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A WELSH SURVEY

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, whose writings are familiar to those who take an archæological interest in bells, has undertaken a survey of the Church Bells of Radnorshire. The first two of the probable five parts which will complete the work are now available and are advertised in this issue. Welsh bells are largely a virgin source of investigation for the archæologist. Mr. Wright recently undertook a survey of Monmouthshire; otherwise Radnorshire is the first county to be explored and recorded. Peal ringers would not regard Radnorshire as the ideal county for a ringing tour, but those who love old bells will find in these belfries a happy hunting ground of antiquarian lore.

Of particular interest are the founders' marks, some 41 of which are illustrated in these two parts. The Worcester Foundry in the early fifteenth century had the crowned heads of one of our Plantagenet kings and his consort. The Rudhalls introduced rather elaborate patterns, and from Norwich in the fifteenth century the work took the form of a shield containing three bells and a crown. This neat design appears even to this day, although the form is varied. Three bells and a crown have been used by the Whitechapel Foundry for probably 400 years, although to-day the initials A.A.H. are incorporated. The Gloucester founders favoured a crucifix. These include Hugh of 1270 and his daughter, Christiana la Belyutere, of 1303. To this lady is assigned a number of bells that have survived the centuries. Her name should be held with reverence by the Ladies' Guild.

In a number of towers Mr. Sharpe found the bells cracked. As secretary of the Bicester branch of the Oxford Guild and a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council, he strongly condemns the pernicious practice of 'clocking,' which consists of tying a cord to the clapper and pulling it hard against the bell. This practice cracked two bells at St. Cewydd's, Disserth, and, undismayed by the result, the treble was being clocked in 1945. Probably Mr. Sharpe will drop them a hint as to the danger, or perhaps if those responsible for this church read his non-technical introduction they will better appreciate their own bells.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Treble</i>	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 9
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 10
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... 11
HENRY H. FEARN ... 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... <i>Treble</i>	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 7
ROYDON DAVIES ... 2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 8
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	†GEORGE W. CECIL ... 9
*THOMAS J. LOCK ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 10
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 11
†NORMAN V. HARDING ... 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. † First peal of Maximus. First twelve-bell peal as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR PRINCE ... <i>Treble</i>	†ALAN A. HILLIER ... 6
*MARY P. HILLIER ... 2	ALBERT V. BENNETT ... 7
WILLIAM STOWELL ... 3	*P. LESLIE PEARCE ... 8
RAYMOND SEAGER ... 4	†HAROLD SIMS ... 9
†JOHN M. STALLARD ... 5	CECIL H. WOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters 'inside.' † First peal of Caters. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

SYDNEY JESSOP ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 7
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	FRANK DENWEY ... 8
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 9
FRANK W. BROWN ... 5	CLAUDE COUSINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt.

*GORDON HARRISON ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
ALAN D. STEELE ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 4	HOWARD HOWELL ... 9
AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 5	*EDWARD WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. GROVES. Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal on ten. First ten-bell peal for the Guild. Rung for the dedication festival.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt in F sharp.

REGINALD WOODYATT ... <i>Treble</i>	*VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 6
ALLEN MORGAN ... 2	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 4	GEORGE AMBLER ... 9
RICHARD J. B. HADDEN ... 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal on ten bells. Mr. T. W. Lewis has now 'circled' the tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

ALBERT G. HARRISON ... <i>Treble</i>	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 5
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ... 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	CLEMENT J. MORE ... 7
LEONARD H. LOCK ... 4	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCIVAL R. YOUNG ... <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 5
*THOMAS F. KING ... 2	†GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 6
MRS. DORA EVANS ... 3	†ROGER O. FRY ... 7
*WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 4	BERTIE J. WRIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. O. FRY.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Triples and first as conductor.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDURGA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt.

BETTY SPICE ... <i>Treble</i>	*EDWIN G. MOORE ... 5
PHILLIP WALKER ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
JAMES HIGGINS ... 4	WILLIAM JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method as conductor.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY H. FEARN ... <i>Treble</i>	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 5
JOHN S. MASON ... 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. C. SPENCER.

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DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 29, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Dorchester peal, including William Judge, James Higgins, Alan R. Pink, Marie R. Cross, Betty Spice, William C. Porter, Fredk. A. H. Wilkins, and Walter F. Judge.

* First peal in the method.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon. Sept. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Hereford peal, including William H. Symonds, Charles L. Sadler, George Davis, Leslie Evans, Michael P. Moreton, Austin T. Wingate, John J. Webb, and Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Norwich peal, including Charles H. Moore, William G. Mayers, Nolan Golden, Ernest G. Shorting, Arthur G. Bason, Henry Tooke, George Sayer, and George Bailey.

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

Rung half-muffled for Heien Winifred Bill and Jack Freeman, former ringers at this tower.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Salford peal, including Ronald Edwards, Mary Walshaw, David Vincent, Frank Barraclough, Harold Walker, Percy Derbyshire, Herbert Ludkin, and Richard Benson.

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

* First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Wed., Oct. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Comprising 2,080 London, 800 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 320 Yorkshire, with 134 changes of method.

Tenor 4 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Oxford peal, including Fredk. A. H. Wilkins, Neil I. Alnatt, Marie R. Cross, Victor J. F. Bennett, Betty Spice, Richard A. Post, William C. Porter, and Walter F. Judge.

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods by all the band. The conductor's 350th tower bell peal.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Thrapston peal, including Frank Kirk, Harry Richardson, B. Jack Stubbs, George W. Jeffs, Stanley G. Robinson, Charles M. Whitney, William J. Whitmore, and Ernest E. Whitmore.

Composed by J. Nicholl.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Grayford peal, including Robert A. Johnson, Edwin Barnett, Geoffrey V. Murphy, Edwin A. Barnett, Arthur S. Richards, Frederick A. Coley, Cyril Brett-Smith, and James Bennett.

Composed by H. Dains.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all and by the association.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Chilvers Coton peal, including Joseph H. W. White, Frank W. Perrens, Thomas W. Sheppard, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Paul K. Williamson, Frank E. Pervin, Arthur H. Beamish, and Leonard Trevor.

