A. J. C. Holway 7, A. Colley 8. First quarter of Triples as a local band.

## QUARTER PEALS

**MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.**—On September 15th, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. H. Tyler (first quarter in method) 1, F. Price 2, Miss Dorothy T. Richardson (first quarter in method) 3, W. Deane 4, W. J. Chester 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. Tyler (conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8. Rung on the occasion of R. Tyler's 15th birthday.

**MERIDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On September 18th for the induction of the Rev. A. E. Standing to the living 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. A. Smith (first quarter, aged 13 years) 1, L. M. Callow 2, H. Folwell 3, W. A. Stote (conductor) 4, L. R. Callow 5.

**POPLAR, LONDON.**—On September 15th at All Saints' Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Croft 1, T. H. Tafender (conductor) 2, W. J. Ellis 3, E. J. Lindley 4, R. H. Begrie 5, H. G. Andrews 6, C. W. Otley 7, J. Bullock 8.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On September 15th at the Cathedral, 1,280 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Harris 1, M. Lawrence (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, J. S. Walton 3, S. E. Cook 4, H. A. Nobes 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

**ROTHWELL, LEEDS.**—On September 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Steele 1, Mrs. M. Dolphin (first quarter) 2, W. Ward 3, G. Copley 4, T. W. Strangeways 5, A. Cole 6, P. Massam 7, H. Homer 8.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—At St. Thomas' on September 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, J. E. Figgures 2, L. A. Page 3, E. J. Maidment 4, W. A. Theobald 5, F. L. Harris (conductor) 6, L. Harris 7, E. J. Doel 8.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On September 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. A. Ewins (first quarter) 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, E. E. Goshing 3, W. E. Judd 4, B. T. Lister (first quarter 'inside') 5, W. Birmingham (conductor) 6, E. L. A. Hudson 7, E. H. Preston 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Kirk on the occasion of her marriage.

**SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.**—On September 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, T. Warner 3, J. N. Jukes (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, H. Shepherd 5, H. Bragg 6, E. C. Shepherd 7, V. W. Rigg 8.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On September 15th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Knight (first quarter in the method) 1, H. V. Frost 2, C. F. Sayer 3, A. Dale 4, F. J. Spicer 5, R. W. Darvill 6, G. W. Dobenham (conductor) 7, W. Ayre 8.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—On September 15th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. C. Cookson 1, R. Smith (first quarter) 2, Miss F. L. Wright 3, J. W. Smith (conductor) 4, D. W. Turner 5, F. W. Gibbs 6, F. V. Nicholls 7, R. Lees 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

Roger Fry, who conducted his first peal at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath,  
is 16 years of age.

Mr. F. Bennett has now 'completed the circle' at Westbourne,  
Sussex, and Mr. L. Evans at Lyonshall, Herefordshire.

In closing the Midland Counties Association activities it is noted  
that Mr. Ernest Morris, for 21 years its secretary, rang for his  
association 778 peals. Is this a record for one society?

A non-ringing conductor is rarely experienced. Mr. J. E. Wheeldon  
conducted six of his pupils at Norton, Stoke-on-Trent, in a peal of  
Surprise Minor.

We had 50 orders in last week for November 1st, when 'The  
Ringing World' will be available for all who desire it. We feel we  
can do better this week.

Rescued from salvage! A few copies of 'A Great Adventure,' the  
story of the bellringing tour in Australia told by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith,  
the founder of 'The Ringing World.' Apply Editor, price 3s. 6d.  
post free.

In answer to a query by Mr. W. B. Cartwright re conducting of  
London Surprise Major, which appeared in this column, Mr. Wilfrid  
Williams, of Cheltenham, says he has called a different composition  
from every bell, including all possible numbers from 5,024 to 5,184.

Runcorn ringers have started again. The peal on September  
18th was the first by a local band since 1899! There were five first  
peals of Bob Major. Congratulations. Please don't wait another 47  
years.

Touring round the countryside we have been struck by the number  
of ringing cartoons displayed in belfries. 'The Ringing World'  
makes its first contribution this week—the work of 'P.H.' If readers  
find cartoons entertaining we are prepared to introduce an occasional  
'strip' on ringing topics. Let your editor know your views.

Charles L. Sadler, the ringer of the treble to the peal of Major at  
Clifford, Herefordshire, on September 28th, rang the sixth there to  
the first peal on the bells, Grandsire Triples, in 1897.

Rivalry existed as to the honour of ringing the first peal on the  
bells at Mundford, Norfolk. Writes Mr. Nolan Golden: 'Much regret  
that when reporting "first peal on the bells" had no idea certain  
irresponsible tower grabbers had beaten us to it on the previous  
Saturday! The first peal is in this week's issue.

