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STANTON SURPRISE

By W. TAYLOR, Vice-President, Lancashire Association.

WHEN the characteristics which belong to the classification of the so-called 'Surprise Methods' were discussed, it was ultimately decided that: Methods which have an internal place at each and every cross section should be entitled to be classed as 'Surprise.' It was never intended that the group should contain a large number of methods. The main consideration being that the Surprise methods should comprise only the most difficult and intricate methods and so to set an ideal standard of proficiency in change ringing. Hence the glamour which has always been attached to this type of method.

For a while after the decision was made it was hotly contested whether Bristol (a comparatively new method at that time) should be included because of its lack of internal places when the treble is leading and lying, it being pointed out that these positions are in reality cross sections and just as important as the others, indeed, more so.

Of course, the three classical Surprise methods—Cambridge, Superlative and London—have internal places at all cross sections, including those when the treble is leading and lying. However, it came to be generally accepted that the difficulty of Bristol (due solely to the incidence of the Bob work) made it desirable to acknowledge Bristol as belonging to the magic 'Surprise class.'

The present generation may be intrigued to know that even London's right to the additional title 'Surprise' was challenged by William Snowdon (brother of the famous Jasper W.) on grounds which I need not mention here. As a consequence of Bristol's inclusion in the Surprise class, all other methods which lack internal places when the treble is leading and lying, but having an internal place at all the other cross sections, e.g., Belgrave Surprise, which is a simple variation of Yorkshire, have the right to belong to the Surprise group and thus admitting a large number of inferior methods.

Stanton Surprise, whilst conforming to the full requirements, including internal places when the treble is leading and lying, has other and, in my opinion, more serious blemishes. It resembles Bristol Surprise in having four bell work on the front four and back four alternately, with a quick (very quick) transition from one to the other, but unlike Bristol, the Bob work is ordinary Plain Bob and presents little difficulty.

The serious blemishes referred to are the four whole pulls made at the first and third cross sections, i.e., when the treble passes from 1-2 to 3-4 and from 5-6 to 7-8. Surely the definition of having internal places at a cross section doesn't allow external places to be made in addition! Besides, if four places (including that of the treble) occurred at the lead end, it would rightly be called a 'Single.' Now, the four places at the cross sections in Stanton are neither more nor less than 'Singles,' and as a consequence the bells are 'out of course' whenever the treble is dodging in 3-4 and in 5-6! It has always been accepted from time immemorial that Singles are unnecessary in Treble Bob and therefore they are not tolerated. I suggest that the band which rang the peal of Stanton Surprise should withdraw it as the method is not in accordance with the spirit of Treble Bob.

Unfortunately there is a well-established precedent in Cambridge Surprise and its offshoot New Cambridge. In the former the blemish occurs when the treble is dodging in 3-4 and in the latter one whole pull later at the cross section. I suppose that the reason it has been tolerated so long in Cambridge Surprise is because of the facile manner the method extends to Royal and Maximus.

In conclusion I would humbly suggest that the Central Council take the drastic step of declaring that all Treble Bob methods (aye, including Cambridge) to be illegitimate if they contain more than two whole pulls made at the same time. Also to amend the definition of a Surprise method which will exclude out of the group all but the more intricate and relatively difficult methods. I am aware that this is a very difficult task, but I am certain that in two or three years' time a satisfactory solution can be arrived at. I may say I am willing and prepared to give my assistance if the Council or its committee think it necessary.

A WEST COUNTRY TOUR

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... Treble	W. NORMAN PARK ... 5
ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*REGINALD G. HOOPER ... Treble	W. NORMAN PARK ... 5
JOHN WORTH ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6
†ALAN A. POTTS ... 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt, 3 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*DONALD G. CLIFT ... Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* 150th peal on tower bells. First peal in the method on the bells.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN E. BIBBY ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
*DONALD G. CLIFT ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
ALAN A. POTTS ... 3	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 7
W. NORMAN PARK ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in C.

ALFRED E. REEVES ... Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WALTER ALLMAN ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1948, in 4 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 56½ cwt. in B.

GEORGE LEDSHAM ... Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... 9
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor
	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells, and the 'heaviest' peal of Surprise Royal yet rung.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALAN A. POTTS ... Treble	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	W. NORMAN PARK ... 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. KEN. LEWIS.
First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, in 4 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 46 cwt. 6 lb. in B flat.

ARTHUR FIRTH ... Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
LEONARD TREVOR ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
First peal in the method on the bells.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

GEORGE LEDSHAM ... Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
W. NORMAN PARK ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

C. KENNETH LEWIS ... Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
LEONARD TREVOR ... 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 6
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
First peal in the method on the bells.



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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D

*GEORGE LEDSHAM ... Treble	*ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
*J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 3	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method in the county and for the Association.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 7
*DONALD G. CLIFT ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 4	WALTER ALLMAN ... 9
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES' WEEK

Peals rung during the week in Cheshire for the Universities Association.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DOROTHY RICHARDSON Treble	MARGARET FIDELL ... 5
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	BETTY SPICE ... 6
*JOHN D. ROCK ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
†JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Association.

CHESTER.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, HANDBRIDGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*GILLIAN A. SMITH ... Treble	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 5
†HILDA M. STOBBS ... 2	JOHN WRENBURY ... 6
†H. STANLEY GRISDALE... 3	GEOFFREY DODDS ... 7
DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG... Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

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

CHESTER.

On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

IN THE LIBRARY OF CHESTER COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

*GEOFFREY DODDS ... 1-2	BETTY SPICE ... 5-6
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 3-4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7-8
†PETER C. WRIGHT ... 9-10	

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Caters on handbells. † First peal of Caters.

TEN BELL PEALS

SURLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 6
*JOHN S. ALLEN ... 2	†CYRIL WANDER ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	JOHN G. AYMES ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	*AUBREY D. MILLS ... 9
N. G. HOLLINGWORTH... 5	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35½ cwt. in C.

J. EDWARD CAWSER ... Treble	*DAVID VINCENT ... 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 2	*ALFRED SMITH ... 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 8
*GORDON BENFIELD ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 9
ERNEST A. THORPE ... 5	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells since being recast. In memoriam the Right Rev. Henry McGowan, D.D., Bishop of Wakefield, who died on Sept. 8th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22½ cwt.	
*CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON... 5
†ERIC O. DAVIES ... 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 6
†THOMAS COOPER ... 3	*WILFRID F. MORETON... 7
‡JOHN D. ROCK ... 4	LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 25th peal together. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ 50th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

ERIC E. SPEAKE ... Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... 3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY... 7
H. JAMES TURNER ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.	
ROGER R. SAVORY ... Treble	*MICHAEL P. MORETON... 5
*JOHN D. ROCK ... 2	†DAVID GALLOP ... 6
DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON 3	BETTY SPICE ... 7
†RODNEY MEADOWS ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON... Tenor

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

* 25th peal together. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Triples and in the method.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*ALBERT H. FITTER ... Treble	S. GEORGE CHAPLIN ... 5
JAMES F. HARVEY ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 6
HOWARD HOWELL ... 3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 4	WM. T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.

