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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

THIS week it is the turn of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. Featured in this issue is the report of the second annual festival of this Guild, a particularly happy family gathering of about 150 ringers and their wives. It is this family spirit that we are anxious to foster in every Guild. While Leicester has only been a separate entity since January, 1946, it has known organised ringing for many years, as from 1882 it was part of the Midland Counties Association.

The President (Mr. Harold Poole) recounts in the report just published the method of formation—a circular letter to the incumbent of each church in the diocese with a ring of bells, followed by the meeting at Leicester attended by the Bishop. The Guild was thus formed on a solid foundation and is regarded by the diocesan authorities as an organisation belonging to the diocese. ‘Our first and foremost duty,’ states the President, ‘is the ringing of bells properly for services.’

When the Midland Counties Association was disbanded and three new bodies formed, progress was anticipated. In the case of Leicester, this has been fulfilled. The 575 members who were transferred from the old Association increased month by month until, at the end of the first two years covered by the report, the membership totalled 823 and the number of towers represented increased by 94. Monthly meetings are held in each of the six districts, and the ground has been well covered in a manner not possible under the old Association. Many towers have had their first visit from a ringing association. The result is to be seen in the membership list and is the answer to the question, ‘Was it worth while?’

Financially, the Leicester Guild is sound. Not only is there a balance of £72 on the general fund, but the Bell Repair Fund has already amassed a balance of £158. Of this £102 was forthcoming from the first Guild Festival to mark the beginning of a week of celebrations to commemorate the coming-of-age of the diocese. The success of that function, which concluded with a dance attended by 1,200 people, was at the time reported in our columns.

Leicester has always held an honoured position in the realm of peal ringing. By the end of the second year 218 peals had been scored. Of this number 14 are peals of Maximus and three of Cinques. While in the corresponding period the St. Martin’s Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham rang 25 twelve-bell peals, Leicester rightly claims a more varied selection with Maximus performances in Cambridge, Yorkshire, New Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey and York. This Guild is also wisely looking to the future. Youth predominates among ringers in many towers, and the methods of instruction employed have brought a steady flow of young people to the front in work in more advanced methods. While the Guild enjoys the inspired leadership of the President, the material in reserve is such that the Exercise can look to this Midland diocese not only to cast bells which are included in the finest examples of the craft, but men and women to ring these bells with ears attuned to the rhythm of perfect striking.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
 THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
 Tenor 29 cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD W. REX ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 2	PETER N. BOND ... 8
ALBERT DISERENS ... 3	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY ... 9
ALBERT M. TYLER ... 4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON 10
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 5	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 11
PATRICIA HOLMES ... 6	H. PETER RAYNOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
 Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
 ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN SCOTT <i>Treble</i>	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 6
*JOHN PINFOLD ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 5	LEONARD TREVOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
 * 50th peal this year.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
 THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
 Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

GEORGE E. OLIVER ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
ALAN F. THIRST ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
*ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... 8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 9
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
 * First peal of Cambridge Royal.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
 ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT WALKER ... 6
ARTHUR S. RAINEY ... 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 7
*HAROLD J. YARDLEY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 8
†ALFRED J. ALLEN ... 4	†J. WILLIAM PETTIGREW 9
†ALLAN SHORT ... 5	†ALBERT L. PETTIGREW <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ALLAN SHORT.
 * First peal + First peal of Grandsire Caters. An 80th birthday compliment to the composer. Tenor 25 cwt.

IPSWICH.
 THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*HARRY D. LISTER ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
HOBART E. SMITH ... 2	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... 7
*LESLIE G. BRETT ... 3	*CECIL W. PIPE ... 8
*M. JEAN FREER ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5	*JOHN F. TILLET ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. MOTTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
 * First peal of Double Norwich C.B. Royal. In memoriam T. W. Last, of Helmingham. Tenor 32 cwt.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
 THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
 Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

DORIS G. DOBBIE ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT 7
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 5	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
 * First peal on ten. To the memory of John H. B. Hesse.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
 THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