St. David's Guild have a shrewd treasurer in Mr. E. J. Thomas.  
He reminds us that the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund at  
the Tenby meeting was £1 10s. and not £1 1s. as published. 'The  
Ringing World' can now be produced to satisfy the Guild auditor.

Four holiday peals are recorded this week. They were arranged for  
Miss L. Hibbert and Mr. P. A. Corby by Messrs. Harold Poole, Nolan  
Golden and Rupert Richardson. The only failure was Yorkshire  
Major at Hazelbeech, Northants, after 2½ hours on September 15th,  
due to the breaking of the treble rope by one of the tougher members  
of the Ladies' Guild! At Holbeach, the peal was something of an  
adventure, 84ft. of rope with a dearth of guides, but a good peal  
was rung without incident. It was the first on the bells since they  
were rehung in 1936. Regret was expressed that Mr. Rupert Richardson  
was unable to stand in because of illness.



## 'RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW'

### Midland Counties Association Final Meeting

The concluding minute recording a meeting held at Nottingham on February 9th last reads: 'The secretary is empowered to call a final meeting—which would be at Leicester—as soon as all outstanding matters have been cleared, the report printed, and all payments made. At this meeting representatives of the four newly-formed Guilds would each receive their share of all remaining finances, and the four general officers a memento of the association to mark the members' appreciation of their work.'

This was duly carried out on September 28th, when over 100 members and friends met at St. Margaret's, Leicester. After ringing for two hours on the ring of twelve and the 'Margaret' eight, a tea was served at the schools despite the difficulties of catering and accommodation. This was made possible by the good services of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, Mr. Ernest Morris and lady helpers.

Following tea the President (Canon R. F. Wilkinson) said that the gathering was unique and unusual, being rather like the ancient custom sometimes carried out in Yorkshire called a 'Funeral Feast,' when those present not only remembered the departed, but also did themselves very well. Thus they had had their feast and now had come to the parting of the ways. It was perhaps with some regrets that they had departed from the old M.C.A., and started life anew as four separate guilds, but he felt sure they had done the right thing, as even the unbounded energy of their secretary had sometimes been overwhelmed by the vast area covered by the old association. The new Guilds had started well and were going strong. This was a good omen for the future welfare of the art.

Canon Wilkinson paid tribute to the memory of the pioneers who over 60 years ago had first started the M.C.A. and had worked so hard for its foundation and gone forth until at last it had become one of the foremost associations in the country. He was delighted to see present with them some of the older stalwarts in the persons of Messrs. W. White, of Cotgrave, A. H. Ward and J. Pagett, of Derby, and J. Morris, of Leicester. He paid high tribute to the general officers—Mr. Colin Harrison, an ideal vice-president, with his great knowledge of bells and all concerned with them, in his connection with the most famous bell foundry of J. Taylor and Co.; the treasurer, Miss I. B. Thompson, one who was most conscientious and diligent; the secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris, well, there was only one 'Ernest,' earnest in everything he laid his hand to. It was a source of wonderment how he got through the many activities he took part in; his energy was boundless. Thus was the M.C.A. fortunate in such officers.

Now it was his duty to present each of the new Guilds with cheques dividing equally the funds. The respective treasurers each received £70 (general) and £6 15s. 5d. (Bell Repair Fund) on behalf of their respective associations. They were: Derby, Mr. W. Sheen; Leicester, Mr. A. E. Rowley; Southwell, Miss I. B. Thompson; Burton, Mr. J. W. Cotton.

This completed the actual work of the association, but before the final parting Mr. H. J. Poole said it was agreed to give each of the

retiring officers a memento showing the members' appreciation of their work. After suggesting that each of the four new Guilds could and should have combined meetings to commemorate the old association and keep alive its long and honoured history, it was with pleasure that he handed to the president a gong, specially made by J. Taylor and Co. and suitably inscribed. In accepting this, Canon Wilkinson said it would always be a reminder of the happy times he had had.

Mr. J. Pagett (Derby) then presented the vice-president, Mr. Colin Harrison, with a barometer which he trusted would ever be 'set fair' for him. Mr. Harrison, replying, said he would always remember the old M.C.A. and its members every time he looked at this splendid gift which would grace his new home.

Mr. Walter White (Notts) then presented Miss I. B. Thompson, treasurer, with a gong similar to that of the president's, and spoke of her splendid work. Miss Thompson, in accepting it, said she could not let this opportunity pass without mentioning how much she had been indebted to Mr. Ernest Morris by his unstinted help.