* First peal.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES THORLEY ... Treble	*CYRIL TOYNE ... 5
CHARLES THORLEY ... 2	HAROLD WAGSTAFF ... 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
ERNEST THORLEY ... 4	*HERBERT COOPER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. In honour of the first birthday of Susan, granddaughter of the ringer of the 2nd, and the third birthday of Anthony, son of the conductor.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
 Tenor 6½ cwt.
 GEORGE E. FEARN ... Treble | HENRY H. FEARN ... 5
 ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... 2 | G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 6
 HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 3 | H. JAMES TURNER ... 7
 THOMAS H. REEVES ... 4 | JOHN PINFOLD ... Tenor
 Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by HERBERT C. SPENCER.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
 SYD FLINT ... Treble | GEORGE SKELLAND ... 5
 PHYLLIS BOOTH ... 2 | DENNIS BOOTH ... 6
 THOS. S. HORRIDGE ... 3 | ROBT. GUY ... 7
 THOS. W. HAMMOND ... 4 | WM. H. DEACON ... Tenor
 Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.
 Rung on the wedding anniversary of Thomas Partridge, donor of the treble bell.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
 Tenor 3½ cwt.
 JOHN PINFOLD ... Treble | THOMAS HEMMING ... 5
 HENRY H. FEARN ... 2 | ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
 CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3 | HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
 JAMES F. HARVEY ... 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN... Tenor
 Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD:
On Tues., Sept. 7, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
 Tenor 14 cwt.
 *GEORGE F. SPERRING... Treble | *HENRY O. BAKER ... 5
 JOHN HAYES ... 2 | JAMES S. WEBB ... 6
 JOHN W. BEST ... 3 | †JOHN W. GRIFFITHS... 7
 SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 4 | PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor
 Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN W. BEST.
 * First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First of Surprise as conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
 Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E.flat.
 *VICTOR A. PERRY ... Treble | STANLEY M. RUDDLEDEN 5
 *ERNEST G. ORLAND ... 2 | †SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 6
 FRANK BURGESS ... 3 | WILLIAM R. HAMMONS... 7
 †STANLEY F. EARL... 4 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
 * First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.' The composition has now been rung for the first time.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
 CHARLES E. BROWN ... Treble | KENNETH W. MAYER ... 5
 MISS BETTY BROWN ... 2 | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6
 CHARLES MCGUINESS ... 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
 FREDERICK W. STOKES... 4 | JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor
 Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by MISS BETTY BROWN.
 First peal as conductor and first attempt. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
 Johnson's Variation. Tenor 21 cwt.
 *MISS M. E. RIDYARD... Treble | JAMES BLACKBURN ... 5
 JOHN GARTSIDE ... 2 | JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 6
 *MISS RUTH BRADLEY ... 3 | ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 7
 ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4 | JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor
 Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
 * First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. Mawdsley.

(More Peals on Page 408)

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
 *WM. W. T. DANIELL... Treble | †IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... 5
 †MARGARET E. RICHARDS 2 | PETER ANGER ... 6
 CHARLES J. GARDNER ... 3 | *A. GEORGE WELLS ... 7
 *WILLIAM A. T. CARTER 4 | W. BERTRAM KYNASTON Tenor
 Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.
 * First peal of Kent Major. † First peal of Kent. A birthday compliment to the treble man's mother. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF RAMSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;
 Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
 JOHN WORTH ... Treble | C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
 ALAN A. POTTS ... 2 | JAMES A. MILNER ... 6
 WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3 | PETER IAFLIN ... 7
 JAMES FERNLEY ... 4 | JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
 The first peal in the method.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
 J. Thorp's. Tenor 14 cwt.
 ALAN D. STEEL ... Treble | *HARRY CARTER ... 5
 EDWARD STEELE ... 2 | ARTHUR W. HALL ... 6
 JOHN G. CARTLEDGE ... 3 | WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 7
 WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 4 | CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor
 Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
 * First peal in the method. In honour of the wedding of William Perkins, a local ringer, to Miss Nellie Harratt.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
 Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.
 ERNEST BLOMFIELD ... Treble | KEITH WHITTELL ... 5
 PALMER WHITTELL ... 2 | *JOHN W. CRAPNELL ... 6
 R. JOHN MUNNINGS ... 3 | CLAUD WOODARD ... 7
 CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 4 | G. A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor
 Composed by HORACE HOWLETT. Conducted by ERNEST BLOMFIELD.
 * First peal. A birthday compliment to G. A. Blaxcell.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
 DAVID GALLOP ... Treble | MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
 CATHERINE TRIST ... 2 | PETER W. B. SEMMENS... 6
 DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON 3 | JOHN D. ROCK ... 7
 *PETER T. ROBBINS ... 4 | WILFRID F. MORETON... Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by PETER W. B. SEMMENS.
 * First peal 'inside' and on eight bells. A coming-of-age peal for the conductor. Tenor 10½ cwt.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
 HENRY R. PARKINSON ... Treble | ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 5
 MARGARET BEAMISH ... 2 | *FRANK H. HICKS... 6
 J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... 3 | LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
 WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 4 | THOMAS W. SHEPPARD Tenor
 Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.
 * First peal of New Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
 ERNEST E. WHITMORE Treble | GEORGE A. HOLLICK ... 5
 SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 2 | ERNEST G. ORLAND ... 6
 *HAROLD HAYNES ... 3 | ERIC NOBLES ... 7
 *RONALD W. GIBBONS ... 4 | RONALD C. NOON ... Tenor
 Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. 118).
 Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
 * First peal of Major. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

QUARTER PEALS

ALFORD, LINCS. — On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Clark 1, Mrs. J. I. Smith 2, J. Haw 3, S. H. Sutton 4, J. I. Smith (cond.) 5, G. E. Manser 6.

BENFIELDSDALE, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 12th, the 98th dedication festival, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. R. Hanson 1, N. Oliver 2, C. T. Lamb 3, R. Oliver 4, J. Lishman 5, T. W. Dodd (cond.) 6.

BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent T.B., 360 Oxford T.B., 360 Plain Bob and 180 Single Oxford): Mrs. G. E. Watson 1, B. S. Cope 2, A. F. Kirkman 3, G. E. Watson 4, B. F. Lumbers 5, B. Austin (first quarter as cond.) 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Sept. 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Chatfield 1, Miss M. Brockman 2, Miss B. Philpott 3, C. E. Buesden 4, J. Walter 5, J. W. Unwin (cond.) 6, S. Walter 7, T. Holmes 8, H. R. French 9, R. G. French 10. First quarter for 1, 2 and 8.

CHRISTLETON, CHESTER.—At the Church of St. James, on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Spice 1, Miss J. A. Southerst 2, W. F. Moreton 3, Miss M. R. Cross 4, W. Astle 5, V. J. Benning (first as cond.) 6, W. Griffiths 7, F. Poston 8.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK. — On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. W. Betts 1, Miss Margaret Jarvis 2, W. Clarke 3, J. T. Corder 4, F. Bloomfield 5, E. Hynard 6, T. W. Betts (cond.) 7, N. Goody 8. First quarter in the method by all except the 5th.

HAWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Robertshaw 1, B. T. Plalp, R.A.F. 2, R. Scarborough (first quarter) 3, L. Helliwell, R.A.F. 4, H. Helliwell 5, A. Bairstow (cond.) 6.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey Barker (first quarter of Triples) 1, C. E. Lankester 2, Elsie Lankester 3, Mary Davies 4, A. Bone 5, R. Meadows 6, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 7, Derek Riley (first quarter) 8.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS. — On Sept. 10th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 240 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and April Day): P. Beresford 1, Miss J. Beresford 2, J. B. Webb 3, W. J. Cope 4, D. Beresford (cond.) 5, J. H. Allport 6. First quarter in five methods by all the band and as conductor.

MABLETHORPE. — On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy Clark 1, Evelyn M. Wright 2, C. Caunt (first quarter) 3, J. Haw (first quarter) 4, G. H. Dunnington (cond.) 5, Christine Dunnington 6.

POOLE, DORSET. — On Sept. 8th, 1,279 Stedman Caters: A. R. Macdonald 1, I. P. Davis 2, A. Ward 3, H. A. Mitchell 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, E. Hendley 6, A. J. Butler 7, R. H. True 8, J. E. Chilcott (first of Stedman Caters as cond.) 9, R. C. Hurst 10. First of Stedman Caters by 2, 5, 7, 8 and 10.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Stroud (first quarter of Triples) 1, Miss M. Tiller 2, R. Tiller (first quarter of Triples as cond.) 3, L. Harris 4, D. Reed 5, B. Tiller 6, W. Cheater 7, C. Drayson 8.

SELBY, YORKS. — On Sept. 12th at the Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. H. Foster 1, J. J. Tune 2, C. Hill 3, A. Crver 4, H. S. Morley (con.) 5, J. Silk 6, F. Terry 7, J. Wall (first quarter) 8. To commemorate the visit of the Bishop of Minnesota, U.S.A.

STRATTON, CORNWALL. — On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bissatt 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, W. R. Hill 3, F. Sangwin 4, G. Skinner 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, C. Sangwin 8.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Denys on Sept. 12th, 1,440 Bob Minor: V. Bull 1, E. C. Marlow 2, C. N. Pearson (first as cond.) 3, R. Tudgay 4, N. G. Knee 5, T. E. Millard 6. First in the method by all except 5.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Davis 1, P. Lancaster 2, M. Farthing 3, F. Sweet 4, R. Short 5, W. Kent (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

OBITUARY

MR. H. CHAPMAN.

The passing of Mr. Harry Chapman, at Huntingdon Hospital, on Sept. 10th, will be regretted by a wide circle of friends, particularly in the Lancashire Association.

Born at Bythorn, Hunts, on November 12th, 1863, he started ringing in his own village (a stoney tower) at the age of 12. It was not until March 13th, 1886, at Raunds, Northants, that he rang his first 720 of Bob Minor, and his first peal was at Cardington, Beds, the same year.

In all he rang nearly 600 peals, of which 369 were for the Lancashire Association. For a long time he held the heavy bell record, having rung behind and turned in the old tenor at Manchester Town Hall (Mr. William Pye beat this record when he rang Exeter Cathedral tenor single handed). He took part in peals in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and among his notable performances were 9,312 Superlative, 14,112 London, 14,000 Kent Royal, 12,240 Kent Maximus. He rang in the first peal of London in Ireland and also in the heaviest peal of Stedman Triples. In 1897 he called the first peal of Superlative in Lancashire at Pendleton, where he was captain of the local band, and in 1899 the first of Cambridge in the county. Many of his peals were rung at Ashton-under-Lyne; and it was here that he rang the 11th to the record length of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. He never tired of relating how he fed Jimmy George, who was on the tenor, with slices of orange.

His connection with the Lancashire Association started in 1888. He served on the committee from 1895 to 1927 and was a Central Council representative from 1905 to 1917 and from 1923 to 1929. For 35 years he lived in the Manchester district, and on retirement in 1927 from the service of the Manchester Corporation he went to live at Keyston, Hunts.

The funeral service and interment were at Keyston on Sept. 13th.

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For the rally and conference of vergers at Leicester on Sept. 9th, Mr. Ernest Morris was the local secretary and had the bulk of the organising on his shoulders. He concluded the day with a peal of Plain Bob Minor, the first to be rung by a band of vergers.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, a former Guildford ringer, is arranging a set of bell tunes for the Boston handbell ringers.

The peal at Linton, Kent, on August 28th, was rung in honour of Mr. Frank Boorman's 60th birthday.

The walking stick left at St. Wulfram's Church, Grantham, by Mrs. R. F. Deal can now be collected from the verger, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square.

Two Rochester, Kent, ringers—Mr. Allen A. Vidgeon and Miss Jessie E. Wright — were married at St. Werburgh's, Hoo, on September 18th. A wedding peal honoured the occasion.

Four quarter-peals were rung on September 11th by the following band at Cranford, Stanwell and Harmondsworth, Middlesex, and Clewer, Berks: B. Tubb, P. Bake, F. Barker, F. Tubb, B. Willis and L. Tubb. Methods included Plain Bob Minor, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Greetings from Paris announce that on Sept. 17th on the top stage of the Eiffel Tower was rung 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' by E. Dodds 1-2, Geoffrey Dodds (conductor) 3-4, Miss J. E. Askew 5-6. A claim to the first change ringing on the Eiffel Tower is submitted.

The ringers of Selby Abbey rang specially for the visit of the Bishop of Minnesota, U.S.A. After the service they were received by the Bishop, who expressed his great pleasure on hearing the church bells of England in the many parishes he had visited. He remarked how much better he liked to hear the bells rung in the English manner rather than being chimed as in American churches.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton informs us that the first peal of New London Court Bob Major was rung on handbells at Roper House, Canterbury, on August 10th, 1946, by the Oxford University Society. Mr. Nolan Golden and his band are to be congratulated on ringing the first peal in the method on tower bells.

Miss Betty Brown called her first peal of London at Metheringham, Lincs, on September 8th. She is 16. Congratulations!

Mr. John Gartside has 'circled' the tower of Whittle-le-Woods, Lincs, and Mr. Albert J. Lancefield, Eastwell, Kent.

Ramsey Surprise, a composition of Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, has been rung for the first time.

Mr. Roger O. Fry, a valued contributor to this issue, is now in the Army, stationed at Aldershot. A welcome awaits him in Farnham and Guildford district towers.

Absent from our peal columns for a week or two will be the name of Mr. Philip A. Corby. His friends will regret to learn that he has fractured his arm as the result of an accident.

A spell of at least 10 years has been broken by the peal of Plain Bob Major at All Saints', Northampton. Hopes are entertained for more frequent peals.

The Rev. J. M. Turner, Washfield Rectory, Tiverton, challenges the veracity of Mr. P. Amos' remarks concerning St. Michael's, Stamford, and its six bells dated 1762. 'I was a worshipper at St. Michael's, Stamford, 1890 to 1925, and this is the first I have heard of its six bells. I was in the church last summer and would have loved to have seen these mystery bells. The church was erected in 1836. The old church of the 13th century fell with a crash during an attempt to enlarge the arches in 1832. The tower was of wood.'

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MEMORIAL TABLETS TO MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON UNVEILED.

In the presence of over 120 ringers and friends, two bronze tablets were unveiled in the belfry of St. Lawrence's Church, Surfleet, to the memory of Mr. Rupert Richardson.