FRANK WHITE ... <i>Treble</i>	ALAN R. PINK ... 6
EDWIN DREWITT ... 2	FREDERICK C. WHITE ... 7
*NORA HONEY ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 8
FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER 5	FREDERICK WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
 * First peal on ten bells. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.
 MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 6
MRS. E. E. DAVIS ... 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5	REUBEN SAUNDERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WM. H. HEWETT.
 * First Surprise peal. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal. Tenor 26½ cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HERSHAM, SURREY.
 LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN H. LOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... 8
WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 4	HERBERT COLCOMBE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
 MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*STANLEY J. NICOLLS ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5
MISS MARY WALSHAW... 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 6
MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
PHILIP J. COWARD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. 119).
 Composed by THOMAS J. LOCK. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
 MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALICK CUTLER ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES BENNETT ... 5
C. EDWARD LANKESTER 2	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 3	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 7
*THOMAS E. DAVIES ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
 * First peal of Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
 THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... <i>Treble</i>	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	PETER LAPLIN ... 7
JAMES FERLEY ... 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
 THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 17 cwt.

*P. GEORGE GOLDER ... <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD J. WARRILOW... 5
F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 2	*GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
†MAURICE G. TURNER ... 4	HOWARD HOWELL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAIN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
 * First peal of Kent Major. † First peal in the method.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM WATKINSON ... Treble	‡ALBERT HULLY ... 5
EDGAR C. STACEY ... 2	‡CYRIL TOYNE ... 6
†ERNEST SHORT ... 3	HAROLD WAGSTAFF ... 7
HARRY BARNES ... 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major.
‡ 25th peal for the Association. Rung in honour of the wedding of
Mr. G. H. Evans and Miss Frieda Cannings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

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

*F. RALPH WILLIAMS ... Treble	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 2	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 6
JAMES BLACKBURN ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 4	DAVID VINCENT ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage
of Mr. Eustace Chamberlain and Miss Bessie Booth.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	*ALBERT DISERENS ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 6
*H. PETER RAYNOR ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
*NOEL J. DISERENS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	‡ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
†ERIC G. BENNETT ... 3	‡W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 7
‡WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 4	GEORGE SAVER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* 100th peal. † First of Little Bob Major. ‡ First in the method.
First in method on bells. Tenor 16 cwt. 40 lb. in F.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR EDWARDS ... Treble	PETER CHILDS ... 5
*MISS JEAN THOMAS ... 2	†PETER MOUSER ... 6
REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 3	ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... 7
WILLIAM ALLEN ... 4	CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

PETER LAFLIN ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 6
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN A. POTTS.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Oct. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	†HENRY H. FEARN ... 5
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 2	*EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
LEONARD TUFFREY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † 50th peal this year.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 3	FRANCIS BIBBY ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM A. WOOD ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 6
*BERT SUTTON ... 3	†FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation.	Tenor 30 cwt. 5 lb.
ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 5
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 6
*PERCIVAL H. HULL ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 7
WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ... 4	RONALD G. BECK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE HAURA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*JOHN D. D. HOWE ... Treble	ALBERT W. BOND ... 5
BASIL W. WHITE ... 2	FRANK HOWE ... 6
STELLA M. WICKENS ... 3	R. CONGREVE PRIDGON ... 7
MAURICE THOMAS ... 4	ROBERT CHALLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HOWE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part, Groves' Variation (7th observation).	
WALTER H. MARKS ... Treble	*WILFRED F. GIBBONS ... 5
JACK W. DREW ... 2	REGINALD WELCH ... 6
DENNIS BEST ... 3	JOHN T. LOCKE ... 7
*HARRY J. GAYLARD ... 4	†GODFREY H. PIKE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. LOCKE.
* First of Triples. † First peal. Rung for the conductor's wedding
anniversary. Tenor 23 cwt.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

C. ALFRED LEVETT ... Treble	LESLIE JARVIS ... 5
*E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 2	FREDK. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 6
*ALBERT A. EASTON ... 3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 4	FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. A
21st birthday compliment to Miss Eileen V. Jarvis, daughter of the
ringer of the 5th. Tenor 13 cwt.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*ALAN PAYNE ... Treble	†JOHN G. GIPSON ... 5
CHARLES W. COOK ... 2	†CYRIL A. HURST ... 6
GEORGE E. CRISP ... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
MANSFIELD GINN ... 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*JOSEPH THORNLEY ... Treble		*ROY COLLIER ... 5	
JOSEPH BOYER ... 2		THOMAS BRATBY ... 6	
THOMAS ALLED ... 3		†PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7	
ALBERT F. SANDIFORD... 4		*HENRY PRESCOTT ... Tenor	