Mr. J. W. Cotton (Burton) then presented the secretary with a peal record book inscribed 'in recognition of his 21 years' service as general hon. secretary.' He said Mr. Morris had been a member for 40 years and no had rung so many peals for the M.C.A., and it was, therefore, very fitting to thus remember his work.

Mr. Morris, in reply, said nothing could have pleased him better, and as he rewrote all his 900 odd peals anew in these record books he would recal the scenes and peals, but particularly the many friendships he had made and the happy times they had spent over the long period of 40 years. He joined the M.C.A. in 1906, in 1908 was local secretary and since then had served in various capacities on the committee and for the last 21 years had been general secretary. He had—not like the secretary recently referred to in these columns—never missed attending meetings when and wherever possible, and although he had rung so many peals, these had never interfered with business! He had always worked for the benefit of the association and its members and for the art generally, and he was proud of the status they had reached.

The association handbells, which were originally left by Sir A. P. Heywood, were formally handed over to Derby by the consent of all members. They were presented by Mr. C. Turner, of Burbage, 'with regret' in a witty speech, for upon these bells he had learned to ring, and they had been well used in his district. Mr. W. Lancaster, in receiving them, said they would be used to advantage by his society and he thanked the M.C.A. for the gift.

The President, in closing the meeting, said that this gathering reminded him of Tennyson's words, 'Ring out the old—ring in the new,' and so, in wishing farewell to the old M.C.A., he wished prosperity to the new Guilds.

As a fitting conclusion, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Canon Wilkinson (president, M.C.A.) 1-2, Colin Harrison (vice-president, M.C.A.) 3-4, Harold J. Poole (president, Leicester D.G.) 5-6, Ernest Morris (vice-president, L.D.G.) 7-8. The bells of All Saints' (6) and St. John's (10) were available and made good use of until a late hour.

E.M.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### PROGRESS REPORTED AT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the association was held in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on September 28th. The event was favoured with beautiful weather and a representative gathering of members assembled. Opportunities for ringing were available at St. John's and at St. James' and St. Basil's, Fenham, prior to a most enjoyable service. For the first time since 1938 it was possible to arrange a dinner, which was served at the County Hall, followed by the business meeting.

The President (Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland), in opening the proceedings, welcomed the large gathering of members and urged them to pull their weight for the good of the organisation so that the association would remain in a state which made for continued success. Mr. Patterson expressed the meeting's sympathy with Mr. G. W. Park and his two sons (the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer) in their recent loss.

In his annual report the hon. secretary (Mr. R. Park) referred to the great loss the association and indeed the whole Exercise had suffered in the death of Mr. J. W. Parker, and drew attention to some of his achievements in the field of composition. His death leaves a great gap in the ranks of the association which it seems impossible to fill, as men of Mr. Parker's talents are very rare. The peal report showed an increase of about 60 per cent. in number over the peals rung in the previous year, and although the number rung was not large judged by some standards, the progress made, especially by some of the younger people, was very pleasing.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. W. N. Park) presented the financial statement, which, although showing a reduction of about £3 in the balance in hand, was considered satisfactory.

Two notices of motion proposing alterations to rules came before the meeting. The first proposed that the annual meeting, which is held in Durham every second year, should be held in some other place in the diocese which offered better ringing facilities. The second was

that railway fares to the Central Council meeting should be paid for three representatives instead of two as at present. Both motions were defeated by large majorities and the rules remain unaltered.

The hon. secretary drew the attention of the committee to the fact that the annual meeting to be held next year would mark the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the association. It was decided that this should be made a special occasion, provided facilities could be obtained. An interim meeting is to be held in Darlington in May.

The following officers and committees will function during the ensuing year: President, Mr. R. L. Patterson; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Park; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. N. Park; hon. auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird; hon. editorial secretary, Messrs. W. N. and R. Park (jointly); Peal Referees Committee, Messrs. K. Arthur, W. H. Barber, W. J. Davidson and J. E. R. Keen; Central Council representatives, Messrs. W. H. Barber, W. J. Davidson and R. Park; elected members of sub-committee, Mr. J. Anderson, Miss M. Fiddell, Messrs. G. W. Park and G. A. Pickering.

Entertainment was provided by Mr. Paxton Lynn, of Darlington, and C. Hetherington and E. Wallace, whose tune ringing on handbells was appreciated.

### BROADCASTING—A BRIEF 'INTERIM REPORT'

Sir,—On five occasions I have had the opportunity of listening to recent broadcasts of bells before a Sunday service. In four instances duration was about 90 seconds: rounds from Stalbridge, Dorset, and—on bells of very quaint melodic intervals—from Stoke Climsland, Cornwall: Triples, which needed only ten seconds or so to complete the touch, from Bournemouth, and Caters from Watford, felicitously timed to come into rounds just before being switched off. Dartmouth bells were heard for about a minute, nearly all the time in a set change. In each case the ringing was transmitted without interruption. Except for one little hitch, the striking was distinctly good.