The first read:—

In affectionate remembrance of
Rupert Richardson,

Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, 1933-1947, who passed to his rest 13th January, 1947. An extra bell was added to the peal at Lincoln Cathedral, and this tablet placed here to record this gift by Members and Friends of the Guild.

The other stated:—

This electric clock was given by
Rupert Richardson,
who from 1898 to 1947 was a ringer
in this Church.

The very impressive service was conducted by the Vicar of Surfleet, and the tablets were unveiled by Canon Carnegie, president of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who gave a most inspiring address which will long be remembered by all present.

Tea was served in the familiar bulb shed with all the officers of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild present. Amongst those who attended were ringers from Birmingham, Coventry, Guildford, London and Bridlington.

The proceeds from the tea, which amounted to £10 10s., were very kindly given by Mrs. Richardson to the memorial fund. The Guild Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman, informed the gathering that a further £35 was required and appealed to those who had not already done so to send their subscriptions so that the fund could be cleared without delay.

The Lincolnshire District of the Ladies' Guild, who had subscribed so generously to the fund, then held their business meeting.

There was ringing on the 12 tower bells for all tastes, handbell ringing on the lawn and the usual Glyn Garth hospitality. This was a gathering of ringing friends such as Rupert always so much enjoyed. J. B.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

With beautiful Tenby as the place of the quarterly meeting of the Guild, eight bells with ropes in a circle in a roomy belfry and the calm sea under a rare sunny sky, it was not surprising that there was a good attendance of ringers from churches in the diocese and from as far away as Oxfordshire and Porthcawl.

The bells were in full use before and after the break for service, meeting and tea (at the invitation of the Rector, the Ven. Bickerton Edwards), and touches of Triples and Major were rung with tolerably good striking.

At the meeting a suggestion was made that the Guilds of Wales should combine to hold an annual festival at some centre where more than one ring of bells was available, such as at Brecon, although the difficulties of travelling from Haverfordwest and Llanbadarn Fawr, etc., were stressed.

A grant from the Bell Ropes Fund of £2 10s. was made to St. Peter's, Carmarthen.

Canon Hayman, of Cardigan, was present, being in the unhappy position of having a tower with bells not in a fit state for ringing. A hope was expressed that these bells could be made ringable and the Guild would assist would-be ringers to learn how to make best use of them.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for providing the tea and making the bells and room available, and for conducting the service (assisted by the Rev. C. D. L. Griffiths), to the secretary (Mr. C. H. Hawkins, Llanelly) and Ringing Master were moved by Messrs. F. Sharpe and A. Hoare.

The church chosen for the next quarterly meeting was Llandilo on December 11th.

Universities' Ringing Week

Chester was the summer venue of the Universities' Association of Change Ringers, from August 13th to 21st, the party of nearly forty ringers from eight universities—Oxford, Cambridge, London, Bristol, Durham, Liverpool and Wales—staying at Chester College.

The ringing programme opened on Friday evening with a visit to Old St. Mary's, where introductions with city ringers were effected, some of whom were to become old friends.

On Saturday morning, Canon Coad conducted a most fascinating tour of the Cathedral, after which we had our first taste of the Cathedral bells. The afternoon was devoted to peal attempts at Christleton and Frodsham (only the latter succeeded) and visits by non-pealers to Hoole and St. Mary's, Handbridge.

On Sunday the party dispersed for service ringing, this including ringing for the 8 a.m. celebration at Old St. Mary's, quarter-peal attempts at Gresford, Christleton and Old St. Mary's, and afternoon ringing at the Cathedral. In the evening the party was 'at home' to a number of Chester clergy and ringers in the College library.

The days were devoted to cycling tours of the district with the exception of Thursday. To preserve the unity of the large party, and yet to give everyone the fullest opportunity of ringing, a staggering principle was introduced whereby one group was responsible for arriving first at each tower, another was last away, while a third had the day off. A further help towards the maximum amount of ringing time was packed lunches, so that the midday meal was enjoyed when and where we liked, usually in a pub. During the whole time there was not a single hitch, and though a certain punctiliousness of early week gave way to a somewhat freer interpretation of the time table as we became tired from our exertions, there was never any likelihood of a breakdown.

On Monday we went south to Wrexham; on Tuesday to the Wirral peninsula; on Wednesday, following morning peal attempts, east to Tarporley (where appropriately we rang at St. Helen's Church on St. Helen's Day); on Thursday by bus and ferry to Liverpool and St. Helens, Lancashire (when Mr. George R. Newton proved the perfect host), and on Friday to the Frodsham and Grappenhall area. During this time the tower-snatchers extended their list by about 30; indeed, not content with this, a group ventured on the Saturday into Flintshire and grabbed six more.

On the return to Chester each evening a hearty meal awaited us, and then we plunged into more activity; ringing practices at Christleton, Hoole and the Cathedral on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday respectively, a general meeting of the Association also on Wednesday, a film show on Thursday presented by the Rev. A. G. W. Thurlow (featuring the U.A.C.R. Canterbury Week of 1946 and Spanish travels) and before the ending of that day the singing of Compline to Plainsong in the College Chapel; and finally on Friday a farewell evening when our friends of Chester joined us.

There were many high spots of a memorable week: our corporate Communion at the Cathedral when the Bishop celebrated, walks round the city wall, the ascent of Liverpool Cathedral tower, 3½ hours of Spalding Bob at Eccleston—no evidence of which will ever find its way to the peal columns—Eccleston bells, courses of Chester Surprise at Hoole and Backford, the chase after an 8 mm. projector finally run to earth in Liverpool, the frequency of those three leads of Bristol, supplanting Kent, as evidence of ringing progress, and of friendliness wherever we went.

In looking back to the Chester Week of 1948 we should like to mention in particular Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Chester Guild, whose advice assured the success of its planning; the principal, matron and domestic staff of the college, who made us completely at home; and among ourselves Marie Cross and Wilfrid Moreton for shouldering the arduous task of controlling the ringing. E.S.J.H.

Oxford University Society

FARMING-CUM-RINGING WEEK AT HONEYBOURNE.

For the third year in succession, the Society has turned agricultural, perhaps too agricultural for some members' liking. The weather remained irritatingly fine enough to afford no chance of a day off work, and many happy hours had to be spent gathering in the fruits of the field, most of them not immediately edible, i.e., peas, tomatoes, beans, cucumbers and onions—but no plums.

A good start was made on Saturday, Sept. 4th, with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Badsey (including one 'first'), and, at Hinton-on-the-Green exactly a week later, a peal of Bob Major was rung by way of epilogue. On Friday, three naughty rebels, who were fed up with picking Parner R. R. Smith's onions, withdrew secretly to ring a handbell peal of Grandsire Doubles in one of his cornfields.

On Sunday, Mickleton and Campden were the towers visited for service ringing, while in the afternoon the handbells tinkled Grandsire Caters merrily by the pleasant green waters of Broad Campden Baths, so familiar from last year's visits. Evening practices were held at Evesham (10), Mickleton (8), Badsey (8), Campden (8) and Bretforton (6). Ringing ranged from rounds to—yes, we can just say it—Spiced Surprise. It was 'spiceless' spiced, however, in answer to a haughty challenge thrown down by Miss Betty Spice, and the atmosphere was too charged with emotion for the band to perform very successfully. But courses of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and London were brought round, and this year's recruits made good progress in Grandsire and Plain Bob. Perhaps the pleasantest hour of each day was 9 to 10 p.m., when, amid convivial surroundings, sweet draught cider (locally very potent) was challenged to do its worst.