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

First peal in the method by all the band, upon the bells and for the Guild.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Great Baddow peal, including George Green, A. L. Simmonds, A. B. Wiffin, Lewis W. Wiffin, W. Chalk, J. C. Jennings, Dr. Spencer-Phillips, and Frank Payne.

Composed by J. E. Groves.

Conducted by Dr. Spencer-Phillips. All who rang this peal are grandfathers.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Epsom peal, including David Johnson, Jill Britain, Edgar R. Rapley, Edwin J. Lindley, David E. Parsons, John H. Hayward, Philip M. J. Gray, and Richard F. B. Speed.

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by R. F. B. Speed. * First peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Comprising 2,944 London, 640 Bristol, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative, with 112 changes of method.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Framsdens peal, including Albert E. Whiting, Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe, George A. Fleming, Leslie G. Brett, Leslie C. Wightman, Frank L. Fisher, William J. G. Brown, and Cecil W. Pipe.

Composed by E. C. S. Turner.

Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe. First peal of Spliced as conductor.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in F flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Biddenden peal, including Wilfred W. Ring, Thomas Cullingworth, Percy Page, Fredk. G. Huckstepp, William A. Oldfield, Albert J. Lancefield, Mark S. Lancefield, and Herbert F. Goodearl.

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by Thomas Cullingworth. * First peal on eight. First peal of Triples in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the association.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.—On September 15th, 1316 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Pimm (first quarter of Triples) 1, H. P. Floyd 2, L. Oliffe 3, T. W. Bond 4, A. Cornish 5, G. Wright (first quarter-peal) 6, A. R. Pink (conductor) 7, C. Firmin (first quarter-peal) 8.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 15 1/2 cwt. in E. HUGH W. GREGORY ... Treble | *FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 5 BERNARD ALLSOP ... 2 | *WM. A. PARSONS ... 6 WM. LANCASTER ... 3 | HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7 GEO. H. PAULSON ... 4 | ERNEST PAULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by H. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a wedding compliment to the conductor.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 1/2 cwt. RONALD NORRIS ... Treble | RONALD E. CONSTANT ... 5 *MRS. ADA TAYLOR ... 2 | GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 6 *WILLIAM E. COURT ... 3 | GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7 FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4 | GEORGE T. VANDERPEER Tenor

Conducted by G. J. BUTCHER.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. *EDWARD J. FRY ... Treble | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 4 *STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 2 | GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 3 THOMAS F. KING ... 3 | *ROGER O. FRY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. FREDERICK A. JAINE ... Treble | E. PETER ROCK ... 4 JOHN D. ROCK ... 2 | WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5 HARRY JENKINS ... 3 | LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 14 1/2 cwt. *MISS EVELYN MANCE ... Treble | †ALFRED MEADOWCROFT ... 4 PETER J. EVES ... 2 | WILLIAM J. BARNETT ... 5 A. G. BARTHOLOMEW ... 3 | *BERNARD BOVER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. BARNETT.

* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal of Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the tenor ringer, home on embarkation leave.

ISLINGTON, LONDON, N.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, PREBEND SQUARE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 7 1/2 cwt. WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble | ALBERT W. COLES ... 4 CHARLES POTHECARY ... 2 | RICHARD F. DEAL ... 5 ERIC A. DENCH ... 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. P. T. W. Tranter, and Mrs. Tranter, on their wedding anniversary.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey on September 15th, after the service commemorating the victory in the Battle of Britain, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. H. Newton (conductor) 1, W. H. Pasmore 2, W. S. Langdon 3, H. G. Miles 4, H. Belcher 5, J. H. Rumley 6, H. Langdon 7, R. F. Deal 8

ADDINGHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. *G. FEATHERSTONE ... Treble | ALFRED ASHTON ... 4 *KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 2 | ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... 5 ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 3 | CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal.

WHEATSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 8 1/2 cwt. FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble | HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 4 *MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD ... 2 | †J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... 5 ARTHUR PATRICK ... 3 | CHARLES MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.

* First peal of Minor away from the treble. † First peal of Minor. Rung for the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shenton.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon. Oct. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 8 six-scores April Day, three different callings; 10 six-scores Plain Bob, four different callings; 2 Morris' 240 Grandsire; 20 six-scores Grandsire, 10 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. *NORMAN CHAMBERLAIN Treble | *KILBY R. HOLTOM ... 4 *C. LEONARD CATLIN ... 2 | ERIC NOBLES ... 5 †CECIL HINTON ... 3 | *THOMAS WILCOX ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in three methods.

THURLBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FIRMIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, St. Dunstan's, Thurlby Delight, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. *N. WARD ... Treble | *N. HORTON ... 3 A. WADE ... 2 | CEM. B. WADE (R.E.M.E.) 4 C. WADE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. WADE.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 11, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes, AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. CATTERWELL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In five methods: Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. A. CATTERWELL ... 1-2 | *E. W. PYE ... 3-4 O. BROYD ... 5-6

Conducted by O. BROYD.

* First peal in five methods.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Two Minutes, AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. CATTERWELL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods: Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. A. CATTERWELL ... 1-2 | *E. W. PYE ... 3-4 O. BROYD ... 5-6

Conducted by O. BROYD.

* First peal in seven methods.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes, AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

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

MISS L. K. BOWLING ... 1-2 | WILLIAM BARTON ... 5-6 PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4 | JOHN AMBLER ... 7-8 Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WM. BARTON. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. J. Johnson.

QUARTER PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICESTER.—On Sept. 22nd, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Arguile (first quarter) 1, Jill Poole 2, P. J. Stanforth 3, J. A. Walton 4, A. Disney 5, R. F. Elkington 6, J. S. Iliffe (first quarter of Grandsire as conductor) 7, M. Stanforth (first quarter) 8.

BOWDEN, CHESHIRE.—On September 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Vincent (conductor) 1, A. Frost 2, W. H. Shaker 3, Mary Walshaw 4, J. E. Bibby 5, B. Walshaw 6, W. Anuman 7, C. Radde 8.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On September 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss E. Walklate (first quarter) 1, Miss S. M. Earle (first quarter) 2, Miss M. J. Saddington (first quarter inside) 3, B. J. Saddington 4, C. G. Hendry 5, G. E. Watson (first quarter as conductor) 6.