F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS.



## This Week's Post Bag

### GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL PEAL

Dear Sir,—The recent peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Gloucester Cathedral, duly recorded in 'The Ringing World' Sept. 20th, is of more than passing interest as being the first peal rung there for 45 years.

The bells, a very fine Rudhall eight, hang in a magnificent tower, a visible landmark for miles around. Permission was first granted and the peal attempted on Saturday, July 27th, and was unsuccessful after 2½ hours' ringing, due to the bad 'go' of the tenor bell. Permission was again granted for another attempt on Saturday, September 7th, and a good peal was rung in 3 hours and 40 minutes.

Ringing conditions here are not too good. The eight bell-ropes hang in one quarter square of the large ringing chamber, in which are also housed the clock and the large hour bell, weighing approximately 3½ to 4 tons, and one can imagine with the eight bells ringing and the large bell striking the hours the noise in the ringing chamber is almost deafening.

The peal band consisted of five from Birmingham, two from Cheltenham and one from Bristol, and the peal commenced after 4 p.m. evensong at 4.48 p.m., coming round at 8.28 p.m., which left seven minutes for the Birmingham men to catch the last train from Gloucester at 8.35 p.m. Although a hurried descent from the tower was made and a taxi waiting, it was found at the station the train (which is usually late) had left and the next train to Birmingham 2.25 a.m., so there was nothing to do but wait. A pleasant time was spent with the locals (in a local!), and the Birmingham contingent arrived home at 4.30 a.m., and we are glad to report all turned up for Sunday morning service ringing. A. WALKER.

### THE CHURCH AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—Apropos recent correspondence, are there not ringers who ring for pleasure and nothing else? They think the church exists for them, instead of they for the church. There are others who look upon all associations as a sort of 'trade union' or controlling authority over all bells and matters relating thereto. Bells are furnishings of the church and this is what is laid down in the Parochial Church Councils' Powers Measure, 1921, Section 4. From the commencement of this measure there shall be transferred to the Council of every parish all the powers relative to the care, maintenance, preservation and insurance of the fabric and the goods and ornaments thereof. That doesn't say the guilds and associations are the controlling authorities over the bells! Without the Church, neither associations nor the art of bellringing could exist beyond a mere shadow.

In writing of the Church, we must remember primarily what it stands for, as Mr. Dark says. It may be as well to quote the words of my own Bishop some time ago at a bell dedication: 'Churches are not museums where archaeologists, campanologists and the like can go and amuse themselves. No! They stand for something more than that.' In the parish where I live the Vicar holds to this view and is not above giving a frequent reminder to all and sundry. To me personally he has spoken of associations as 'being all right from a social standpoint, but there being too much of the trade union idea behind many of them.'

'FAIR SEX.'

Northampton.

### CONDUCTOR BLINDFOLDED

Sir,—Your correspondent's references to blind ringers reminds me of the record made by a conductor who allowed himself to be blindfolded and successfully steered his team through a peal. (I regret that I cannot trace the report to its source.)

I consider that the particulars are deserving of a reprint, if only to remind many ringers that 'listening' is more indispensable to good ringing than 'ropesight.'

HENRY MARTIN.

Dawlish, Devon.

### AN ESSEX RECORD

Dear Sir,—Much has been published in 'The Ringing World' of late with regard to length of service in one tower. The following is the record of two brothers as recorded in the tower of St. Andrew's, Boreham, Essex:—

The record of Joseph Young. Born 1820, died 1906, who rung these bells for 67 years. Conducted the ringers for over 50 years. Rang for the Coronation, the marriage, the Golden and Diamond Jubilees of Her Majesty Queen Victoria and the muffled peal at her burial. He rang the old year out 66 times and the new year in 66 times.

In memory of James Young, 37 years parish clerk, 60 years bell-ringer of this church. Called to his eternal rest September 31st, 1909, aged 87. Respected and beloved. 'The servant of God.'

A peal board in the tower records the first peal on the bells, rung in 1903, in five Minor methods. James Young took part in this peal, ringing the 2nd, being then 81 years of age. This was his first and only peal. The peal was conducted by the late Arthur Edwards.—Yours faithfully, A. H. EVERETT.

## IN OUR BELFRY



THREE-FOUR!..... NO, NINE-TEN!!