An administrative hitch had made only a week's stay possible this year, instead of a fortnight, and there was thus no opportunity for a whole-day tour, as had been hoped. Apart from this disappointment, the week was enjoyable in every way, and for this success thanks are largely due to the local tower captains and ringers. The warm welcome and co-operation they gave made every ringing visit a real pleasure. D. G.

GUILD OF VERGERS AT LEICESTER

September 9th was a great day for Leicester when some 300 vergers from all parts of England assembled for a great rally and conference. A civic welcome was given by the Lord Mayor, and the Provost of Bradford was the speaker. A 'procession of witness' through the city to the Cathedral was most impressive, all the brethren being robed and led by the clergy and Lord Bishop. The latter preached at the Cathedral service, after which a 'communal tea' was partaken.

As shown in our peal columns, the local secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Branch got together six of the brethren and called a very well-struck peal of Minor at All Saints' Church.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Some forty ringers were present at a meeting of the Western Branch of the Norwich Association on August 28th at Wells-next-the-Sea. A most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent ringing on the eight in this old-world tower.

After tea some went over to Halkham Church, situated in the park of the Earl of Leicester, and rang on the fine six. This is probably one of the easiest churches to be found in which to inspect the bells, a wide wooden staircase running round inside the spacious tower.

SALISBURY.—At St. Paul's on Sept. 10th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Potter 1, F. Harris 2, F. E. Manns (cond.) 3, J. Mussell 4, R. Marlow 5, J. Dommett (first quarter) 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Black Spots

ADVICE TO YOUNG RINGERS.

Dear Sir,—In his letter Mr. Bottrill has made a challenge which I feel the Exercise should not let go unanswered as he has drawn attention to one of the less satisfactory sides of ringing to-day.

My experience as a ringer has been very much shorter than Mr. Bottrill's, but I have in the past few years experienced ringing in most parts of the country. My impression has been that good and not so good ringing go in areas roughly synonymous with territorial associations and branches, and that areas of good ringing are invariably grouped round a centre of ringing renown. The other areas contain, I have found, many ringers with very little idea of what good striking and ringing are, simply because no one has ever shown them that it does exist. If the Exercise, by its endeavours, can gradually sow the seeds of a ringing centre in each area, I think we are near a solution.

To do this we have got to think a bit about teaching, for that is, I think, the crux of the business. I would like to begin by making a few suggestions.

Firstly, I think we might do well to hear from those instructors who have been successful, in the form of short letters or articles in your paper, sir, if space permits. I have often heard useful tips being given in the belfry, so why not more publicly? We all have our pet theories and most like airing them. Young ringers would, I think, benefit particularly in this way.

Secondly, I think beginners should be urged to watch and mingle with good ringers wherever possible. I found that much could be learnt from a critical study of an experienced ringer's handling, in the same way as a young cricketer can learn a lot from watching, say, Denis Compton. In areas where very few experienced ringers live, non-territorial associations may be a great help.

I think there is also room for more experiment with teaching methods. One or two adventurous people have shown what can be done in this way in recent years. Experiment is always the precursor of progress. I don't believe it necessarily follows that our present methods of teaching are the best obtainable.

Lastly I think much can be done on both sides in ringers' relations with the clergy in some areas. If both elicit the friendship of the other, as is done in some places, I feel both will benefit. Ringing can never be successful unless ringers' relations with the clergy are of the most cordial. The fact is at the moment that frequently they are not.

Prophecy is always dangerous, but I venture to suggest that unless the Exercise makes more conscious effort to cross the barriers surrounding some of the black spots, good ringing will never be much more widespread than it is to-day. Bad ringing can be as much an inheritance as good ringing.—Yours faithfully,

P. M. J. GRAY.

Atomic Energy Research Establishment,
Harwell, Berks.

PENNING'S VARIATION

Dear Sir,—May I suggest to conductors that any future performance of J. F. Penning's One-part peal of Grandsire Triples should be reported as Penning's Variation of Holt's Original?

The relationship between the peals is most readily demonstrated by reversing Penning's peal when it will be found that large blocks of Holt's peal are to be found in it; notably the 59 leads from 625347 to 462537 and the 69 leads from 243576 to 263475. It would appear that Penning adjusted a few Q sets and reversed the result—a procedure insufficient to be counted as originality.—Yours sincerely,

G. W. SLACK.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.

Doubles—Legislation Wanted

Dear Sir,—The fact that no one has previously questioned the acceptance of Doubles 'records' compiled by using many methods twice or more with only different calls to distinguish one from another is not so surprising as Mr. Golden appears to think. It merely serves to illustrate that the Exercise as a whole is not interested in Doubles ringing. Whether or not this is to be regretted is a matter of opinion, but it is unfortunate that the Central Council has never legislated on the subject. However, the Doubles and Minor Collection regards Old Doubles as another name for Bob Doubles, not as a separate method.

Five-bell ringers are rightly permitted a certain amount of latitude—no one expects them to ring only methods with Bob Doubles lead-ends, for example. But whatever may have been accepted up to now, it is clearly illogical that the use of an alternative call should continue to entitle a Doubles method to two or three different names. If a band were asked to ring a plain course of 'St. Columb' Doubles, all that they could do would be to ring Reverse Canterbury, and a method with no plain course obviously cannot exist. On precedent, Mr. Pink is entitled to regard his recent peal as containing 42 Doubles methods, but it is doubtful whether one ringer in a hundred will agree with him.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford, Kent. E. A. BARNETT.

ST. WOOLOS' TENOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Price has certainly made a mistake in his letter regarding the note of the tenor of the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos. The tenor note is a true D and for its weight (21 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.) it cannot be better.

C. GREEDY, Tower Warden.

Newport, Mon.

SUNDAY RINGING REFRESHMENTS

Dear Sir,—On the question of reform, all the public-houses in this part of the world are open by the time the mid-morning service has finished on a Sunday.—Yours faithfully,

Hereford. WILFRID F. MORETON.

50 YEARS AFTER

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see that the first peal of the method published in 'The Bell News' about 50 years ago under the title of Old England Court Bob Major has now been rung at Hethersett, Norfolk, under the title of New London Court Bob Major, and I, being the author, congratulate the band on their performance.

Names matter little, and as the Methods Committee have altered the name, so let it be.—Yours faithfully,
Brighton. GEORGE BAKER.

WEDDING

FAITHFULL—SAFFERY.

Two ringers were married at North Stoneham on September 4th—Mr. Roy Faithfull, of St. Mary's, Southampton, and Miss Betty Mildred Saffery, of the North Stoneham band.

The bridegroom's father is the well-known steeplekeeper at St. Mary's, Southampton, and the bride's father was at one time a member of Christchurch Priory band, as was also her grandfather. The best man was Mr. John Faithfull (brother), also of St. Mary's band.

A number of ringers were present at the ceremony, and as the bridal party left the church it passed under an archway of handbells. The church bells were fired 21 times and touches in various methods followed.

The honeymoon is being spent in Cornwall, and Mr. and Mrs. Faithfull will take up residence in Southampton, and will be members of St. Mary's band.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Southampton, to celebrate the event, unfortunately came to grief in the last course, due to a miscall.