CALNE, WILTS.—On September 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Buchridge (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Maundrell (first inside) 2, H. Parson 3, R. Saye 4, F. Walker 5, H. Burry (conductor) 6, R. Barry 7, A. Saye 8.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On September 22nd at the Cathedral, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. G. W. Tamplin (first in method) 1, W. R. Falconer 2, R. G. Blackman 3, P. R. Blackman 4, W. G. Challen (first in method) 5, P. N. Bond 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, W. Hibbert 8.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On September 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Ashby (first quarter) 1, A. Bennett 2, P. Amos (conductor) 3, B. L. Smart 4, I. Bennett 5, C. H. Bushel 6.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.—At St. Martin's Church, on September 22nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. T. O'Dell 1, T. G. Bevan 2, A. W. J. Butler 3, J. M. Payton 4, A. F. Thirst 5, F. C. W. Knight (conductor) 6.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, GLOS.—On September 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Martin 1, J. Thomas (conductor) 2, J. Hemmings 3, J. D. Johnson 4, R. Harris 5, T. W. Lewis 6, J. Newman 7, P. Harris 8.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.—On September 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Statman (conductor, first quarter) 1, J. Smith 2, J. Prentice 3, W. Hayes 4, E. Hewlett 5, T. Chambers 6. In commemoration of W. H. Smith's (captain) 50th anniversary as a bellringer.

OVER, CAMBS.—On September 22nd, 1,248 Bob Major: J. Parish 1, W. Bavin 2, D. Adams 3, G. E. Crisp 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6, A. W. T. Ginn 7, M. Ginn 8.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On September 22nd, as a birthday compliment to Major Cann, 780 Grandsire Doubles and 480 Bob Double: T. Brown 1, J. Avenell 2, F. Cherryman (conductor) 3, S. Petter 4, C. Slyfield 5, Major H. J. Cann 6.

PLYMOUTH.—At St. Andrew's on October 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Holmes 1, A. W. Myers 2, D. F. Wheeler (first quarter on ten) 3, G. H. Myers 4, A. S. Weatherly 5, A. Mitchellmore 6, H. F. Myers 7, S. O'Shaughnessy 8, T. G. Myers (conductor) 9, H. W. Milford (first quarter) 10.

PURTON, WILTS.—On September 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Booker (first as conductor) 1, E. J. Webber 2, C. R. Webber 3, J. Sorsby 4, R. Shailes 5, G. Webb 6.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On September 22nd at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Armstrong 1, J. G. Nash 2, W. J. Bowden 3, G. Parsons 4, S. G. Peck 5, J. E. Miller 6, H. Miller 7, N. A. Tomlinson 8, S. Wade (conductor) 9, M. Fensom 10.

RELGATE, SURREY.—On September 24th, 1,280 Bob Major: Ruth M. Foreman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. T. Shelton 2, H. A. Hoad 3, R. A. Tuffin 4, F. T. Hoad 5, W. E. Wells 6, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 7, A. T. Shelton 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On October 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Harris (first quarter of Triples) 1, — Gale 2, J. Green 3, D. Reed 4, J. Hartless 5, C. Reed 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, H. Kerley 8.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On September 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins (conductor) 1, E. L. Taylor 2, L. Turley 3, J. Guy (first inside) 4, R. Guy 5, D. Colgate 6, E. Andrews 7, S. Etheridge 8.—On September 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Corke 1, E. L. Taylor 2, J. Guy 3, L. Turley 4, R. Guy 5, D. Colgate 6, E. Andrews 7, R. Collins (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major for ringers of 3 and 5.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On September 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. P. Marshall (first quarter) 1, A. Patrick 2, J. E. Clarke 3, A. E. Bodycote 4, S. Cox 5, J. L. Wilhars 6, C. Marshall (conductor) 7, F. Ford 8.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—On September 22nd, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Armstrong 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, W. C. Parker 3, W. A. Goldstone 4, D. Sleet 5, W. A. Peck 6, J. B. Hessey 7, R. J. Andrews 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On September 22nd at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Howard 1, A. Miller 2, C. Pothecary 3, E. E. Bish 4, C. D. Nichols 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, E. Wright 8.

TWYFORD, LEICS.—On September 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): W. L. Goodacre 1, A. E. Parker 2, R. M. Spencer 3, C. E. Cooper 4, H. T. Bonsher (conductor) 5, J. Greenborough 6. The first quarter-peal on the bells and was by the local band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe has conducted her first peal of Spliced Surprise Major. Is she the first lady to gain this distinction?

Farewell peals on joining the Forces have been rung to C. Leonard Cullin at Sulgrave, Northants, and A. Wade, Thurlby, Lincs. The last peal at Sulgrave was rung in 1929.

The ringer who has completed the circle at Westbourne, Sussex, is Mr. F. W. Burnett, and not Mr. F. Bennett as printed in our last issue.

Mr. Albert Bennett, of Bicker, Lincolnshire, who has rung in several peals of Surprise Minor, rang his first quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles recently—at Dallington, Northants. Nevertheless, Mr. Bennett 'did his good deed' in helping the treble ringer to get her first quarter-peal at first attempt.

Writes a Cambridge ringer: 'I always slip off the wrapper with a joyful anticipation and am never disappointed.' Tell your friends about the Friday tonic. 'The Ringing World' will be able to take additional subscribers on November 1st.

Ex-Sergt. W. J. Davidson (formerly Royal Corps of Signals), of the Newcastle Cathedral band, has been mentioned in despatches for service during operations against the Japanese in the Far East.

How many bridegrooms can say they conducted a peal on their wedding day? This honour goes to Mr. Herbert E. Taylor, of Darley Dale, Derbyshire. His bride, Miss Ena Gregory, is a ringer, and her father and brother are also members of St. Helen's band.

Wells Cathedral are anxious to form a good change ringing band now their bells have been rehung. Practices are on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

Mr. C. F. Bailey writes: Re peal of London at Selly Oak, I completed the octave to London at Leiston in 1933. I have also called Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise round on the same bells.

