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**PROPAGANDA NEEDED**

Ambling around country villages and searching for bells and ringers is a broadening experience, full of pleasant surprises and at times rude shocks. The writer was in the 'round' and 'call changes' counties last week and had the privilege of discussing various ways of ringing with one who had had nearly 50 years' experience of 'stoney' ringing. And it was illuminating.

He was what he classified himself—a 'call changer,' and frankly admitted that he was not too struck with those 'methods' men. 'Methods,' he maintained, could only be rung on light bells and, further, there had been a 'methods' ringers' meeting at his church, and the striking had been very bad, which he attributed to the fact that the bells were heavy! To this argument a recent experience in a neighbouring county seemed an appropriate reply. Here some ringers on their 'outing' were contacted, and it was noted that they travelled complete with calling board. Accompanying them to one tower which had a light ring with the 'go' excellent and almost new bells hung on ball bearings, the writer was appalled by the bad striking. The veteran eventually agreed that there was good and bad amongst both kinds of ringers.

It then occurred to the writer that, while appeals for good striking could be made to 'method' ringers through 'The Ringing World,' as was constantly being done, there was no vehicle of approach to change ringers. A copy of this journal was shown to the veteran, and to a question if he had ever seen 'The Ringing World' before he replied in the negative, adding that he did not know such a paper existed! What a shock, after so many years of publication, to find a man who had been ringing for nearly 50 years was ignorant of this journal and its purport! A copy was given to him, and he was told how to procure it weekly.

The story does not end there. This tower was within a sixpenny bus ride from a city where there are several rings of bells and change ringing is practised. For such ignorance of change ringing to exist points to the need of propaganda. It is doubtful if my friend of nearly 50 years' experience will ever change his mode of ringing; he is too set in his ways; but it is incumbent upon all who cherish the art of change ringing to see that the younger generation are given an opportunity of learning 'method' ringing and come under its fascinating spell. There must be a concerted effort by all who love change ringing to proselytise these 'stoney' towers. The task is by no means easy.

PETER CROOK.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 26½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 9
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 4	ALAN F. THIRST ... 10
*GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6	GEORGE L. RODEN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* 50th peal for the Society. Rung as a compliment to Mr. M. J. Morris for his 79th birthday. Also 250th peal together for M. J. Morris and G. F. Swann, rung on the 35th anniversary of their first peal together. The composition has the tittums and handstroke home positions at alternate course ends throughout the peal.

## TEN BELL PEAL

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON... 6
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 8
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 9
HENRY TOOKE ... 5	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

In memoriam John Arthur Godfrey, who took part in several peals on these bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

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

EILEEN H. BASTOW ... <i>Treble</i>	R. BENSON ... 5
J. BOOTH ... 2	S. L. PARRY ... 6
A. TOMLINSON ... 3	F. DUNKERLEY ... 7
C. SHARPLES ... 4	I. GARTSIDE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.  
Rung to celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES F. SAYER ... <i>Treble</i>	DENIS A. BAYLES ... 5
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... 6
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and by the Association. Eightieth method or extension of method for Mr. Maurice Hibbert. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. T. K. Lowdell, M.A.

ASH-BY-WROTHAM, KENT. — On August 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. B. Marchant 1, A. V. Kemp 2, Edna M. Sills 3, P. C. Wright 4, R. L. Sills (conductor) 5, C. E. East 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

E. Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 24 cwt.
REUBEN CHARGE ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES W. WARD ... 5
*ENID WALKLATE ... 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE... 6
FREDK. A. BARKER ... 3	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON... 7
*ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... 4	JOHN W. LANGLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST E. WHITMORE.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Burley P. Morris to Miss Mary Swift, which took place at the above church earlier in the day.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY R. PARKINSON ... <i>Treble</i>	*CLIFFORD A. BENN ... 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	ERNEST H. RAYNER ... 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON ... 3	JACK F. HODSON ... 7
MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	GORDON BENFIELD, ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by GORDON BENFIELD.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Rev. E. Banks James' Ten-part.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
PETER J. EVES ... <i>Treble</i>	HENRY W. SHADRACK ... 5
JOHN SITCH ... 2	WILLIAM J. BARRETT ... 6
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 3	HARRY TURNER ... 7
ALBERT G. BARTHOLOMEW 4	ALFRED MEADOWCROFT... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Cornell, captain of the local company, who has completed 40 years as a ringer at this church.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

CAPT. A. R. POYNTZ ... <i>Treble</i>	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	JOHN THOMAS ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	CYRIL E. LANXON ... 7
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sun., Aug. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... <i>Treble</i>	JANET MATTINSON ... 5
VERNON J. BENNING ... 2	*HELEN Y. GARDNER ... 6
PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 3	†PETER R. LAYTON ... 7
*R. MARY ELKINGTON ... 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.  
\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On August 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Hazelden (first quarter) 1, W. Poston 2, C. W. Munday 3, H. Symonds 4, G. Hanks 5, J. J. Webb 6, W. T. Poston (conductor) 7, A. W. Davis 8.



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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT ... 2	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 8½ cwt.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... Treble	GEORGE DAVIS ... 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 2	S. FRANK TUFFLEY ... 6
*REGINALD F. CROOK ... 3	*MARK ROSIER ... 7
*JAMES W. WILSON ... 4	REGINALD W. REX ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.  
\* First peal of Major.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5089 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK ... 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 6
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 7
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

NORWICH.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... Treble	CLIFFORD BIRD ... 5
ROBERT W. BARBER ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

Composed by JAS. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT LUDKIN ... Treble	FRANK REYNOLDS ... 5
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ... 2	ALBERT FORD ... 6
MISS MARY WALSHAW ... 3	RICHARD BENSON ... 7
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. S. POWELL.

Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

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

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

CYRIL TABERNER ... Treble	*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 6
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
*FRANK E. HAYNES ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Wilfred E. Box.

PENZANCE, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 23½ cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 6
REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 3	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 7
MRS. T. J. LOCK ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

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

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. A. C. F. DAVIES Treble	*FRANK HEYES ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	†JOSEPH E. WILSON ... 6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 3	THOMAS WILSON ... 7
*HARRY ANDERTON ... 4	*ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIS. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the Provost of Blackburn (the Very Rev. William Kay. D.S.O., M.C., M.A.) and Mrs. Kay.