Yorkshire Association

WESTERN DIVISION AT HAWORTH.

The autumn meeting was held at the Church of SS. Michael and All Angels on September 11th. Although the weather had not been promising for some days, it was a bright and sunny afternoon, and on the heights on which the village is situated the westerly breeze soon brought colour into the cheeks and gave all a tremendous appetite.

For some reason, which has never been fully explained, six-bell towers have not been in favour for meetings of late, but this venture fully justified further efforts. Perhaps the added attraction which the church and village has through its connection with the life and works of the Bronte sisters helped to make the meeting a success, because about forty ringers and friends were present from as far afield as Todmorden, Wetherby, Horbury and Huddersfield.

Ringing took place in a variety of methods, some preferring 'open leads,' others 'cart wheeling,' a point much debated around here, but not settled as to which is best; perhaps the vice-president found himself outnumbered and preferred to leave the matter to some future date. While there was a sprinkling of older members present, it can be safely said that it was a youngsters' day and right well did they acquit themselves.

A bountiful tea was served in the Old Schools, at which Charlotte Bronte taught, and the business meeting followed, the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, being in the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from the president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, Mr. L. W. G. Morris and Mr. F. Hodgson. Members were reminded of the annual dinner to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers, to be held at Bradford on October 2nd.

Sixteen new members were elected and the collection to Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to 18s. 10d. The Rector of Haworth was heartily thanked for allowing the Association to visit Haworth, and he expressed great pleasure in welcoming the Association on its first visit and trusted that it would not allow so long a period to elapse before paying another visit.

5,075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By R. F. DEAL.
23456789

62354978	1.4S
36254	1.2.3
23654	1.2.3
42356	1.2.3S
34256	1.2.3
23456	1.2.3

63452 5S

53462	1S
45362	1.2.3
24563	1.2.3S
52463	1.2.3
45263	1.2.3
34562	1.2.3S

54263	5
35462	1.2.3S
43562	1.2.3
54362	1.2.3
25463	1.2.3S
42563	1.2.3

Repeat the last 12 courses, calling first course 1.2.3S produces 25364978. Repeat the 24 courses, calling first course 1.3 (42563879).

Rung for the Kent County Association at Rochester Cathedral on January 24th, 1948, conducted by F. B. Lufkin.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Golding (first quarter) 1, Mrs. O. Baker 2, L. Turley 3, L. Tidy 4, W. G. Cook 5, R. Collins (composer and conductor) 6, Miss D. Colgate 7, J. O. Weller 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Plain, Reverse, Double, Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure Bob; (3) London Bob; (4) Double Oxford Bob; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.
CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble | MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4
WILFRID F. MORETON ... 2 | JOHN D. ROCK ... 5
GEORGE DAVIS ... 3 | LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal in eleven methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. H. Law James' Arrangement. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*CHARLES E. BROWN ... Treble | FREDERICK W. STOKES 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2 | +JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
BETTY BROWN ... 3 | +KENNETH S. B. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH S. B. CROFT.

* 25th peal. † 50th peal together. First peal of London Minor as conductor. In memoriam Ernest Vickers.

GREAT BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Sept. 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBERT H. FITTER ... Treble | HENRY H. FEARN ... 4
FRANK H. HICKS ... 2 | WILLIAM C. DOWDING... 5
*MISS MURIEL REAY ... 3 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Minor.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES G. WOODGATE Treble | FREDERICK SOUTER ... 4
*ROBERT A. F. CLARK ... 2 | RODERICK W. CROUCHER 5
†MRS. C. G. WOODGATE 3 | FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method. First peal on the bells. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Miller, who has resigned the living.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUILD OF VERGERS.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

BRO. F. WATSON, Croft Treble | BRO. H. R. PARKINSON, ... 4
BRO. E. F. PAYNE, Syston 2 | Far Headingley, Leeds 4
BRO. JOHN H. GRUNDY, Loughborough ... 3 | BRO. J. TAYLOR, Thurlaston ... 5
BRO. E. MORRIS, Leices. Tenor

Conducted by BRO. ERNEST MORRIS.

The first peal ever rung by a band of all vergers.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Bourne, Cambridge, Surfleet, Beverley, York and London. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY Treble | JACK R. WORRALL ... 4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 2 | GEORGE W. PARK ... 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... 3 | W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

* First peal of Surprise. A farewell to the ringer of the 4th.

BENTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

*MRS. E. WYLIE ... Treble | ERNEST COOPER ... 3
†MRS. IRENE SOMERVILLE 2 | *MISS DOREEN SMYTHE... 4
*RON SANDERSON ... Tenor
Conducted by ERNEST COOPER.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. A farewell peal to the Vicar.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5-6
FRANK LORD ... 3-4 | JACK BRAY ... 7-8
Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

A first birthday compliment to Miss Gillian M. Feirn.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1948, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
AT ATHERTON, HAFOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 1-2 | WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3-4
*GEORGE DAVIS ... 5-6
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Minor on handbells.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT 95, SINCLIN BANK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 1-2 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7-8
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3-4 | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 9-10
*KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 5-6 | JOHN WALDEN ... 11-12
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First twelve-bell peal 'in hand.'

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT QUINTA CADIZ, AVENIDA PANAMA, LOS CAOBOS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's, standard callings.

IRENE PARK ... 1-2 | ROLAND PARK ... 3-4
BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 5-6
Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 30 extents Grandsire (10 different callings) and 12 extents Plain Bob (4 different callings). Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
*WILLIAM A. PATTERSON... 5-6
Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal 'in hand' and in two methods. First peal in two methods as conductor.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1948, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,
IN ONE OF FARMER R. R. SMITH'S CORNFIELDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

*BETTY SPICE ... 1-2 | WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3-4
†DAVID GALLOP ... 5-6
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles and of Doubles on handbells.

† First peal of Doubles and in the method on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 1-2 | ALBERT H. WARD ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8
Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

FROM EXETER TO BRIDGWATER.

On Saturday, August 21st, ringers from Ashburton, Bath, Bishop's Stortford, Bourne-mouth, Godalming, Guildford, Hove, Leicester and Wrington met for the second successive year to take part in a fortnight's ringing tour. Eight associations and guilds were represented by members whose ages ranged from 16 to 21 years. The rendezvous this year was the beautiful old city of Exeter, and this was the centre of the first week's activities. In heavy rain the band met at the west door of the Cathedral and then climbed the many steps to the south tower for the first ringing of the tour.

When the magnificent, heavy twelve had been raised, a start was made with a touch of 287 Grandsire Caters. A course of Plain Bob Royal was then suggested, and with some trepidation agreed to by the band. As 'Grandison' rolled down to lead the first time, there was some anxiety lest she should continue her downward path; however, careful treatment bore good results, and a well-struck course followed. After a course of Grandsire Cinques, the bells were lowered and the band adjourned for supper and bed.

Morning service in the Cathedral was attended the next day, and service ringing took place at St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, and at the Parish Churches of Ide, Heavitree and Exminster. Over tea in a cafe at Exeter it was suggested that a society be formed, all taking part in this and last year's tours becoming members. This suggestion met with general approval and so the Society of Roving Ringers came into being.