Access to the ringing chamber at St. James-the-Apostle, Islington, is gained by climbing a vertical ladder of about 20 rungs. Just a reminder to those attending the Middlesex meeting there on October 26th. Ringers will be admitted in relays.

Sixteen-year-old Mary P. Hillier impressed the company with the ringing of her first peal of Grandsire Caters at St. James', Bristol, on September 30th. There was not even the suspicion of a slip.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. Shenton, of Whetstone, Leicestershire, on their golden wedding. Mr. Shenton has also been a ringer at St. Peter's, Whetstone, for 50 years and verger for 18 years. The occasion merited a peal which was well and truly rung.

The fourth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper was commemorated by a peal at Croydon on October 5th. The ban prevented the bells being rung at their wedding: nevertheless, they were rung out of church with handbells. After the peal Mrs. Cooper entertained the band so hospitably that a readiness was expressed to ring a peal every year when the anniversary came round.

How the Ladies' Guild came to the rescue of the Royal Navy is told at Northfleet, Kent. Ex-Service men from the Navy had planned a peal. At the last minute one of the company was taken ill, and Mrs. Taylor came to their aid and incidentally scored her first peal!

TOPICS PROVIDED BY READERS' LETTERS

Record Peal

ORGANISER'S JUSTIFICATION.

Dear Sir,—Whilst I do not wish particularly to enter into a controversy with Mr. Dark over the long peal, yet I feel that if I give my personal point of view on ringing generally it might help him, being the view of one who was in a large measure responsible for the 'crime' of record breaking at Oxford on August 24th. In the first place, neither in making the arrangements nor in the subsequent carrying out of those arrangements to final success does my conscience upbraid me, and I write this as a ringer and churchman.

My view simply is this: all ringing of whatever category, whether peal, practice or service, is to the glory of God and His Christian Church on earth. Peal ringing, and particularly record peals, set a standard to be followed—this is inevitable, for were it not for the early standards set up by the early ringers there would have been no art of ringing and merely a discordant jangle as on the continent of Europe instead of the ordered, even, melodious ringing which calls Mr. Dark to church.

Practices and peals have the same objective—the advancement of the art which is reflected in the Sunday service ringing. After all, sir, if Mr. Dark's choir only sang when at a service and never took part in a festival of singing for the sheer joy of singing, then his services would suffer. Peal ringing springs from this same love of expression. When ringers as true Christians unite with other members of their congregations in divine worship, then I submit, sir, that all ringing is justified, and I do agree with the sentiments expressed some time ago by Mr. C. A. Beun and would go further than he and say that the ringer who doesn't feel the need for his personal attendance at divine worship should not ring at all, for to do otherwise is surely the very essence of false witness.

Ringers are, I agree, privileged people in that they have the care of the instruments of God's House provided by mainly Christian people, who, though not necessarily ringers, love the sound of the bells because of what they stand for.

I also agree that non-method ringing is just as enjoyable as change ringing to the average listener; yet here again one still gets the sporting or competitive spirit between tower and tower as witness the competitions for good striking, etc., that take place chiefly in the call change districts. These contests are to the one what peal ringing is to the other—stimulus.

I am glad to see that Mr. Dark shows some knowledge of our art and I hope that our missionary in his office will persevere in his efforts and Mr. Dark may be enlightened enough to take up a very interesting church work, or if not at least to realise that true ringers love their bells—and their church.—Yours faithfully,

Headington, Oxford.

RICHARD A. POST.

CONDUCTING BLINDFOLD

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Martin's query on this point. Mr. W. H. Barber conducted Carter's odd bob peal of Stedman Triples whilst blindfolded at the Church of St. Mary, Gateshead, on Feb. 21st, 1908. The band was as follows: J. Rowell treble, J. E. R. Keen 2, A. P. Hillier 3, C. C. Cox 4, W. H. Barber 5, W. Story 6, R. Richards 7, J. Stuart tenor.

The late Mr. W. Story, while telling me of the performance, said that during the ringing Mr. Barber gradually moved his position (unconsciously, of course) until in the last part of the peal he was calling the bobs at the wall of the belfry! It was a unique performance in more ways than one!

I agree with Mr. Martin in that this will serve as a splendid example of ringing by ear, which is so much a requisite of the good ringer. Perhaps our learners may be given this peal as their goal of perfection.—Yours, etc.,

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

GRUNDISBURGH BELLS

Dear Sir,—Grundisburgh bells are on their last legs. The tower is cracked from top to bottom and masonry has fallen from the inside and outside. £1,000 is required to repair the tower and rehanging the bells in an iron frame. £500 has to be found in the village for a new heating apparatus for the church and £500 is required for the Bishop's Million Shillings Fund.

It will, therefore, be seen what an enormous task faces this little village and I beg to make an appeal through 'The Ringing World' to those kind souls who may help us put our bells right by their much needed donations.

Grundisburgh has been a seat of campanological teaching for several years. Five local youngsters have rung their first 720's and courses of Bob Major here, besides ringers from Hasketon and Woodbridge. The 12 local ringers attend practices at three other towers and also help with Sunday ringing at nearby churches. Many visitors who have desired peals in Suffolk have received help from Grundisburgh ringers and no one has been refused.

Dear ringers and friends, do please help. Send a donation to either me or the Rector, the Rev. R. M. Verity, when all names will be entered in 'The Friends of the Tower and Bells' book for preservation.—Yours sincerely,

SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Bells and the Public

TREBLES OVERSHADOWED BY TENORS.

Dear Sir,—As there is likely to be a large increase in the number of new and restored peals in the next few years, I think it would be advantageous if we gave serious consideration to some factors affecting the way in which our ringing (whether for service or sheer pleasure) is likely to be received by the general public. This is a very wide subject, but at the moment I have just two points in mind. The first one has frequently been under discussion in these columns, viz., Control of the volume of sound in the vicinity of the tower. So many peals of bells remain so noisy as to be a serious annoyance to everybody that ringers would be well advised to take steps to rectify the defect where it exists. The remedy in most cases is neither difficult nor very expensive, and has little effect on the distance at which the bells can be heard.