LYDD, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.  
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY F. CARTER Treble	JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 5
*HELEN Y. GARDNER ... 2	*R. W. M. CLOUSTON ... 6
*JANET MATTINSON ... 3	VERNON J. BENNING ... 7
DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON ... 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. The first peal of Treble Bob for the Society.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HARRY COMMINS ... Treble	CLAUDE TARR ... 5
STANLEY BRISTOW ... 2	EDGAR QUICKE ... 4
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER ... 3	HARRY PURCHASE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PURCHASE.

\* First peal of Minor.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5044 CHANGES;**  
Seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	*RONALD G. BUGG ... 4
*GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5
*GEORGE E. WATERMAN ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1947, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
One 240 and forty 120's, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK BIRCH ... Treble	HARRY C. JONES ... 4
*FRANCIS PERCELL ... 2	FRANK REED ... 5
WALTER LEE ... 3	†JOHN THOMAS CROSS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

DUNSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

KENNETH S. B. CROFT Treble	JACK F. HODSON ... 3
MISS BETTY BROWN ... 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 4
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor	

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band and for the Guild.

BRISTOL.—On August 10th, in the belfry of SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, on handbells, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss A. Brown 1-2, E. J. Brown (conductor) 3-4, T. Harris 5-6, R. C. Seager 7-8.

**EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Aug. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN D. ROCK ... .. 4
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 2	E. PETER ROCK ... .. 5
WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3	LESLIE EVANS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal of Surprise by all the band, except the conductor, and on the bells.

**RAYNE, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Aug. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

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

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

HERBERT REASON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	DOUGLAS JENNINGS ... .. 4
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 5
HENRY PRATT ... .. 3	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

**MERROW, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Aug. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,*

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

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F.

ERIC T. LEE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 4
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
GEORGE L. GROVER ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The first peal on the bells, recently rehung in ball bearings, since 1939. The conductor's 175th peal, conducted 92.

**OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Aug. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH SS. MARY AND MILBURGH,*

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*PETER T. ROBBINS ... <i>Treble</i>	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4
†JULIA M. PRESTON ... 2	BETTY SPICE ... .. 5
PETER W. B. SEMMENS 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Minor.

**HINTON BLEWITT SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

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

Consisting of 4 six-scores each of New, Union, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, 3 April Day, 8 Old, 10 Stedman and 5 of Grandsire, being 42 different six-scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*VICTOR SAVAGE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 3
*FREDERICK SAVAGE ... 2	†LEONARD DERRICK ... 4

\*EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in eight methods of Doubles. First peal in eight methods of Doubles as conductor, who has now rung a peal in 80 Somerset towers.

**SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**

**THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

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

Seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*HENRY V. WARNES ... <i>Treble</i>	†IAN A. MORRISON ... 4
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 5
†ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 3	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

**HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,*

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

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

ROBERT CRITCHLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN POUNDS ... .. 4
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 2	WILFRED CORE ... .. 5
JOHN LUNHAM ... .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung for the 69th birthday of Robert Critchley.

**KEEVIL, WILTSHIRE.**

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,*

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

Seven 720's. Tenor 21 cwt.

*LEONARD CAVE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	HARRY PROUT ... .. 4
FRED SLATFORD ... .. 2	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING 5
*STANLEY R. COCKELL ... 3	HAROLD SMITH ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD SMITH.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Fred Slatford.

**BUNWELL, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Aug. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,*

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

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*FRANK W. PHILIPPO ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... 4
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM 2	†LEONARD G. TOOKE ... 5
FREDK. W. MIDDLETON 3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

## HANDBELL PEALS

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Aug. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE OAKS, THEOBALDS ROAD,*

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

**TRING, HERTS.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1947, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,  
AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,*

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

Seven 720's, five different callings. Tenor size 14 in C sharp.

E. H. LEWIS ... .. 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON ... .. 3-4
*MISS BRENDA FELS ... 5-6	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal.

**MILTON REGIS, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Aug. 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT HILLTOP,*

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

Holt's Original.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 1-2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. Dobbie. Witness: The Family.

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The Bishop of London, in his recent primary charge, asked that experiments should be made to reach the man-in-the-street, and that new methods and new types and times of services should be tried. The Rector of Acton, the Rev. Percival Gough, decided that St. Mary's should make such an experiment, and that the bells should play their part in it.

So on August 11th, the evening service was held in the church garden, a pleasant stretch of grass backed by trees and shrubs, with the church on one side and high buildings, which protect it from much of the main road noise, on the other. By 6 o'clock people began to arrive, and for half an hour the bells sounded their joyous message, and many well-known hymns and sacred songs were chimed. The Rector announced the first hymn, the bells gave out the tune, and, singing, the choir moved down the church steps and crossed the lawn to their appointed place, followed by the Rector, with the Rev. F. H. E. Harfitt, who was to preach.

The F to F range of the bells was suitable for singing, and the combination of bells and voices was pleasant. In spite of the distance between choir and chimer, the synchronisation of the Magnificat, 23rd Psalm and five hymns was excellent. The Nunc Dimittis was sung as the recessional.

Many passers-by stopped to listen and join in. The words of the hymns were striking and beautiful, set to familiar tunes within the scope of eight bells. That limitation, however, gives a wide choice of both hymn tunes and chants. The service aroused much interest and was felt to be a missionary effort well worth repeating.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BRISTOL.**—On August 27th, at St. John's School of Ringing, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, Miss A. M. Bennett 2, W. Rawlings (conductor) 3, John Tillin 4, John Davey 5, Brian Mason 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. J. Leaker, buried on this date. First quarter for ringers of 4, 5 and 6.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—At All Saints' Church on August 26th, 1,274 Spliced Oxford Bob, Grandsire and St. Clement's Bob Triples: Miss B. Cowlin 1, S. May 2, A. E. Easton 3, S. C. Driver 4, J. E. Pennells 5, S. G. Smith 6, C. A. Levett (conductor) 7, T. Reed 8.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—At the Church of St. Andrew on August 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Reeve 1, J. Fowler 2, Miss J. Peacock (first away from treble) 3, R. Brown 4, G. Dawson 5, E. V. Blake 6, E. Furbank 7, F. V. Gant (conductor) 8.