### A NORTHANTS AUGMENTATION

The dedication of two treble bells at Lower Heyford, Northants, marked another chapter in the history of the church. One was to the memory of the late Rev. I. Longdon, Rector for nearly 50 years, the other a victory bell subscribed for by parishioners and friends. Previously there were four bells.

The dedication ceremony was by the Rev. Robertson, Rural Dean of Weedon, assisted by the Rev. Mortimer, the Rev. White (both of Heyford), the Rev. Bender (Kislingbury), the Rev. E. S. Powell (Ringing Master and Rector of Staverton) and the Rev. Turner (Far Cotton, Northampton). An impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. Turner.

Tea was afterwards served in the Church Room by lady helpers, 65 being present. After tea ringing of popular methods was enjoyed by a wide circle of friends. All agreed that the two trebles, provided by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, have much improved the ring.

### DEVONSHIRE GUILD. BRANCH MONTHLY PRACTICE.

Broadhembury, which once had as Vicar Augustus Toplady, author of 'Rock of Ages,' was the meeting place on September 21st of the East Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. The attendance totalled about 30. The 15th century church is the chief feature of a charming village and has a fine tower, but, despite great iron bands and ties, it oscillates amazingly when the ring of six bells (tenor 19 cwt.) is being used. And the bells are hung in reverse of the usual order. However, some good Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor were rung. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. C. Duxbury), who welcomed the visitors and discoursed on the uses of bells. Mr. Charlesworth played the organ for hearty singing. Tea was taken at the Drewe Arms (part of which was formerly a 15th century priest house). Business, with Prebendary E. V. Cox (Guild president) in the chair and Mr. J. Arbury as hon. secretary, was brief. Sidbury and January 18th were chosen for the next branch meeting. The Rev. G. Ayre (Sidbury) was elected an hon. member, and on the suggestion of Mr. G. C. Woodley, monthly practices were approved with a start at Feniton on October 26th. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund yielded £1 6s. 3d.



## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT DINNER

### Plans for Advanced Ringing

The ninth annual dinner of the Worcestershire Association was held at the Saracens Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on October 5th, when some 80 people (limited to this number only because of accommodation and catering difficulties) enjoyed a well-varied evening's entertainment. In the afternoon the bells of All Saints' (10), St. John's (8) and St. Swithun's (6) had been placed at the disposal of ringers.

In the absence of the Dean of Worcester (president) through the pressure of other engagements, the chair was taken by the Master, Mr. S. T. Holt. Supporting him were Mrs. Holt, Mr. J. D. Johnson (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president), and Mrs. Newman, Mr. J. Hemming (committee), Mr. W. H. Johnson (treasurer) and the Vicar of Badsey (the Rev. J. G. Jeffreys). Visitors present were the Rev. A. C. F. Davies (Precentor of Blackburn Cathedral), Mr. J. F. Harvey (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smallwood (Ealing), Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas (Enfield), Mr. W. H. Barber (Newcastle), Mr. and Mrs. Colclough (Dudley) and Miss D. Richardson (W.R.N.S.). Among others were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, Messrs. C. Skidmore, D. R. Morris, B. C. Ashford, G. J. Hemming, E. F. Barber, E. C. Barber, T. W. Chapman, C. J. Camm, E. F. Cumberley, W. Ranford, G. Ambler, R. Woodyatt, G. E. Large, G. J. Lewis, etc.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. W. B. Cartwright proposed 'The Church and State.' He said he would like to see the State come more into line with the Church, and the country become more Christian. For the future he hoped to see more ringers among those attracted to the Ministry.

The Rev. J. G. Jeffreys (Vicar of Badsey), responding, said he was neither a ringer nor a Worcestershire born man; in fact he had no right to be there at all. When he was asked to respond to the toast he thought it meant 'The State of the Church' (laughter). 'I would remind you,' he said, 'that the Church consists of ringers as well as other people. Be good members of the Church and not merely good ringers.' He ended by saying, 'Go to it—good ringing—good luck.'

Mr. J. F. Harvey, proposing the toast of 'The Worcestershire Association,' said it had made for itself a high position in the Exercise. Such great associations were necessary for our art, linked together as they were by the Central Council, and were the foundations for enduring friendships. He mentioned that the association's membership, which in 1885 was 79, in 1931 was 600 and during the dark days of the war increased still further. His own Yorkshire was a very much larger place than Worcestershire, but he did not think they led in any way except, of course, in membership. It was interesting, he said, to observe that Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Worcester born and trained, was now hon. general secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

### A SURPRISE BAND.

Mr. Skidmore, in response, said about a year ago a band met at Dodderhill for a peal of Cambridge, which included some whose chance of ringing Surprise was very limited. Later it was decided, with the addition of two or three other enthusiasts, to form a band for Surprise ringing with the idea of getting experience and of passing to others the good work. It was a long term policy, but during the past year, often at some inconvenience, this band had rung peals in many Surprise methods, including Bristol and London. It was now felt that with the experience gained they could widen the circle by including other young ringers who desired advanced ringing. It would mean an upgrading in the standard of ringing and in Sunday service ringing. This long term policy would ultimately bear fruit and he urged the younger members to take advantage of the scheme.