My second point has, perhaps, some controversial aspects, and though also a subject of discussion in 'The Ringing World' on frequent occasions, is, I think, worthy of serious consideration. There are peals of bells, old and new, of outstanding musical qualities, and tastes differ as to which are best. Personally I prefer, on the average, the modern bells. Certainly our bellfounders to-day have the technical knowledge and facilities to produce the best ever, and if the best is demanded, the founders can and will produce it.

If the man in the street is to appreciate church bells, it is essential that, at a reasonable distance, all bells should be easily heard. The modern system of tuning whilst giving peals of bells in tune with themselves and with each other seems to have produced a large number of peals where the trebles are overshadowed by the heavy bells, and the farther one goes from the tower the more pronounced the effect becomes, as the higher notes do not carry as well as the lower notes. Only an experienced ringer in many cases can pick out the trebles.

There is little that can be done about existing peals where this defect exists unless adjustment of clapper sizes can effect an improvement. In future peals, however, our bellfounders can no doubt arrange that all bells in a peal are audible at a reasonable distance and that the tenors do not drown the others. One of the good features of older peals is the ease with which the trebles are usually heard.

This is a matter of more far reaching importance than is usually realised, as it seems to me that if the general public never hear the trebles properly, their appreciation of ringing will be unnecessarily decreased.—Yours,

Whiston, Rotherham.

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

BLIND RINGER

Dear Sir,—Having read on page 456 of 'The Ringing World' about the first lady to ring with Mr. Bromley, the blind ringer, I wish to correct Mrs. Moore, as I was on holiday at Llandudno in 1936, and on September 6th of that year I rang a course of Grand sire Triples and 120 Grand sire Doubles for evening service, Mr. Bromley ringing on an 'inside' bell.—Yours faithfully,

PHOEBE A. TOMLINSON, of Christ Church, Southgate.

AN EX-SERVICE GUILD?

Sir,—We certainly do not want 'Ex-Service' or 'Ex' anything else in the ringing world. The British Legion caters for the ex-Service man quite well. To form a lot of small guilds or associations up and down the country (which of necessity must be on territory already covered by diocesan or county associations) is to do away with the 'freemasonry' which exists in the ringing world and create a number of 'closed shops' to which only the select few would be admitted.

The energies of the really enthusiastic ringer would be put to far better use by assisting his or her local association, quite a number of which are in need of help in that direction.

Please let us remain just plain 'ringers,' regardless of our station in life, etc.

Burgess Hill, Sussex.

F. I. HAIRS.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD

A company of between 60 and 70 were present at the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Guild, held at Mears Ashby on October 5th. Ringers came from Bräfield, Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Finedon, Irchester, Wilby, Earls Barton, Eton, Wollaston, Great Doddington, Easton Maudit, Stanwick, Northampton, together with the local band, which has a full team of young recruits, most of whom are schoolgirls.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. T. Padbury). The very fine tea, provided by the local ringers and their wives, was characteristic of the generosity usually met with at Mears Ashby.

Preceding the business meeting, Mr. A. Bigley (secretary) spoke of the recent death of Mr. C. Tapp (Eton), paying tribute to the valuable service he rendered to the Guild. The meeting stood in silence to his memory. A wish was expressed to visit Wellingborough for the annual meeting, and Mr. F. Barber proposed that, failing the former, Irchester be chosen. This was carried. A vote of thanks to all concerned was proposed by Mr. J. R. Main, Branch Ringing Master.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

COMMEMORATING OFFICERS' PEAL.

The September general meeting of the Yorkshire Association took place in glorious weather at Ripon on September 28th, when almost 90 members and friends were present from widely separated areas. The fine new ring of ten bells at the Cathedral were at the disposal of members from 2.30 p.m.

A meeting of the General Committee took place in the Cathedral Hall at 3 p.m., during which news was received with regret that the Dean of Ripon (the Very Rev. G. Birchenough), who had hoped to welcome the association to Ripon and conduct a brief service, had been taken ill, necessitating his entry into hospital. Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A. (president of the association), very kindly officiated at the service at short notice. An excellent tea was served at the Cafe Victoria, when 60 sat down and did justice to it.

After assembling at the Cathedral for a group photograph to be taken by the local Press, the general meeting took place at the Black Bull Hotel, presided over by Canon Marshall, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. Barton), the hon. secretary, Northern District (Mr. E. Hudson), the hon. secretary, Southern District (Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert), and Mr. A. H. Fox (vice-president).

A vote of thanks to the Dean and Cathedral authorities was carried unanimously on the motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, seconded by Mr. J. Fwbank. The President referred to the sudden indisposition of the Dean, saying how much this was regretted, and hoping for a speedy recovery. A vote of thanks to the local company for their kind arrangements was moved by Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. P. Birkett and carried. Mr. P. Tingle, in reply, said that he hoped shortly that changed circumstances would permit him to attend much more frequently.

The President announced that the committee had considered the place and date of the next meeting, and in the absence of any specific invitations, had decided to recommend that the meeting take place at Selby on January 18th, 1947, if suitable arrangements could be made. Mr. W. E. Critchley moved and Mr. F. Davison seconded that the committee's recommendation be endorsed, and this was carried unanimously. Miss Sheila Mottishaw, of Arksey, and Miss Norah Holmes, of Doncaster, were elected new members.

The President stated that the committee had considered a proposal from the previous meeting dealing with an officers' peal rung at Ilkley to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the association by the late Jasper W. Snowdon. He pointed out that the circumstances were unique. The peal in question (5,056 Superlative Surprise Major) was rung at Ilkley on November 3rd, 1945, by eight members of the General Committee, each of whom had previously taken part in upwards of 100 peals for the association, and the method and composition used were the same as those rung in the first peal of Surprise by the association. Ilkley was chosen on account of its close connection with the late Jasper W. Snowdon, founder of the association. The question of erecting a suitable tablet recording this peal in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Ilkley, had been raised at the previous general meeting, when it was decided to refer the matter back for consideration by the committee. The committee had accordingly now considered the matter and were unanimous in recommending that the peal be recorded by the erection of a suitable tablet or board.

Mr. F. Tingle said he found himself in complete agreement and had great pleasure in moving that the committee's recommendation be approved. Mr. F. Davison seconded, and, on being put to the vote, was carried without dissent. Mr. F. W. Dale moved and Mr. S. Steel seconded that a sub-committee, consisting of the president, general secretary and treasurer, be appointed to deal with the matter. This also was carried.