Travel during the fortnight was by bicycle and 'milometres' steadily ticked off nearly five hundred miles. One or two of the less keen cyclists managed to thumb lifts on lorries, and hooted loudly as they passed their colleagues. Accommodation was again difficult to find, and on one occasion three hefty youngsters had to sleep in one bed. Several of the male members slept out in barns, haystacks, fields and in a tent. Some nights were spent in youth hostels, where the tourists entertained all and sundry with handbell ringing and community singing. The appearance in the half-light of one young man, dressed in voluminous white pyjamas, complete with cowl, is reported to have badly frightened several people at one hostel.

In all, 48 towers throughout Devon and South Somerset were visited. The thanks of the party are due to Mr. A. L. Bennett, who helped in the ringing at Buckfast Abbey, where a warm welcome was received from Brother Hugh. Here the ringing consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and a good course of Bob Royal. Rounds were rung on the very fine ring of twelve. During these rounds the seven-ton Bourdon bell was rung by Brother Hugh. This has to be heard to be appreciated and the effect is as a grand chord on a mighty organ. At Bradninch only the front seven could be rung, as the tenor was out of action. However, a sturdy tenor ringer did good work with a chiming hammer and successfully covered Grandsire Triples. The band received an official welcome from the Rev. F. V. Cox, who, with Preb. C. Carew Cox, took part in the ringing at Wolborough. Cambridge and Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples were rung on this grand octave.

Mr. E. J. Taylor broke a nine year abstinence from Cambridge Major by ringing some with the tourists at Tiverton. Crediton Parish Church, a building of cathedral-like dimensions, was visited on the second Sunday evening, and soon the heavy sonorous bells in the central tower were rolling out Double Norwich and Stedman. Excavations were being carried out in the nave when the band arrived at Stogursey Church. Prebendary Hook, the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, watched while the heavy ring of six was raised and rung. The titbit of the list was undoubtedly the eight at Heavitree where the late W. Pye rang his last peal. There local ringers and visitors joined in ringing for Sun-

day evening service on a ring of eight by Taylor's which were the last word in tone and go. Owing to depletion of the band, full use could not be made of the ten at Cullompton, but some good Surprise Major was rung. Among other towers visited were Totnes, Littleham, Withycombe Raleigh, Buckfastleigh, Uppelme, Bridgwater, St David's, Exeter, Ippelpen, Sidberry, Dawlish and Honiton Clyst.

Altogether, 20 methods were rung, and extensions ranged from Doubles to Cinques. The list included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob (Minor to Royal), Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and London Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Duffield Major, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Erin Triples and Double Bob, Little Bob, Double Court, College Single, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Surprise Minor.

Handbell ringing was much more popular this year, and a lot of time was devoted to this branch of the Exercise. Grandsire Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques were rung and attempts were made at Stedman Doubles and Triples and Kent Major. However, Mark White's handbells seemed to go best to Plain Bob, and Minor, Major and Royal were rung. One touch of some 400 Major was notable if only for its falseness. To ring four handbells to Grandsire Triples was the aim of one talented member, and he would have been successful had his two colleagues been able to keep up with him. One handbell peal was attempted in a barn, late at night, but the arrival of a curious farmer upset the ringing.

During the first week two peals were attempted. The first, a musical peal of Bob Major, was rung at Broadclyst on Monday, August 23rd. The striking throughout was of a high standard and trips were infrequent. The average age of the participants was 18 years and 6 months. This was the fourth ringer's first peal of Major and the first peal by the newly-formed Society. Auditors in the church and churchyard heard not only the ringing but also the conducting. Much amusement was caused when, on completion of the peal, a real 'Spotted Dog' appeared and proceeded to share the party's picnic lunch.

The second peal was attempted at Buckland-in-the-Moor, a picturesque hamlet of some half a dozen houses. Here the band found a light musical octave hung in two tiers in an iron frame. The attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after an hour, owing to an error by the conductor. Ringing in this, his first peal attempt, was Norman Mallett, a local lad who gained much useful experience during the tour.

Friday, September 3rd, saw the last ringing of the tour, at St. Mary's Church, Bridgwater. Touches of Double Norwich, Yorkshire and Superlative were rung on the heavy octave before the tourists adjourned for a final lunch. The success of the holiday was due to the vast amount of planning and letter-writing by the instigator and organiser, Mr. T. M. White, and with him the Society would like to thank all the incumbents, tower masters and local ringers for their interest and willing support.

R. O. F.

LATE NOTICES

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Hawley, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Selborne (5), Newton Valence (5) also available. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sunnbrook, Brook Lane, Warsash. 4142

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Next meeting, Oct. 2nd. Holy Nativity, Knowle. Ringing at 3 p.m. Further particulars to towers. 4141

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Bassingham (6), Oct. 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea arrangements notified later.—J. Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 4140

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion. Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid. Notices must be received not later than Monday.

FOR SALE

Bell and wheel complete weighing approximately 4 cwt. Pitch 'F.' £20 on the site.—Cemetery Superintendent, Park Lane, Kidderminster. 4125

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

Set of 38, chromatic, by J. Taylor. Tenor 18 in G. Excellent condition. What offers? Also set of 8 tubes in E flat, £6.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford, Herts. Phone Watford 7936. 4078

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Smither and Alfred, of The Forge, Chiddingfold, wish to thank all kind ringing friends for their sympathy and lovely flowers in their recent sad loss. 4109

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free. All interested in change ringing will find this historical survey indispensable. Many illustrations.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

NOW READY. — 370 SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS, containing all named methods ever rung or published; 2s. post free.—A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 4102

MISCELLANEOUS

BACK NUMBERS.—A limited number of back numbers for most issues of 1946 and 1947 are available, post free 4d. per copy.—Apply Editor, 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press Ltd., Guildford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—As decided at the annual meeting, the East Ilsley tenor is being recast as a memorial to R. T. Hibbert, for 29 years secretary of the Guild. Subscriptions are invited from past and present members, and should be sent to Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, marked R. T. Hibbert Memorial Fund. 4105

MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting, Ashford, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Parish Room. 4053

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—The annual festival and dinner will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday, Sept. 25th. The bells of St. John's (8) and St. Stephen's (8) will be available from 2.30. Committee meeting in St. Stephen's vestry 3.45, followed by the service at St. Stephen's Church at 4.45. The dinner, followed by the meeting, will be held at the County Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle, at 6, price 7s. 6d. each.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, County Durham. 4039

HEREFORD GUILD and SALOP ASSN.—Combined meeting, Cound (6), Sept. 25th. Teas to C. Edwards, Cound, Salop. 4045

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Duffield (Belper not available), Saturday, Sept. 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea, Bridge Inn. 5.—Wm. Lancaster Gen. Sec. 4074

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Arksey, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 4081

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Cottenham (6), Sept. 25th 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4083

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Great Staughton, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 4075

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Disley, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food, cups of tea provided. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 4092

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashted, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells 3.45. Tea, Peace Memorial Hall, 5 o'clock. 4086

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Little Missenden, Sept. 25th, 3.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4089

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ticknall (6), Sept. 25th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. W. Cotton. 4098

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swanage, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30, address by Rev. M. de B. Scott. Tea 5.15, Oriental Cafe, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec. 4110