**MORECAMBE, LANCS.**—On August 22nd, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Schofield (first quarter) 1, Betty Schofield 2, E. Stuart 3, John Woods 4, E. Swain 5, J. E. Buries (conductor) 6, J. Skeats 7, H. Palmer 8.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On August 30th at the Church of St. Mary, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wallis 1, Miss W. Oliver 2, G. B. Grover 3, H. A. May 4, G. L. Grover (conductor) 5. First quarter for ringers of 1 and 2.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On August 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Hunt (conductor) 1, Miss M. D. Pilcher (first in the method inside) 2, L. P. Cook 3, A. D. Mills 4, H. A. Nobes 5, E. A. Jurd 6, S. E. Cook 7, W. Tate 8.

**PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's on August 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: William May 1, R. Darvill 2, P. Sadler 3, Mrs. R. Darvill 4, W. Perry 5, E. May 6, R. Brown 7, F. Souter 8, F. Lufkin (conductor) 9, R. Chambers 10.

## Kent County Association

### LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Sixty-five members from Beckenham, Bromley, Bexley, Crayford, Dartford, Erith (St. John's and Christ Church), Lee, Lewisham, Penge, Sidcup, West Wickham, Woolwich and the local band, together with visitors from Gravesend and Wrotham, enjoyed a successful meeting at Shoreham in glorious summer weather on July 26th.

Ringling during the afternoon was followed by service in church, conducted, in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. P. Giddons), by the Rev. W. James, Rector of Boscastle, Cornwall, who gave a very interesting address. The lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford), and Mr. V. J. Benning (Christ Church, Erith) played the organ.

After tea the business meeting was held in the west end of the church, Mr. V. J. Benning being elected to the chair. Five ringers were elected members of the Association, and the elections of six members previous to peals were ratified.

St. John's, Erith, was chosen as the place for the annual district meeting, to be held on Saturday, October 25th.

Suggested arrangements for a combined meeting with the Surrey Association, to be held at Beddington on Saturday, September 6th, were confirmed.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. W. James, Mr. V. Benning and Mr. J. Whiffin (captain of Shoreham ringers) concluded the business, and the tower bells were again put to use until 9 p.m.

During the afternoon and evening all tastes and ranges of talent were catered for, rounds and all the standard methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol and London Surprise being rung as required.

**ROSS-ON-WYE.**—On August 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Hazelden (first quarter) 1, W. Poston 2, C. W. Munday 3, H. Symonds 4, G. Hanks 5, J. J. Webb 6, W. T. Poston (conductor) 7, A. W. Davis 8.

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The complete ring at Lichfield Cathedral has been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, as a gift from the Freemasons of Staffordshire. Rededication is on October 26th.

With the 17 new towers he has visited on a ringing tour in Hants, Dorset, Somerset and Wilts, Mr. A. Pat Cannon's total is now 1,080.

Mrs. F. John Marshall has completed her 150 peals, and not Miss Mary E. Davis, as was wrongly stated in this column last week. Mary's enthusiasm will, we trust, enable her to reach this exalted position at an early date.

A young lady from Leicester, who rang Sherborne tenor during a recent tour, is anxious to know whether she is the first of her sex to have this honour.

Group Captain T. V. Lister, R.A.F. (retd.), is the new chairman of the Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and not Mr. A. R. Lister, as stated on page 428.

Mr. R. H. Dove informs us that the first peal at Tutbury, Staffs, was rung on February 2nd, 1935—Bob Minor, conducted by Mr. Jack Bailey. The claim in last week's issue of the first peal since augmentation to six in 1934 is consequently not upheld.

Just after the start of the peal at Keevil, Wilts, on August 30th, the Vicar entered the belfry and—without disturbing the band—placed an envelope on the table. The delighted ringers later found it contained money for refreshments.

A friendly gathering followed the peal at Merrow, Surrey, on August 27th. The ringers had tea with Mr. J. Gould, the local captain, and his wife and members of the Merrow band in the Church Hall. The Rector, the Rev. A. C. G. Oldham, was also present.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

Doyen of Manchester ringers is Mr. Edwin Burroughs, who reached the age of 90 on August 25th and is still remarkably fit. He completed 57 years as a ringer at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, but then found the steps too many for him; nevertheless, his interest in ringing is unabated. An attempt to ring a peal of Stedman Triples in his honour went astray after two and a half hours' ringing, but the band hope to try again another year and each succeeding year. A pleasant hour was spent with Mr. Burroughs afterwards, handbells being introduced, which were much enjoyed by him.

The last peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Michael's Church, Aylsham, Norfolk, until the peal on August 24th, was almost 51 years ago, and was conducted by J. Armiger Trollope from the treble.

Errata.—In the analysis of peals rung during 1946 we are informed that two handbell peals were rung for the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild which were not recorded although they are included in the total. Also Cambridge University Guild is credited with three handbell peals of Doubles. These should be three of Minor in one method.

Mr. Wm. H. Male, of Warwick, has at last accomplished a peal on bells. This was on July 17th, on the back eight of a chime of ten bells, constructed by Mr. T. Male. The apparatus consisted of ten house bells, tuned and fitted to play by keyboard, and the composition was Holt's Original, and occupied three hours and nine minutes. Then on August 4th a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was tapped on them in the morning, and in the evening one of Holt's peals of Bob Major was hammered out in two hours and fifty-eight minutes. Mr. T. Male witnessed the peals and turned the pages of figures from which they were read.

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## IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THE Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association covers the counties of Durham and Northumberland, which are the respective dioceses of Durham and Newcastle. The Association was formed in August, 1877, and, in order to obtain a view of its operations, one is well repaid by a brief glance at the background of the country.

Bounded to the east by the coastline of the two counties, it extends from the north of Yorkshire to the Scottish border, and to Westmorland and Cumberland in the west; it is a land steeped in tradition. From earliest times matters ecclesiastical have been closely integrated with Northumbria, and recall the Venerable Bede, his monastery at Jarrow, his solitude on Holy Island, Lindisfarne, the Cathedrals of Durham and Newcastle, jewels of those northern cities, the deaneries and Collegiate Churches of Darlington, Staindrop, Chester-le-Street, Lanchester, and others, the Abbey of Hexham, with its monks' night stairs, and the names inter alia of Bishop Auckland, Bishop Wearmouth, Monkwearmouth and Monkseaton.

From the days of the Prince Bishops and the border raids, when men went about their occupations sword in hand, rural Northumberland has changed little; sheep still graze in the shadow of the Roman Wall, and Otterburn tweed is still spun, but on Tyneside and in Durham County a vast change was wrought by the Industrial Revolution. The dales of Tyne, Wear and Tees still preserve their charm, but the development of the coalfields and the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway marked the beginning of a new era. The busy ports of Hartlepool, Sunderland, Shields and Newcastle, and the great shipyards, steelworks, railway undertakings, collieries, and the diversified ancillary activities of a vast industrial expansion were the result.