Mr. F. Tingle referred to the large territorial area covered by the Northern District, which he thought was too unwieldy and should be sub-divided in order to improve its administration.

The secretary of the district (Mr. E. Hudson) supported, and after some discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the secretary of the district, with a recommendation to call a special meeting of the members concerned with a view of thoroughly examining the matter and reporting back.

A hearty vote of thanks to the president was moved by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. R. B. Smith and carried with applause. Canon Marshall suitably replied.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A most successful meeting was held at Hemingbrough on October 5th, when about 30 ringers attended from Eastlington, Howden, Goole, Hull, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Selby, Thorne and the local company. During the afternoon those present combined with the Rothwell Church ringers, who were visiting Hemingbrough on their annual outing.

Ringling commenced about 3 p.m. and continued until late evening, except for a short break for tea and the meeting. An excellent tea was served in the school, followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Amcotts), who paid a tribute to the enthusiasm of the local company.

Amongst the methods rung were Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise.

The next meeting is to be held at Snaith on November 2nd.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

VISITORS AT PRACTICES.

Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers went to Ide, a six-bell tower near the city, for a meeting on October 5th. About 30 members and friends attended. Service was conducted by the Rev. H. C. B. Lethbridge (Vicar), with Mr. E. J. Ryall (a ringer) reading the lesson. An excellent tea was arranged.

A feature of business proceedings was a debate on procedure at practices arranged under the auspices of the Guild by the hon. secretary (Mr. F. C. Smale). The practices are advertised in 'The Ringing World' and the methods to be used are defined so that they can be studied by attending members. It was complained that at a well-attended practice arranged at Broadclyst (eight bells) for Stedman and Major on August 3rd there was an 'invasion' by visitors from various parts of the country and that a good deal of time was absorbed by them in ringing Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich, at which few resident Guild members had any acquaintance. The opinion of the majority was that while visitors should be welcomed they should be expected to adapt themselves to local arrangements and as far as possible co-operate in attaining the objectives of the practices—progress in specified methods and good striking.

The annual meeting of the branch was fixed for December 7th at St. David's. It was announced that East Devon Branch would be having a practice at Feniton on October 26th and not at Crediton as had been erroneously reported. Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were chosen for a Guild practice at St. Thomas' (Exeter) on November 16th. A contemplated attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques under the auspices of the Cumberlands at Exeter Cathedral on November 19th was stated to have been indefinitely postponed. Methods rung at Ide or at Alplington (eight bells), which was also visited, were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tributes were paid to the late Mr. Edwin Shepherd (an Exeter pioneer in change ringing) and Mr. C. Walker (Newton Abbot).

MEETING AT NEWTON FERRERS.

Thirty members and friends of the South-West Branch attended a quarterly meeting, held at Newton Ferrers on September 28th. During the afternoon rounds and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung on the peal of six.

A service in church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. D. Grimes). Catering difficulties were overcome by dividing the company between two of the village cafes.

The business meeting was presided over by the branch chairman (the Rev. F. W. Moore), supported by the president of the Guild (Preb. E. V. Cox), the Rev. H. E. Bennett (Plymouth St. Maurice), the Rev. C. H. D. Grimes and representatives from Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel), Plympton (St. Maurice's and St. Mary's), and Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh.

Graham Whittle (R.N.A.T.B., Torpoint) was elected a non-resident member, and the belfry elections of Messrs. G. E. Fearn and G. W. Critchley were duly ratified as non-resident members. Lifton, January 18th, 1947, was the place and date fixed for the annual meeting of the branch.

The Chairman, after a few introductory remarks of a very complimentary character, proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded to Mr. T. F. Myers for the work and leadership he had given to Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, since the lifting of the ban on ringing in 1943 until April 4th, 1946, when he formally relinquished the captaincy of the tower to Mr. J. P. Sims, who had been his deputy throughout that time. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Rector and the captain of the ringers (Mr. West) for all they had done to ensure the success of the visit.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting, attended by 40 members, was held on Sept. 21st at the old world village of Cowbridge. The bells, a very nice ring of eight, were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. After the service the visitors were entertained to a sumptuous tea by the local band. A discussion took place on the division of the association into districts, and Mr. W. Prosser said he would move a resolution to that effect at the annual meeting. Peterston-super-Ely was selected for next meeting.

Mr. E. Stitch drew attention to the announcement that 'The Ringing World' would shortly be in a position to supply more copies and appealed to members to take it. Five new members were elected. Members present came from Aberavon, Newport, Neath, Portcawl, Penarth, Llantrisant, Ebbw Vale, St. Mellons, Swansea, Cardiff, Caerphilly, Bridgend, Bonvilston, Llanfrechfa, Northwich (Cheshire) and the local band. The next meeting will be at Ebbw Vale.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association held its monthly meeting at Tilney All Saints on September 28th, which was attended by members and friends from Downham Market, Elm, Gressenhall, Hilgay, Mathan, Shouldham, Terrington St. John, Wallnole St. Andrew, Walsoken, Wisbech and the local company. Service in church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. H. Bodley, who also presided at the business meeting which followed. Cups of tea were provided by the lady members of the local company. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Wisbech.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

INTEREST OF MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WANTED.

The autumn meeting of the V.W.H. Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on October 5th. Touches were rung on the bells during the afternoon and a service was held in the Parish Church, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Horth). The Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford was at the organ. Tea was provided by Mrs. Keene for 15 ringers and visitors.

A short business meeting followed, the chairman of the branch (the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford) presiding, supported by the branch secretary (Mr. R. F. J. Gilling). It was arranged to hold practices at Great Coxwell on November 2nd, Longcot on December 7th and Uffington on January 4th, and the February meeting at Buckland on February 1st. The date of the annual meeting was fixed for May 3rd.

Mr. E. Hughes suggested that efforts should be made in the towers of the branch to get more young people to take up bellringing as a hobby, and Mr. Holliday considered that it was best to teach boys about 12 years of age when they were likely to be leaving the Sunday School.

The meeting was then closed and ringers returned to the tower and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Bob Doubles.

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.