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, to-morrow, Saturday, Sept. 25th, 2.30-8 p.m. Cafes nearby.—F. H. Hicks, Hon. Sec. 4117

ST. ANDREW'S, ROKER, SUNDERLAND.—The new ring of ten bells installed by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., will be dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3, by the Bishop of Singapore. All ringers are invited to be present.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, County Durham. 4040

ROKER, SUNDERLAND.—Dedication of the new ring of 10, tenor 22½ cwt., at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3, by the Bishop of Singapore. Installed by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 4059

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Ruislip, Wednesday, Sept. 29th, 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Fredk. A. Finch, Hon. Sec., S. and W. District. 4119

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to the late Jasper W. Snowdon and past officers of the Association will be held at the Talbot Hotel, Kirkgate, Bradford, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, when the chair will be taken at 5.30 p.m. prompt by the president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, B.Sc. Cathedral bells (10) available 2.30-4.45 p.m.; Queensbury (8), 2.30-4 p.m.; Holy Trinity, Idle (8), 2.30-4 p.m. As accommodation is limited to 90, early application is advised. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) on application with remittance to L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3978

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Six-bell contest, Brighouse, Oct. 2nd. For teas notify Mr. Popplewell, 8, Charles Street, Lawe Head, Brighouse, by Sept. 28th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4020

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting at Tonbridge, Oct. 2nd, at 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge not later than Sept. 29th. 4064

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry (8), Oct. 2nd, 2.30. 4095

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchfield (8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to F. W. J. Roper, Crest Lodge, Spains Hall, Finchfield, Braintree.—H. A. Pratt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4095

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting at Thorpe Bay (8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells available 3 till 4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Prittlewell (10) from 6.30 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea by Sept. 29th.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4068

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Ripley, Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 2.30. Committee meeting 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.15. Names to Frank F. Hill, 5, Argyle Road, Ripley, by Sept. 29th latest. 3999

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday Oct. 2nd. St. Alphegs (6), St. Dunstan's (6) available from 2.30. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea and nominations for officers must reach me not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4079

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. S. W. Freemantle, 7, Ampton Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15 (Phone Edg. 0020), not later than Wednesday, 29th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 4085

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Penkridge, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 3. Names for tea Rev. C. H. Barker, The Vicarage, Swindon, near Dudley, Worcs., by Sept. 27th.—A. V. Pearson. 4071

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. 31th anniversary dinner will be held at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Particulars later.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4101

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Ingatstone (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Fryerning (6) available 7 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea by Sept. 30th to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4099

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Mundford on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. New ring of six from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 only for those who notify me by 27th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 4097

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Sawston (8), Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. (provided).—H. L. Martin, District Sec. 4127

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Calverleigh, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names early to C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 4129

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Combined practice, Bromyard, Oct. 2nd, Stoke Lacey, Oct. 30th, at 5 p.m.—A. Tomkins. 4130

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Oxhey (8) (adjoining Busher Station, L.M.S. and Bakerloo), Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 4121

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Southport, on Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (approx. 2s. 9d.). Names for tea to Miss M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, by Tuesday, Sept. 28th.—Mary Lewis, Hon. Sec. 4133

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—The first meeting of the above district will be held at Grendon, near Atherstone, on Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. M. Griffiths, 16, Watery Lane, Keresley, near Coventry, by Sept. 28th. Don't forget, ladies. The more the merrier.—J. M. Griffiths. 4108

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Accrington, Oct. 2nd. Tower open 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4126

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Anleby Magna, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea in Schoolroom, 5. Names to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, Markfield, by Sept. 28th. 4128

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Cotgrave (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. White, Post Office, Cotgrave, Notts, by Wednesday, Sept. 29th. 4134

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Kidsgrove, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hancock, 48, Fifth Avenue, Kidsgrove, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4107

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon (10), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Social evening from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Coles, 61, Hayes End Drive, Hayes, Middlesex, by Sept. 30th. 4120

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Widford, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea before Tuesday, Sept. 28th, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 4052

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Northhill and Old Warden on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Northhill 3 p.m. to 5. Tea at 5, Northhill. Old Warden: ringing after tea. Look for next week's 'Ringing World' in case of any alterations.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 4136

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting, Ducklington, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 28th.—H. Farmer, Standlake, Witney. 4112

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Autumn meeting, Hinton Waldrist (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 4131

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Thornby, Oct. 2nd. Tea, Cold Ashby, 5 p.m., only for those whose names reach me by Sept. 27th.—E. G. Orland, Long Buckley, Rugby. 4116

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting at Crowland on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Service at 4 p.m. Tea being arranged.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scoley Street, Peterborough. 4132

SALISBURY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, St. James', Southbroom, Devizes, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Names for tea by Sept. 27th.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 5, Canon Square, Melksham. 4124

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting at Henley (8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Bring own food and dry tea.—Edward G. Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4104

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Holy Trinity, Hull (10), on Oct. 2nd. Bells available till 9 p.m. Business meeting 2.30, followed by short service at 3.15. Meat tea (3s. 6d. each) in the Young People's Institute, George Street, for those who notify Miss L. M. Lidgley, 105, Marlborough Avenue, Hull, by first post on Sept. 30th.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 4135

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Bispham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 4135

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices, Binfield (6), Oct. 2nd, Easthampstead (6), Oct. 16th, both 6 p.m.—9 n.m.—B. C. Castle. 4106

BRADWELL-ON-SEA, ESSEX.—The Victory Bell will be dedicated at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3rd. The five bells will be available for ringing from 5.30 to 6.25. The six bells will be available after the service until 8.45. Tea at 4.30 will be arranged for those who send me their names by Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—Robert C. Heazel, 19, Brook Road, Tillingham. 4138

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Steeple Aston (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Please notify by Oct. 5th.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 4138

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter and S.W. Branches.—Okehampton (8), Oct. 9th. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Coach, Paul Street, Exeter, at 2 (3s. 6d. return). Names by Sept. 28th.—Rvall, Alplidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 4123

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting, Benson, Oxon (8 bells), Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Oct. 5th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 4118

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Norton, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea arranged for, bring food. All welcome.—G. Briggs and H. Chaddock, Hon. Secs. 4137

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 9th. All Saints' bells 2.30. Tea, Herbert's Cafe, Bank Street, 4.15, followed by business meeting. Evensong 6 p.m. Names, punctually, please, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmridge, Ditton, Kent. 4114

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Eydon and Upper Boddington, Oct. 9th. Service, tea and meeting at Eydon. Upper Boddington evening. Bus leaves Daventry 2 p.m., returns 8. Names for tea to Mr. E. Lines, Eydon, Rugby, by Oct. 4th.—F. W. Hancock. 4115

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Oct. 9th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6.30 p.m. Tickets still available. Last year for receiving applications, Oct. 2nd. Please send remittance (12s. 6d. each) when applying to G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 4122

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The first practice of the term will be held at St. Benet's on Wednesday, Oct. 13th, at 8 p.m.—B. D. Threlfall, Hon. Sec., Trinity. 4065

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival, Oct. 16th, at Lancaster Hall. Assemble 5.30 for dinner at 6, entertainment 7.30, dancing 9.30 to 11.45. Tickets 10s. each (entertainment and dance only 3s. 6d.). Apply early, with remittance, Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. Ringing details later. 4111

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