Bells existed here from time immemorial, but records are very sparse. Three pre-Reformation bells, however, hang in Newcastle Cathedral, and three similar bells at Heighington were made a peal of six by the addition of three by Taylor. With the growth in population, more bells were heard, but the earliest known attempt at combination was the Newcastle and Gateshead Society, which was ringing peals some hundred and fifty years ago. There is evidence of continuing combination, culminating in the formation of the present Association. The inaugural meeting was held in the Choristers' Schoolroom of Durham Cathedral on Saturday, August 25th, 1877, with Canon Rogers in the chair. This was recorded in 'Church Bells' of that time, and was followed by the first ringing meeting at North Shields, on November 24th, 1877, the first President being William Reed of that town, the Secretary G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton, and a membership of 99, the title being The Durham Diocesan Association (changed to its present style in 1882).

Then began the building of an organisation to stand the test of time. With a not large number of rings available, perseverance brought its reward, and enthusiasm reached a high level. A scheme for recording Sunday service ringing, and awarding of certificates, introduced by S. O. Ferry, proved so popular

that two divisions became necessary. Two wars, and industrial depressions, made their presence felt on the membership, however; this had risen to 380 in 1897, 460 in 1922, 712 in 1927, but dropped to 554 in 1930, 516 in 1939, and 481 in 1946. A tablet recording the names of the 41 members who fell in the 1914-1918 war was unveiled in Newcastle Cathedral on April 7th, 1923, upon which a wreath is laid at the Annual Festival.

A great day for the Association was in 1914, when its first ring of twelve became an accomplished fact by the augmentation of the ten in Newcastle Cathedral, although the first twelve-bell peal (Kent Maximus) had been rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1894.

The first peal by the Association was Grand-sire Triples (Taylor's six-part) rung at Christ Church, North Shields, on October 1st, 1878, by G. H. Park, J. T. Gibson, W. H. Park, R. Smith, J. Coulson, W. Reed (conductor), G. A. Overton and S. Nott. All were North Shields men except the 7th, who was from Darlington. It was the first peal for all.



DURHAM CATHEDRAL

In those days publications were few, and everything was done in the 'hard way.' It was not, therefore, until December 26th, 1903, that the first peal of London was scored, when two peals were rung in this method, one at All Saints', Newcastle, conducted by T. T. Gofton, and the other at St. John's, Newcastle, conducted by C. L. Routledge. Owing to an earlier start, Tom Gofton's peal came round first, and took priority, but two peals of London, rung simultaneously in the same city by local bands, was a feat in 1903.

Amongst other performances was the turning in of Newcastle tenor to Superlative (1894), and Double Norwich (1898) by F. J. Harrison, being the heaviest tenor rung to peals in those methods at that time; the first peal of Real Double Superlative (March 9th, 1922) at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, of Premier Surprise (February 28th, 1922) at Whitley Bay, the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge and Superlative) at Whitley Bay, composed by J. W. Parker and conducted by J. A. Gofton, the double-handed peals of London by the four Gofton brothers, and seven Surprise Minor methods double-hand by the three Parks.

Of stalwarts there are R. Story, president 1883-1905; F. Lees, vice-president 1877-97; C. L. Routledge, president 1908-20, 1926-8, and seven years secretary; T. T. Gofton, conductor

of 186 peals; J. W. Parker, composer and conductor, whose research, compositions and untiring efforts stand as his monument; W. Story, W. Brown (founder of the Wednesday Guild), E. E. Ferry, J. Stuart and J. Symm. A faithful band of long service members is still with us: W. H. Barber with a relish for difficult compositions (e.g., Carter's odd-bob-and-single-one part, whilst blindfold), J. E. Keen, W. Sheraton, Dr. Barrow, O. Simm, G. W. Park, J. W. Shipp, R. L. Patterson, the reigning president, and many others, whilst juniors are Dick Gofton, double-hand London at 16, and R. S. Stratford, London 'inside' at 12 years of age.

In 1912 the territory was divided into districts, each with its own secretary and vice-president, and power to arrange its own meetings. This proved entirely successful and flourishing organisations now exist.

The Central Council met at Newcastle in 1913, when five peals were scored, and 610 members and friends, with the Lord Mayor and Bishop Wood, were guests of Gillett and Johnston and 'The Evening Chronicle' at the North-East Coast Exhibition in 1929, to a demonstration of the Wellington (New Zealand) War Memorial Carillon, tea at the exhibition, and a social evening and refreshments afterwards. A president's badge in enamel and silver gilt was presented to the Association in 1935 by the then president, Councillor A. Payne, O.B.E., J.P.

Enjoying the support of the Bishops and clergy, the members, whilst never monotonously unanimous, faithfully carry out the Association's objects, and preserve a spirit of friendship unaffected by triumph or disappointment, and nowhere can this be more clearly seen than at the annual festivals, which year by year come round to the pleasure and profit of all.

Entering upon its 70th year with one ring of twelve, 4 of ten, 37 of eight, 24 of six, and 2 of five, and 460 members, the Association views the future with the same confidence extant in 1877.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.

The large number of out-diocesan visitors was a pleasing feature of the quarterly meeting held at Chepstow on August 23rd, when visitors were present from Hempstead and Norton in Gloucestershire, Newark-on-Trent, Ross, Gorseinon, Morriston, Sidmouth, Bristol, Cheitenham and Nailsea (Somerset), in addition to representatives from various towers in the area, about 50 in all. Visitors were entertained to tea by the local band and their wives.

At the meeting, which, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, was presided over by the curate, the Rev. L. W. Sapsford, points to be raised at the annual meeting, the increase of the subscription to 2s. and the division of the Association into districts, were advanced by Messrs. Stitch and Prosser.

Six new life members were elected, also six new members from the Chepstow tower. It was decided to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting at Penhow. The secretary was asked to send the promised donation towards the restoration of Blaenavon bells. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 17s. 9d.

## OBITUARY

MR. E. DENISON TAYLOR.

The funeral of Mr. Edmund Denison Taylor, whose death in the Loughborough Nursing Home on August 28th was reported last week, took place on September 1st at Loughborough Parish Church.