The Guild general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) attended the autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Aston on September 28th and gave the members latest information of Guild activities. Five new members were elected. Canon H. Pickles (branch chairman) gave the address at the service and thanked the residents for an excellent tea.

Members were present from Aston, Bampton, Cassington, Eynsham, Northmoor, Standlake, Stanton Harcourt, and Witney and Yarnton. Visitors were from Basingstoke, Bucklebury and Oxford.

SOUTH OXON BRANCH REVIVED.

As the outcome of a meeting at Thame on October 5th, the South Oxon and Mid-Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was revived. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) and the Guild secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) attended. Mr. H. Bridger was elected branch secretary in succession to Mr. Woodward, who resigned on account of ill-health. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Woodward for his 21 years' service. Ten new members were elected from Little Milton and the tower of Thame brought into the Guild.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. D. Llewellyn, and a sumptuous tea partaken of at the British Restaurant. During the afternoon Mr. J. Pennington, conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, visited the belfry and showed his interest in the art of bellringing.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO STORRINGTON.

A meeting of the Western Division of the above association at Kirdford on September 21st attracted 26 ringers from nine towers, with visitors from Guildford. The Vicar, the Rev. E. M. Sidebotham, conducted the Guild service.

Two Lyminster ringers were elected members, and the election before a peal of a non-resident member from Reading was ratified. It was brought to the notice of the meeting that Storrington ringers had rung for 42 services since Easter, besides giving assistance to other towers with service ringing, an example which received congratulation. An unintentional coincidence with recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' was the absence of 'rounds for the beginners.' Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and the local ringers for their help. Westbourne was selected for the next quarterly meeting, with practice meetings at Heene (October 19th) and Angmering (November 16th).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Some 35 members and friends enjoyed a variety of methods under the guidance of Mr. Alick Cutler (Ringing Master) at a meeting of the North and East Districts of the Middlesex Association at Pinner on September 21st.

Owing to catering difficulties, no tea could be arranged, but accommodation was satisfactorily found at local cafes. A short meeting was held in the vestry under the chairmanship of Mr. A. W. Coles (vice-president), where the usual routine business was dealt with.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman to the Vicar (the Rev. Eric Barnes) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Norman Genna for supervising the local arrangements.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The quarterly meeting was held at Wombourn on October 5th, when 46 members and friends attended. The ringers were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Bethwa). who later conducted the service. The Vicar presided at the meeting which followed tea, and three new members were elected. Kingswinford was suggested for the December meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

VISIT TO LITTON CHENEY.

After an interval of 11 years, the West Dorset Branch visited Litton Cheney on September 21st, when members attended from Beaminster, Bradpole, Evershot, Lyme Regis, Wareham, Wimborne and the local tower.

The Master, the Rev. C. Carew Cox, conducted the service in church, the Rector (Canon E. S. Daniell) giving the address. At the business meeting after tea it was agreed to hold the annual branch meeting at Bridport on December 7th and to arrange a by-meeting at Hawkchurch if possible.

The Chairman, in thanking the Rector for his kindly welcome and the local ringers for providing an excellent tea, expressed the hope that the work of restoring Askerswell bells would soon be put in hand, also that the spaces waiting for two trebles at Litton Cheney might some time be filled. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were rung.

MEETING AT BERWICK ST. JOHN.

Two interesting points arose from the meeting of the Salisbury Branch at Berwick St. John on September 21st, when Mr. J. Sutton (branch chairman) presided. The first was that the rehanging of the bells of St. Thomas, Salisbury, was shortly to be put in hand. The other, which was received with regret, was that the secretary (Mr. W. A. Theobald) announced that as he was not a permanent resident of Salisbury and was liable to be transferred by his firm at any time, he did not wish to stand for re-election at the coming annual meeting.

Members were present from Salisbury, Hindon, Swanage, Downton, Fordingbridge, Warminster, Britford, Longbridge Deverall and the local tower. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Poole), and the methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Kent Minor.

MEETING AT THORNFORD.

The autumn meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held on September 21st at Thornford, near Sherborne. The address at the Guild service was given by the Rev. — Packer. Tea was arranged by Mr. L. Davenport.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards presided over the business meeting and referred to the loss of an old member, Mrs. S. E. Field. The following elections were made: Hon. member, the Rev. J. Munro, Rector of Hazelbury Bryan; life members, Messrs. W. H. Poole (Hardington Mandeville) and W. E. Turner (Cerne); ringing members, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rowlands and Mr. I. Hutton (Buckhorn Weston). It was decided to hold the annual meeting on the second Saturday in December at Blandford. The poor support given by members so far to the by-meetings was mentioned. The bells were rung at Bradford Abbas.

TREDINGTON BELLS

On September 26th, the ancient ring of six bells in the tower of St. Gregory's Church, Tredington, was rededicated by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Coventry, in the presence of ringers and visitors from many parts of the Midlands. The service was conducted by the Rector of Tredington, the Rev. T. W. Lumb.

After the dedication, the bells were officially opened by the ringers of Ilmington Parish Church. Ringing continued all afternoon and evening, till about 9 p.m., except for a break for tea. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung.

These bells were cast during the 17th century, the earliest being 1622. One came from the Whitechapel Foundry, cast by Mears, and two were cast by Matthew Bagley, perhaps one of the finest founders of the day.

The credit for the present work of rehanging is due to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, who have relunged the bells in a cast-iron frame, 14ft. lower than the old one, with cast-iron crank headstocks and ball bearings. The tenor, cast in 1622, is in E flat, and weighs 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. Congratulations must be extended to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for the success of their work, well proven in Thursday's ringing.

There is, as yet, no resident band in Tredington, but on a recent Friday night a meeting was held in the schoolroom, under the chairmanship of the Rector, to which any who were interested in the future of bells and bellringing in the village were invited.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

VISIT WOODLESFORD.

The September meeting was held at Woodlesford on the usual day, the last Saturday in the month.

Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. and continued until the visitors adjourned to the schoolroom, where a welcome cup of tea was prepared by the ladies. Handbells were rung after tea as a prelude to further tower bell ringing.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president was chairman and members were present from Armley, Guiselev, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell and Woodlesford. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company, also the ladies, was proposed by Mr. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. G. Benfield. Mr. W. Ward replied for the local company.