'Kindred Associations' was proposed by Mr. D. R. Morris, who said he could not help being amused at the thought of the old Cathedral band, who Sunday after Sunday sweated, pulling weighty bell-metal about, and then of a certain gentleman from London who, when the bells had been recast and rehung, told the Dean he could bring a band of experts from London to the Cathedral for a peal. Another gentleman offered to bring a band of experts from Birmingham—a shorter distance. It was, however, for a much worthier object that the latter gentleman had been on several occasions with a band to the Cathedral for Sunday service ringing.

Continuing, Mr. Morris said in spite of so many different types in the Exercise, a friendship and unity existed which was not found in other spheres.

The Rev. A. C. F. Davies, in reply, brought greetings from the Lancashire Association, and it was an anniversary which he hoped to keep year by year. He congratulated the Master on taking part in the record peal of Stedman Ginqes at Oxford recently (applause). The ringing world, he continued, was a friendly place; a year ago when he went to Blackburn Cathedral from Worcester, one of the first persons he met was the head ringer.

Referring to the recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' concerning associations, he said there were two types—that of locality (Worcestershire Association was one) and of like interest (e.g., Universities, Ladies, Police and Clerical). They could not stop people from forming guilds—it was a free country—but he thought representation on the Central Council should be one of association of locality.

In an informal speech, Mr. J. D. Johnson (hon. secretary) mentioned the fact that 'Bill' Johnson, who was with them that night, had completed 40 years as treasurer—a remarkable length of service (applause). He also instanced the fact that during the life of the association there had been, except for the first two or three years, only three hon. general secretaries, and of these the first, John Smith, had served 20 years, and James R. Newman 30 years. He himself had done 10 years (applause).

Interspersed between the toasts were songs by Mr. G. J. Hemming, with Miss D. J. Johnson accompanist. Mr. 'Ted' Hall, of Badsey, proved a lively and humorous entertainer and had the support of his Vicar at the piano. A course of Stedman Caters was rung by Mrs. J. Thomas 1-2, J. D. Johnson 3-4, J. P. Smallwood 5-6, W. H. Barber 7-8, J. Thomas 9-10; also three leads of Kent Royal by Mrs. J. Thomas 1-2, J. D. Johnson 3-4, J. Thomas 5-6, Miss D. Richardson 7-8, W. H. Barber 9-10. The evening closed with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem. G.E.L.

## OBITUARY

### MR. W. E. TURNEY.

The death took place at Woburn on the 2nd inst. of Mr. W. E. Turney, at the age of 79, after a short illness. Mr. Turney had the distinction, up to the time of his death, of being the last surviving foundation member of the Bedfordshire Association, which was formed in 1882.

He learned to ring at the age of 10 under the tutelage of the late Charles Herbert, and had thus been a ringer for 69 years. He rang the treble to the first 720 of Bob Minor by the association, and the tenor to a peal of Bob Major (his only peal), and the only peal rung by an all Woburn company on tower bells. He was a regular Sunday service ringer and a first-class striker.

The funeral was attended by his former colleagues, Messrs. Avis, Matthews, Harris and E. Herbert, the last two named, as vice-presidents, representing the Bedfordshire Association. H.D.H.

### MR. W. FLETCHER.

The death took place on September 30th of Mr. William Fletcher, aged 80 years. A keen churchman, he rendered service to the church as a choirman and bellringer, becoming a chorister at St. Andrew's, Chinnor, 72 years ago, at the age of eight, and was elected a member of the belfry 66 years ago when 14 years old.

He came to Beaconsfield to live in 1920, where he continued these activities until failing health compelled him to resign about three years ago. He rang few peals, 13 in all, but it was a great joy to him to ring the tenor to a good touch of Stedman Triples, his favourite method. His last peal was one in this method rung at Havant, Hants, in 1929. The last occasion on which he rang was for the capitulation of Italy in September, 1943.

Before the funeral, which took place on October 3rd, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled. The singing at the service was led by the organist and members of the choir, and was conducted by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Rector of Beaconsfield and chairman of the local branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The bells were rung continuously during the journey to the cemetery and while the interment took place. The following ringers took part in the ringing before and after the service: R. Buckland, S. Hatfield, J. Harrison, A. Routh, H. Wingrove, W. Henley, W. Edwards, W. Lee, G. Martin and J. W. Wilkins. The latter rang in Mr. Fletcher's last peal, and at the age of 84 is one of the oldest practising members of the Guild.