Mr. Taylor had entered the nursing home the Thursday preceding his death following an examination by a specialist the previous day. On the Tuesday he had attended at his office as usual. His home was Buckland, Burton Walks, Loughborough.

The son of the late Mr. John William Taylor, sen., he was born in Pack Horse Lane, Loughborough, where the bell foundry was first established in the town. He was educated at Loughborough Grammar School and was then apprenticed to a Leicester iron founder, after which he took his share in the management of the bell foundry, together with his father and his brother, Mr. John William Taylor, jun.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., died in 1906, and the brothers carried on together until the death of Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., in 1919, since when Mr. E. D. Taylor had been assisted in the management by his nephews, Mr. Pryce Taylor, who died in Canada in 1927, and Mr. Arnold Taylor, who was killed in action in 1916. In recent years another nephew, Mr. Paul Taylor, has assisted to run the business.

### AN AUTHORITY.

As a bellfounder, Mr. E. D. Taylor had a complete knowledge of all matters connected with the art of bell-making from start to finish. His opinions on bells were sought all over the world, and at any gathering of campanologists his words carried weight and were received with respect. During the time that he directed the business many thousands of bells, large and small, were cast and sent out to all parts of the world.

An expert of modern methods of tuning of bells, he had paid many visits to the U.S.A. and to the Continent. It was largely due to his enthusiasm for carillons that several carillons were erected in this country, notable among which is the Loughborough War Memorial carillon.

Many of the famous carillons in the U.S.A. were made under his direction at Loughborough, and at the opening ceremony of one he met President Coolidge.

### HUNTING ACCIDENT.

In addition to being an active bellringer up to the time when he lost the proper use of his left arm through a hunting accident while out with the Quorn Hounds at Wysall early in the century, he was deeply interested in music and attended many concerts. He was a skilled performer on the violoncello and piano and in the late 1890's he formed and conducted his own orchestra.

As a sportsman he was well known, and played for Loughborough Town Cricket Club, being a useful all-rounder. He was a member of the Notts and Leicestershire County Cricket Clubs.

Mr. Taylor was a bachelor. The flag on the bell foundry tower hung at half-mast as a tribute to his memory.

His only surviving brother is Mr. Owen J. Taylor.

### THE FUNERAL.

The Rector (the Ven. W. J. Lyon) officiated at the funeral service, when the representative congregation included the Mayor (Cclr. W. R. Banner). In a short address, he referred to Mr. Taylor's career as a bellfounder, and his paternal interest not only in his business but also in the workpeople, for whom he did many an unobtrusive act of kindness.

The chief mourners were Mr. Owen J. Taylor (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor (nephew and niece), Miss Margaret Taylor (niece), Mr. and Mrs. Moore, London (nephew and niece), Major Mears, Letchworth (nephew), Mr. Denison Mears and Miss

Pamela Mears, Nurse Reeve, Mrs. Adams (housekeeper) and Mr. Jim Smith, an employe for 64 years.

The bearers were the six oldest employees of the bell foundry, Messrs. G. Black, T. Roper, B. Harris, W. Burnett, W. Smith, and A. Smith.

The Leicester Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. E. Morris, and Mr. H. Withers represented St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

Present from the firm were Mr. John Odiam (general manager), Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. F. H. E. Stubbs, Mr. C. E. Morley (cashier), Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. J. Brailsford, Mr. E. Frisby, Mr. J. E. Littler, Mr. J. Humphrey, Mr. A. Fidler and others.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by the handbell ringers, who were Messrs. J. P. Fidler 1-2, Harry Withers 3-4, Ernest Morris 5-6, Horace Stubbs 7-8.

In addition to the family and other wreaths there was one from the staff and employes of Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

### MR. E. STONE.

The death occurred on August 28th of Mr. Ernest Stone, of Coventry, in his 59th year. He was a native of Nuneaton and for many years a member of the Parish Church Society of ringers. He also did a great deal of work for Chilvers Coton Church, having panelled the belfry in oak. His work as a joiner brought him to Coventry in 1938, when he became a member of the All Saints' Society of ringers at Allesley.

Interment took place on September 1st at Keresley Church, and was attended by a large number of ringers from Allesley, Bedworth, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke-in-Coventry and Keresley. Those present were Mr. F. E. Pervin (Ringing Master of the Coventry Diocesan Guild), Mr. T. W. Chapman, of Worcester, Mrs. and Mr. A. H. Beamish (secretary and auditor of the Guild), Mr. A. Roberts, Mr. E. Sibley and many others.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Bastin, Vicar of Keresley, and the Rev. F. W. Moyle, Rector of Allesley, and at the close a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung upon Mr. Stone's own handbells by the Allesley ringers: C. H. Webb 1-2, H. G. Summers 3-4, J. H. W. White 5-6, J. W. Taylor 7-8; and in the evening a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung at Allesley.

Mr. Stone rang 125 peals, 116 being for the Coventry Diocesan Guild and nine for the Midland Counties Association. He is survived by a widow, two sons, both ringers and both at present serving in the Forces, and one daughter. J. H. W. W.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Western Branch took place at Caston on August 23rd. This village is somewhat off the beaten track, and an attendance of twenty may be considered very satisfactory at this, the first meeting to be held there. All four branches of the association were represented.

Divine service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. King, who also presided at the business meeting. Supporting him at the meeting were the association president, general secretary and Ringing Master, as well as the branch officers. The annual meeting was fixed for November 22nd at Swaffham.

Tea was provided and served by the Rector and ladies of the church, who were cordially thanked by the president, Rev. St. John Heard. Prior to starting the business, all present stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late J. A. Godfrey, a keen supporter and sometime chairman of the branch, and also in memory of J. A. Trollope, a Norfolk man.

W. J. E.

## A Month of Tours

THROUGH SUFFOLK, HEREFORD, SOMERSET AND DERBYSHIRE.

The fine weather has made August a month of tours and outings, and many bands of ringers, travelling by coach and car, have visited the villages and towns within their reach.

On August Bank Holiday, members and friends of the Ely Association toured mid-Suffolk. The party from Downham, Terrington St. John, Shouldham, Attleborough, Cambridge and Ely visited North Lopham, Debenham, Framlingham, Wilby, Stradbroke, Fressingfield and Diss under the organisation of Mr. E. H. Martin. Standard methods up to Cambridge and Superlative were rung. The party were entertained at Debenham by the reminiscences of Mr. W. J. Groom.