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ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District.—Boreham, Saturday, Oct. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.

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

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.

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, 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., Silvertown.

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.

LADIES' GUILD.—N. Midlands.—Meeting at Edenham (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

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.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.—Southern Branch.—Pudsey, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting to be held at Creton on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 3 p.m.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Hursley, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the King's Head 5 p.m.—W. G. Goodchild, 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

ST. THOMAS', EXETER, DEVON.—Commencing on Oct. 23rd, the weekly practice night has been altered from Thursdays to Wednesdays, 7.30. All ringers welcome.—E. W. Biffin.

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.

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.

ELY ASSN.—Ely Branch.—Wilburton (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Next meeting, Barking (8), Oct. 26th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Help given to anyone who wants to progress. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Netley Abbey, Oct. 26th, 2.45 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 23rd.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Willingham on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Service 4.15. Cups of tea provided.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH NORMANTON, Oct. 26th.—Presentation to Mr. J. W. England, for invaluable service to the association. Presentation by Mr. J. Hobbs, President, at 5 p.m. Chairman, Rev. T. H. Evans, Rector. Names for tea to Mr. E. W. Riley, 6, New Street, South Normanton, Derby, by Tuesday, Oct. 22nd. All ringers welcome.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Meeting at Soberton, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea, 5, Station Hotel, Droxford. Most important: Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 22nd.—R. J. Stone, c/o W/O and Sergeants' Mess, Martinique Barracks, Bordon, Hants.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON GUILD.—North and East District.—St. James-the-Apostle, Prebend Square, Islington (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 to 4 p.m. Service. Tea. Further ringing at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (10), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster.

LADIES' GUILD. — Leicester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 26th, at Chilvers Coton (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 23rd. Will all lady ringers please make a special effort to attend.—Jill Poole.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch. — Wisbech (10), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol Rural.—Coalpit Heath (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 21st to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Axbridge, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Haverhill (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea at Co-op Cafe 5 p.m., followed by business. Train from Sudbury 2.55. Return 6 and 8.15. Names early, please, to A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Bromham (8), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5 o'clock.—L. H. Bowler.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Meeting, Portishead, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Quarterly meeting, Heanor, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafes nearby. — Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY GUILD. — Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon District Branch.—Meeting at Tredington (6), on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided. Good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Conisborough, Oct. 26th, 2.30. No tea available. — W. E. Critchley, 21, Askern Road, Bentley, Doncaster.

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch. — Meeting at Davenham (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Please bring food.—Dorothy C. Osborn, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Braughing (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and service. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, 22nd.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—A practice meeting will be held in Bournemouth on Saturday, Oct. 26th. St. Peter's (8) 2.30 to 5 p.m. St. John's, Surrey Road (8), after tea. Please notify numbers for tea by Thursday, Oct. 24th.—Arthur V. Davis, Hon. Branch Sec., 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Holbeck and Hunslet on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Holbeck bells available from 3 p.m., Hunslet from 6 p.m. Business meeting, Hunslet tower, 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN. — Northern District. — Meeting, Cramlington (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Bring little food. Cups of tea provided.—W. E. Robinson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Whitefield Terrace, Newcastle, 6.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN. — Cary Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, Batcombe (6), Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Battle, Oct. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by 23rd. — John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

MULBARTON.—The dedication of a new treble bell will take place at Mulbarton Church on Sunday, Oct. 27th, at 3 p.m.

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.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ruskington (6), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. V. S. Andrews, 12, North Parade, Sleaford, by 31st inst.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Annual General District Meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Norman Tower (10) and St. Mary's (8) bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Oct. 30th to A. Gillings, Police Station, Horringer, near Bury St. Edmunds.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Norton (8), Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided at the Rectory. Bring food. All welcome.—H. Chaddock, Sec.

KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District. — The monthly practice at Tonbridge will in future be held on the first Wednesday in each month, beginning Wednesday, Nov. 6th.—R. A. Whitehead, Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — The Rev. J. P. Pelloe has left Ely, and his address is: The Vicarage, Wisbech, Cambs.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING AT BLAGDON.

The quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch, of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Blagdon on September 28th. The Rev. E. Marriott (Rector) conducted the service, and ringers were present from Bleadon, Cheddar, Weston-super-Mare, Worle, Tunstall, Kent, and Chester Cathedral, Mark, Madgworth, Wrington, Uphill, Minster Abbey, Kent, Kewstoke, Churchill, Keynsham and Blagdon, Gloucester and Shipham.

Tea was given by Mr. T. Saint and Mr. W. Webb and other friends. At the business meeting the president, the Rev. L. T. Powys David, presided, and asked those present to stand as a mark of respect to the late Rev. T. H. Amos, Vicar of Banwell. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Burnham-on-Sea, the October practice meeting at Axbridge, and the November practice meeting at Wick St. Lawrence. Six probationer members were elected from Mark, and Cpl. James S. Webb, R.A.F., Sittingbourne, Kent, as a non-resident life member.

Ringings consisted of rounds, Queens, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Plain Bob and Kent Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT EPSOM.

A meeting of the Leatherhead District was held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on October 6th, and was attended by some 40 ringers from Banstead, Epsom, Ewell, Leatherhead, Baldock, Canterbury, Eastbourne, Hawkhurst, Henfield, Kingston, Oatlands Park, Richmond, St. Albans and West Grinstead.

The Vicar took the Guild's service. Tea at the Capitol Cafe was followed by a short business meeting held in the belfry. W. Pickworth, of Richmond, and F. Cruttenden, of Henfield, were elected compounding members, and P. Cooper, of Epsom, a ringing member. Ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

About 50 members of the Surrey Association and friends enjoyed the North-Western District meeting at Benhilton on September 28th, not only on account of the ringing, but because of the excellent meal arranged by local ringers. It was a pity that all who notified did not attend to enjoy it.

At the meeting the members were warned that a new district secretary would have to be found at the end of the year. Mr. D. Cooper, the Master of the Surrey Association, who has been carrying on in a temporary capacity during the war, pointed out that according to the rules he could not hold two offices. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to all concerned.

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