### MR. S. BRADDICK.

The ringers of Gillingham, Dorset, have sustained a serious loss by the death of Mr. Samuel Braddick, who passed suddenly away on his return from church on September 22nd. Mr. Braddick came of a family of Devonshire ringers, and during the last quarter of a century had carried on business in Gillingham as an agricultural engineer. In recent years he had done much to improve the condition of the bells and belfry at St. Mary's Church and had taken an active part in training young ringers. He was also an inspector of belfries for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Braddick was a Past Master of the King's Court Lodge of Freemasons, a large number of whom attended his funeral at Gillingham Church. The service was conducted by the Vicar and the lesson read by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, chaplain of King's Court Lodge and general secretary of the Diocesan Guild. Muffled touches were rung on the bells by his fellow ringers in the evening.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.—On September 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Lee, jun. (aged 12) 1, H. J. Peskett 2, J. B. Daughtry 3, E. Homer 4, P. R. Blackman (conductor) 5, R. W. Freeman 6. First quarter for ringers of treble and tenor.

WILLENHALL STAFFS.—On September 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Evans 1, H. Smith 2, J. Pastwood 3, J. Luck 4, W. Bayliss 5, T. Reynolds 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, A. E. Reed 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On September 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Townsend 1, A. McTiffen 2, F. Garland 3, S. C. Thain 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, W. Brunt 6.



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## SITUATIONS VACANT

**HOUSEKEEPER** wanted after October 12th. Good references. If husband a ringer, or willing to learn, eight bells available. Work found. Children welcome.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

**KENT ASSN.**—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells: St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's from 2.30. Service, St. Dunstan's 4.30. Tea and meeting.

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Yorktown (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea is being arranged.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern Branch.—Annual, Oldswinford, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea. Business. Bring own eats.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Chesterfield Branch.—Barlborough (6), October 12th. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LADIES GUILD.**—South Eastern Area (Kent and Sussex).—Meeting Saturday, Oct. 12th, St. Nicholas', Brighton. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30.

**KENT ASSN.**—Rochester District.—Annual meeting, Rochester, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Ringing at Cathedral, 3-4; Frindsbury, 2-3.30. Cathedral service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at 3, High Street, Rochester. Ringing at Cathedral, Frindsbury and Chatham, after meeting.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea available.—W. C. Hughes, 10, King's Avenue, Hemel Hempstead.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIO. GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Glasbury-on-Wye (8), Saturday, October 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.

**ELY DIO. ASSN.**—Hunts District.—Joint meeting with Biggleswade District, Beds, Gamlingay, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker and C. Bell, Dis. Secs.,

**OXFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Bicester Branch.—Islip (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Branch Sec., Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Dunster Branch.—Crowcombe, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting, the Church Room, 5.—Geo. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**SCOTTISH ASSN.**—Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, Sat., Oct. 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.

**SURREY ASSN.**—Southern District.—Buckland, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall; please bring own food.—Alfred Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Cuckfield (8), Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath.—C. A. Bassett.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Combined pactice, Cookham (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 5 p.m. Four tea shops near church.—T. T. Fowler, Branch Ringing Master.

**ESSEX ASSN.**—N.E. Division.—Great Bromley (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Spread Eagle, 4.45 p.m. Bring own food and tea. Bus leaves Bromley at 6.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. for Colchester.—L. Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec., Park Farm Cottages, Shimpling, Bury St. Edmunds.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD.**—South and West District.—St. Stephen's, Ealing, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Hope to arrange for cups of tea. M.C.A. reports ready. Evening meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon (10), Monday, Oct. 28th, from 7 to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, W.13 (Perivale 5320).

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Eastern District.—Boreham, Saturday, Oct. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

**SOUTHWELL GUILD and NORTH NOTTS ASSN.**—Joint meeting, Newark, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. No tea arrangements; numerous cafes nearby. Meeting 5.45 to discuss formation of Newark District.—T. Groombridge, jun., and H. Denman, Hon. Secs.

**BATH AND WELLS DIO. ASSN.**—Glaston Deanery.—Quarterly, Baltonsborough (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea, Greyhound, and meeting; bring food.—W. H. Marsh, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Haslemere, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Service 4.15. Tea only for those who send names by Oct. 14th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

**COVENTRY GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Leamington, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells of Parish Church 3 p.m. Tea at Pattison's (second floor, self service) from 4 p.m. Service in church 5.30, followed by business in G.F.S. House. Ringing until 8 p.m.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Garston (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells at 2.45. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation, 5.30.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bromborough (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, 3, Cecil Road, Prenton, Birkenhead.