Herefordshire was toured by the St. Paul's Society of Change Ringers, Burton, who began at Bromyard, visited the city of Hereford and rang at All Saints' (8) and the Cathedral (10) and continued to Eardisland (6) and Leominster (10). And to finish with, the band rang a course of Grandsire Caters in hand in the last-named town!

The Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild chose to visit the lovely dales of Derbyshire on August 16th. The varied countryside and the valley of the River Derwent promoted as great an interest as did the ringing at Chesterfield, Derby and Duffield. Mr. Pagett, Ringing Master at Derby, surprised the visitors by ringing 1-2 simultaneously in rounds on the whole ten, a noteworthy feat, for he has not rung for five years owing to ill-health.

A trip into the county of Somerset was taken by the Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on August 30th. Ringing at High Littleton (6), Chewton Mendip (8), Wells Cathedral and St. Guthbert's, Wells, Ditcheat and Bruton was enjoyed, and Grandsire and Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob were among the methods rung.

West Surrey ringers on August 23rd visited towers in Hants and Berks, Alton, Basingsfoke (St. Michael's), where a wedding was in progress, All Saints', Newbury, and Bucklebury. Handbell ringing and refreshments were enjoyed before the return home.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The district meeting, which was held at Puttenham on Saturday, August 23rd, will probably remain an outstanding memory for those present, because of the fortunate combination of a brilliant summer day with the beauty of one of Surrey's most beautiful villages. Ringing on the village bells began soon after three, and was continued until service time and resumed after tea and the brief business meeting.

The meeting decided to use one of the available Saturdays in November for holding an extra district meeting at Old Woking if acceptable to the Woking band. If not, the arrangement will be carried out at Worplesdon. About forty members and welcome visitors were present from Aldershot, Clondont, Carshalton, Guildford, Godalming, Ewhurst, Horsell, Seale, Sutton-in-Ash, Notts, Twineham, Sussex, Puttenham, Worplesdon and Pirbright.

### 5,120 TREBLE BOB ROYAL

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Repeated.

5th and 6th extent in 6ths place and all combinations of 4.5.6 in 5-6.

Composed by Edwin Timbrell and believed to be rung for the first time at Preston on April 7th, 1947.



## Young Ringers go on Tour

FROM WINCHESTER TO MARLBOROUGH.

On Saturday, August 9th, twelve young ringers, whose ages range from 16 to 23 years, met in Winchester for the start of a unique and memorable ringing tour. Gathered from such towns as St. Albans, Bath, Bristol, Coventry, Godalming, Guildford, Leicester and London, and representing some ten or twelve associations, few had met each other before, but as is usual amongst ringers, a friendly band was quickly formed.

The tour, which lasted a fortnight during ideal weather conditions, took the ringers through the lanes and by-ways of Hampshire, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire. Travel was by bicycle over roads which sometimes became mere cart tracks, of, as in one case, a stretch of Hampshire downland. The nights were spent in youth hostels or in barns and fields where accommodation was unobtainable.

First ringing of the tour was at Sparsholt, where a band of ringers, a congregation and part of the choir were provided. No doubt a church organist could have been produced had the need arisen! Handbell ringing in the Close and service ringing at Winchester Cathedral, where a complete young band rang the opening touch, 168 Grandsire Triples, and, finally, attended at service, filled the afternoon. More service ringing, again by the tourists alone, took place at St. Maurice's for evensong.

Monday, the 11th, was the beginning of ringing at many famous and historical towers. Among the 55 visited were such well-known names as Romsey Abbey, Bath Abbey, Wimborne Minster, Queen Camel, Wells Cathedral, Trowbridge Parish Church and Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon. At the beautiful Abbey of St. Mary, Sherborne, a member of the fair sex showed how a tenor bell should be rung!

On Friday, August 22nd, the tour came to an end. The finale was a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor on the fine six at St. Mary's, Marlborough, and although several attempts were made to ring a touch on the eight at St. Peter's Church, they were unsuccessful.

The standard of ringing, generally, was high, and methods rung included Grandsire (Doubles to Cinques), Stedman, Plain Bob (Minor to Royal), Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Single and Double Court Bob Minor, Oxford Bob, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Handbell ringing proved to be popular at the hostels, although double-handed ringing was too much for some of the band. Only one tenor was not turned in, and that was the 57½ cwt. tenor of Wells Cathedral, where the band voted against a touch of Bob Major, to the disgust of the tenor man.

Despite many warnings by 'old timers,' the band did not suffer too severely from blistered hands, but how legs ached after climbing those Somerset towers!

The tour was made possible by the enthusiasm and the careful arrangements of Messrs. T. Mark White and Eric Lee, and with them the band wish to thank the many incumbents and tower-captains who co-operated so readily. Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Tony W. J. Appleton, one of their number, who was unfortunately involved in a road accident while on the tour. R.O.F.

### 5.248 BOB MAJOR

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

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Three times repeated with SS half-way and end. Contains all combinations of 4-5-6 and the 7648's and 7468's at course-ends. Reduced to 5,024 by omitting any block of 3 homes in any one part. Rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, August 14th, 1947.

## A Cornish Ringing Week

What seems to be developing into an annual ringing week in Cornwall took place during the last week in August, when there was another gathering at Carbis Bay. West Cornwall gave enough scope for a week's ringing, and a plan of a peal attempt each morning followed by visits to three or four other towers was worked upon.

The call of the sea and the sun was very strong, but the first peal was successfully rung on Saturday, August 23rd, at Carbis Bay. The peal of Kent Treble Bob at Gulval on Monday by four husbands and their wives created great interest, and later in the week, on Friday, they again scored with Bob Major at Penzance. Bad luck dogged the rest of the peal attempts, those at Helston, St. Keverne (someone lost the end of the rope after two hours!) and St. Anthony-in-Meneage failing. This last was among the best ringing of the week.

Other towers visited included Zennor—a lovely drive along the coast to ring the six—Madron, Ludgvan and St. Hilary (all 6's), Wendron (6), Tuckingmill, Camborne (two 8's where local ringers joined in), Landewednack, Mullion, Cury, Manaccan and St. Mawgan-in-Meneage (all 6's); and Phillack (8), where the local captain, Mr. Shepherd, conducted the last touch of the evening on Friday.

Col. and Mrs. C. F. Jerram entertained the party at the house, Pengwedhen, Helford, on Thursday, and Saturday morning saw the break-up of the party, but a remnant went to Crowan for Grandsire Triples. The attempt did not last long, however. Thanks were expressed to the many incumbents who took much interest in the ringing.

Local ringers, too, were interested and several shared in the ringing; at two six-bell towers a lady in each case completed a ladies' band. It is unfortunate that some helped in the arduous task of looking after the babe and three young children, and helped with the transport, and were involved in the three failures.

### CHATTERIS RINGERS' MEMORIAL

For many years there has existed a strong feeling of comradeship among the ringers of Chatteris, Cambs, which found expression on September 3rd, when a tablet to the memory of two of their number, Russel Paul and Joseph Haylett, who fell in the second world war, was unveiled and dedicated.

Ringing preceded a short service conducted in the belfry by the Vicar, where the ringers were joined by the relatives of the fallen, the district secretary (Mr. C. Gimbert) and the general secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association (Mr. W. W. Cousins). The simply-worded tablet is of bronze with engraved letters in white enamel, the cost being defrayed by the local ringers.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

PRESENTATION TO FORMER SECRETARY.

Thirteen towers were represented at the Dorchester Branch meeting at Charminster on August 16th, when Canon A. Wilkinson Markby (Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester, and chairman of the branch) presented Mrs. Godley, of Stratton, with an illuminated address and a gift from the ringers in appreciation of her services as hon. secretary from 1944-47.

The address had been prepared by the Rev. A. S. Bryant, Rector of Upwey, and accompanying it was a list of 128 members from all towers who had subscribed towards the gift. Canon Markby spoke of Mrs. Godley's outstanding work for the branch, a tribute that was warmly endorsed by the ringers.

The Vicar, Rev. D. B. Eperson, and Canon Markby conducted the ringers' service, and at tea thanks were extended to the Vicar, the local ringers, and the lady helpers for their hospitality.

## Sanity Questioned

Dear Sir,—The various references in recent issues of 'The Ringing World' to ringing oddities can, I think, be capped by a recent experience of members of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers. This should not, however, be regarded as typical of the ringing activities of the society!

On visiting the tower at Bronllys, during the society's ringing tour this summer, the ropes were found to be extremely low. One member found he could ring much better sitting down, but in a few minutes the whole band had descended to its knees, in which position a touch of Bob Minor and then a well-struck course of Cambridge Minor were brought round. In each case the word 'stand' brought the ringers to their feet, and the bells were set at the call 'stop!'

Although doubts were expressed by certain onlookers concerning the sanity of those participating, it was generally acknowledged that the striking was some of the best experienced at the tower.

BETTY SPICE,

Sittingbourne, Kent.

### WELL-KNOWN RINGERS WED

The wedding of Mr. E. Dennis Poole, secretary of the Shropshire Association, to Miss Patricia Fletcher, took place at Malinslee Church, Shropshire, on August 27th. Both bride and bridegroom are well-known and keen ringers. The Rev. T. Eland, Vicar of Coalbrookdale, officiated. Ringers present at the reception included Messrs. A. Woodvine, J. Harley, L. Bray, A. Pritchard, W. A. Farmer, F. G. Beddow and J. W. Humphries. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Rev. T. N. Crowther Green, Rector of Brierley Hill and a former treasurer of the Association.

Before and after the ceremony the six bells of Malinslee Church were rung to Plain Bob. Kent and Stedman, and two peals are to be attempted in the near future in honour of the event.

### REVIEW

'DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS'

The complaint has often been made that the style of writing used in ringing text books is so involved as to go over the head of the average ringer. That criticism can hardly be made of the excellent work on 'Double Norwich Caters, the method and its proof,' written by Edgar C. Shepherd and just published in useful size book form. The work shows that the author has been at great pains to help the student to compose and prove touches and peals in this fascinating Cater method, and he is to be congratulated on having dealt with his subject in simple terms, easily understood.

The Rev. H. Law James and his brother made an attempt some 40 years ago to popularise this useful method by ringing a peal with the Gloucester St. Michael's band, under the conductorship of that great pioneer, the late John Austin. Tradition in ringing, as in many other things, however, dies hard, and the effort misfired, probably through the discouraging attitude of the Editor of 'The Bell News,' who regarded the method as a 'novelty.'

Those lucky bands who possess a ring of ten bells will do well to study this latest book, which provides us with a welcome alternative to Grandsire and Stedman Caters. We can well do with booklets of the kind under review, and it is to be hoped that others who are gifted in the same way as Mr. Shepherd may by his example be induced to deal with other methods in the same simple but effective manner.

J. F. S.

## NOTICES

## MARRIAGE

**BOWLER. — KENNAIRD.** — On Sept. 3rd, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Finsbury Park, London, Leonard H. Bowler, to Jessie Kennaird. Future address: 44, Pad-dock Road, Cricklewood, N.W.2.

1921

## SITUATION VACANT

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## ACCOMMODATION

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## PERSONAL

E. Many happy returns. Your address, please.—O. 1891

## PUBLICATIONS

'College Youths,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, the method and its proof,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 1s. (postage 1d.), from Hollebeke, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. 1946

While they last, Nichols' 'Bells Thro' the Ages' (21s.) may be had for 8s. 6d., plus 8d. postage, from E. Morris, Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. 1918

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1868

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—Meeting Beccles, Suffolk, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.45 at Y.M.C.A. Meeting to follow.—Sylvia R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1852

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Horsell (6), Sept. 13th, 3. Service 4.30.—F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 1873

**ESSEX ASSN.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6), Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 1876

**ESSEX ASSN.** — North-Eastern Division.—Meeting Harwich, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Thorington, Colchester. 1859

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.** — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Otley, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) available 2. Tea 5. Business meeting 6.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 1880

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Christchurch Branch) and **SALISBURY GUILD** (Wimborne Branch).—Combined meeting Bournemouth, Sept. 13th. Ringing St. John's (Surrey Road) (8) 2.30. Tea in Central Bournemouth 5.30. Ringing St. Peter's (8) 6.30. Short business meeting.—Rev. C. A. Phillips and Arthur V. Davis, Hon. Secs. 1913

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—District meeting at Hunsdon, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon. 1902

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Next meeting Moberley, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec. 1903

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Bolney (8), Sept. 13th, 3. Tea 5. Twineham (5) after.—C. A. Bassett. 1904

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 3. Service 5. Bring own food; cups of tea available.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1906