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who send word by Oct. 15th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.



**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea, Barker's Cafe. Meeting in the tower 6.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. H. Sargeant, St. Luke's Rectory, Heywood, Lancashire, not later than Oct. 16th.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

**KENT ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, All Saints', Maidstone. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses to 2s. paid. Names early, please.—C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone.

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Guiseley, Saturday, Oct. 19th. New peal of bells by Gillett and Johnston (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, apply to Mr. A. C. Walsh, 45, Ashtoft Mount, before Oct. 15th. Served at 4.30 p.m., British Restaurant. Meeting 5.30 p.m., Parish Hall.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Uplowman, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silverton.

**NORWICH ASSN.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at East Dereham on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea not later than 15th to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—N. Midlands.—Meeting at Edenhall (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea must be sent to me by Wednesday, Oct. 16th. — Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lines.

**HERTFORD ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Essenden (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, from 3 p.m. Northaw (6) in evening. Tea arrangements. No. 342 and 242 buses link respective towers via Potters Bar. Names please.—R. Darvill, Woodville, Batchwood Drive, St. Albans.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Heene (8), Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea, 4.45, to those notifying, by Oct. 17th, E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis.

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Melton District.—Meeting, Asfordby (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Scout Room 5 p.m. Names to J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. Kershaw, 295, Manchester Road, Walkden, before Oct. 16th.—Frank Reynolds.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting at Hursley (8), Oct. 19th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. For tea arrangements see next week's notice.—W. G. Goodchild, 136, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Northern District.—Hitchin, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Oct. 17th to A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin.

**PEAK SOCIETY.**—Baslow (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. E. Taylor, Hillside, Darley Dale.

**EAST DERBY AND NOTTS ASSN.**—Ault Hucknall, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Please bring own food.—J. W. Price.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.**—Southern Branch.—Pudsey, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 14th to W. J. Newman, 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham.

**BEDS ASSN.**—Luton District.—Totternhoe (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea available. Eaton Bray bells (6) after tea if required.—H. C. Hillyard.

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Countesthorpe (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th (no names, no tea), to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

**OXFORD GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), **ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** and **ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Joint meeting, All Saints', High Wycombe, Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Oct. 19th, or make own arrangements.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—General meeting, Framlingham, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Business meeting to decide on Bell Restoration Fund. Those requiring tea must notify W. E. Maulden, 14, Market Hill, Framlingham, by Oct. 23rd.—C. W. Pipe, Gen. Sec.

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Shepshed (8), on Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to G. Butler, 19, Bridge Street, Shepshed.

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Margaret's, Lee, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea 6. Names to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, by Oct. 21st.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Sedlescombe (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. All welcome.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec.

**SURREY ASSN** (N. Western District) and **KENT COUNTY ASSN.** (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting, Beckenham, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by service. Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent, by Saturday, Oct. 26th.—D. Cooper and A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—Any ringers coming up to the University this October will be welcomed by the society. They are asked to communicate with the Master (Miss B. Spice, 19, Holywell) as soon as possible.

**WELLS CATHEDRAL.**—Following rehangings of the bells, practices will be resumed on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed. — W. W. Osbourne.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—St. Albans District Secretary, Hertford County Association, R. W. Darvill, now at Woodville, Batchwood Drive, St. Albans Phone 213.

**WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.**—On August 21st, 720 Bob Minor: Miss S. Killick 1, J. Walter 2, S. Walter 3, Miss B. Philpott 4, F. Wood 5, S. White (conductor) 6. Rung for the 79th birthday of Mr. Harrison Smith, a much loved ringer.

**SOUTHWELL GUILD AT ATTENBOROUGH**

A successful meeting was held on September 21st at Attenborough, a charming rural spot only a few miles from Nottingham with a delightful peal of six with plenty of rope. Thirty members attended and a good variety of methods up to Cambridge were rung.

Tea disposed of, the Guild chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson, handled the business meeting with his usual tact and kept things moving. The secretary explained the change of place, due to local conditions preventing their choice being acted on, and the meeting unanimously endorsed his action in arranging this meeting at Attenborough, and also for the October meeting at Newark. They also warmly supported the idea of forming a Newark District, this matter to be on the agenda at the next meeting. Meetings at Eastwood and Southwell were voted for November and December respectively.

Ten new members were elected, one old member rejoined and one non-resident completed the elections. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and to Mr. Day, who made the local arrangements for the visit, concluded the business.

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