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting Netherbury, Sept. 13th.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 1888

**DERBYSHIRE ASSN.**—Chesterfield District.—Next meeting Ashover (8), Sept. 13th. Bring food and families and let us have a good day out.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1934

**CHISLEHURST (ST. NICHOLAS')**.—Weekly practice on Tuesdays at 7.45 will be resumed on and from Sept. 16th. Sunday ringing at 5.45 as usual. 1889

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Evening meeting at All Saints', Fulham, Thurs., Sept. 18th. Bells 7.30 to 8.30.—F. A. Finch. 1931

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at

Paston, Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring own food; cups of tea 5, in Village Hall. Knapton bells after tea.—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 1912

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD** and **SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Joint meeting North Collingham (6), (six miles from Newark), Sept. 20th, 2.30. Cups of tea only. South Collingham available after tea.—J. Freeman, Hon. Sec., Lincoln District. 1901

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting Quadring, Sept. 20th.—J. E. Allen, Virginia Cottages, Donington, Spalding. 1834

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—A general meeting of the association will be held at Barnsley on Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Committee meet 3.30 in vestry. Tea (3s. 6d. per head) served at 5 at Hagenbach's Cafe. Names to D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley, by September 16th. General meeting at Royal Hotel 6—Leslie W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1874

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Meeting at St. Augustine, Kilburn, on Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.45, followed by tea. Further ringing at St. Mary's, Willesden, 6.30.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 1884

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Newbury Branch. — Aldermaston (8), Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.30. Names to Miss Davis, Bucklebury, Reading, by Sept. 17th. 1945

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Steyning, Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea by 15th.—E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1944

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN.**—Quarterly meeting Sept. 20th, Blackwell (6). Send names for tea to A. Smithson, 10, Bamford Street, Newton, Derbyshire. 1941

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting Holy Trinity Church, Morecambe, Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to H. Palmer, 14, Orford Street, Morecambe, not later than Wed., Sept. 17th.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 1950

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Henbury (8), Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea; cafes available.—Special meeting Abson (6), Sept. 26th. Please notify for tea.—Miss M. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 1939

**DEVON GUILD.**—S.W. Branch.—Meeting Kelly, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 5. Special coach from Plymouth 1 p.m. Fare 7s. 6d. Names by Sept. 15th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1871

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Dundry, Sat., Sept. 20th, 4.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1940

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting Eccleston, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. 1947

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Autumn meeting, Buckland, Sat., Sept. 20th Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wed., Sept. 17th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 1937

**BEDS ASSN.**—Luton District.—Totternhoe (6), Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Bring own food; cups of tea available.—H. C. Hillyard. 1936

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Great Easton, Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5; bring own food.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1935

**HERTS COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting Sat., Sept. 20th Essenden (6), 2.30, Northaw (6) 6.30. Tea 5. Bus service 342, Barnet to Essenden, leaves Barnet Station 1.31 p.m., 2.31 p.m.; Hertford P.O. to Essenden leaves 2.27 p.m. Service 341 from St. Albans to Hertford—leave bus at Essendon Mill—leaves Hertford bus station at 31 and 51 minutes past hour; leaves St. Albans (10), 7.45.—T. J. Southam, Joint practice nights: Tuesday, Sept. 16th, St. Albans Cathedral (12), 7.30; Mon., Sept. 29th, St. Peter's, St. Albans (10), 7.45.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 1930

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Wyke Regis, Sept. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Buses at 10-minute intervals from Weymouth. Please notify by Sept. 15th.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 1926

**GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.**—Farnham Branch.—Meeting at Bagshot (8), Sat., Sept. 20th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. The official opening of the bells after rehangings. Names for tea by Sept. 18th to J. Corbett, Sunnyside, Bagshot.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Sec. 1922

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting Woodchurch (6), Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 1929

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Practice meeting Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, Sept. 20th. Bells from 3.30. Tea for those who notify me by Sept. 16th. Gentlemen, please help us!—E. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. 1924

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Meeting St. Mary Bourne, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Cooper, Wakesford Lodge.—F. S. H. Marle. 1919

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.**—Northern Branch.—Annual Clent, Sat., Sept. 20th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea Parish Hall 5. Business to follow.—Bernard C Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1923

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Next meeting Peterborough, Sat., Sept. 20th. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 16th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough. 1914

**NORTH STAFFS ASSN.**—Meeting Uttoxeter, Sat., Sept. 20th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 46, Ashbourne Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1915

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall, District.—Elveden, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea 5. (Please advise Mr. A. S. Atkins, 21, The Dell, Elveden, near Thetford.) Business meeting at 5.30. All ringers and others interested will be welcomed.—A. A. Wallis, Dis. Sec. 1916

**HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSN.**—Meeting at Liversedge Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3. Tea for those who order from F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge. Meeting after tea.—S. Manchester, Sec., 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 1917

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting Apsley, Herts, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3. Service 5, and tea following. Names to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by Sept. 24th. Bells at Hemel Hempstead (8) available in evening. Routes: Green Line buses 706, 707 and 708 to Apsley Mills; trains: L.M.S., Euston to Apsley.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 1927

**SHROPSHIRE ASSN.**—Newport (8), Sept. 27th, 3. Service 4.15. Make own tea arrangements (several cafes).—E. D. Poole. 1948

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Hunts District.—Meeting Brampton, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec. 1928

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Meeting at Cannock, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Notification by Tues., 23rd.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 1925

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting Wantage, Sat., Sept. 27th. Service 3.30. Tea; notify before 24th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 1920

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—East Devon.—Luppitt, Sat., Sept. 27th. Service 4. Business and tea after service. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary. 1932

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Sat., Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1933

**SURREY ASSN.**—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held at Wimbledon on Sat., Sept. 27th. Ringing at Wimbledon 3 to 4.30, followed by service, and tea at the Wimbledon Hill Hotel. Christ Church, Mitcham, bells from 6.30; St. Mary's, Putney, 7 to 8. Notice for tea to Mr. F. W. Wicks, The Lodge, 10, Arthur Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19, by Sept. 23rd, please.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames 1938

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting Cassington, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea 4.15. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd to H Farmer, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 1943

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.**—Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Sat., Oct. 4th, at 5.45 prompt. Tickets (6s. 6d. each) obtainable from branch or general secs. not later than Mon., Sept. 29th. Early application desirable. All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8) available for ringing 3 to 5.30.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 1949

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