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. † 250th peal for the Association. In memoriam the Rev. H. J. M. Hall and to those who gave their lives in the 1939-45 war.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD STEELE ... Treble	WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 5
CHARLES H. PAGE... 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 6
FREDERICK WILSHAW ... 3	FREDERICK GROCOTT, JUN. ... 7
JOHN G. CARLIDGE ... 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.
For the wedding of Mr. E. Roberts, the local leader, to Mrs. Martin.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR MACKEARS ... Treble	HENRY SQUIRES ... 5
*CALEB SIMCOCK ... 2	HARRY L. SQUIRES ... 6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3	JOHN CRAGG ... 7
*GEORGE SCOTT ... 4	THOMAS H. HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. Holt's Original. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

VERYAN, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SYMPHORIAN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,880 Plain Bob, 1,440 Grandsire and 720 Stedman. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
GEORGE CLEMENS ... Treble	R. GORDON CROSS ... 4
F. DUDLEY TEAGUE ... 2	E. VIVVAN WILLIAMS ... 5
HARRY MILES ... 3	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

First peal in three Doubles methods by all except conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first festival of the Truro Diocesan Guild, held in this tower.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 each of Plain Bob (4 callings) and Antelope (6 callings) and 2,160 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt.	
W. HARRY SHORT ... Treble	WILLIAM M. ROWE ... 4
*ROBERT FERRIS ... 2	JOHN DUNCAN ... 5
*EDWARD B. McDONALD 3	KENNETH STACEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM M. ROWE.

* First peal. First true peal in three methods by all the hand and for the Association.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.	
*PEGGY M. LAMB (13) ... Treble	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... 4
J. J. TAYLOR ... 2	FRANK LAMB ... 5
†ROSA LAMB (16) ... 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ESSENDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*SIDNEY CADLE ... Treble	*REGINALD DORE ... 4
†STANLEY HUCKLE ... 2	E. BRUCE MCKIE ... 5
*WM. A. SOUTHAM ... 3	SIDNEY CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently.

*MISS M. A. DAVIS ... Treble	JOHN H. PAGETT ... 4
*BRIAN SUTTON ... 2	HAROLD V. COOPER ... 5
†JOHN BASS ... 3	FREDK. G. HANDLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

* First peal. † 501st peal. In honour of the birth of a daughter (Anthea Susan) to the Rev. and Mrs. F. Ingram-Cox.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz., Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*ERNEST T. CARVELL ... Treble	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON 4
*JOAN M. WEBSTER ... 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 5
*ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 3	ERIC J. GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. For the induction and institution of the Rev. Kenneth Lee, M.A., as Vicar of the newly-created dual parish of St. Mary and St. Paul, Birkenhead.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

DAVID TARGETT ... Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE ... 4
*FREDERICK SAVAGE ... 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 5
RONALD G. BECK... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal of Minor. Tenor 20 cwt.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 4
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 2	JOHN J. MORRIS ... 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Minor in the method by all and for the Guild. Rung to mark the 45th anniversary of Mr. J. Barker as organist in this diocese, 30 years of which were at Croft.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of St. Clement's, two of Plain Bob, one of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, one of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

LLOYD CHAPMAN ... Treble	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 4
SYDNEY FLINT ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 5
WALTER C. MEDLER ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Stamford, Rossendale, Beverley, Suffeet, York, Dinham and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

SYDNEY FOSKETT ... Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
*RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

* 75th peal. Conducted C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

OAKS-IN-CHARWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 5 extents St. Simon's. 5 extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 20 extents Grandsire and 12 extents Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LEONARD CHAMBERS ... Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL ... 4
†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD... 2	ROLAND BENISTON ... 5
†REGINALD T. GOODMAN 3	†GEORGE D. HADFIELD Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. First peal as conductor.

**NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.
BARBARA CLEVELAND ... *Treble* | FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 4
MRS. F. A. PENN ... 2 | PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ... 5
*DONALD E. LEE ... 3 | FRANK A. PENN ... *Tenor*
Conducted by FRANK A. PENN.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1948, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.
AT 90, RYELAND STREET,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents, standard callings. Tenor size 11 in G.
*HECTOR THOMAS ... 1-2 | WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3-4
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 5-6
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Oct. 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD, BRISTOL,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MISS ANNIE BROWN ... 1-2 | EDWIN J. BROWN ... 5-6
ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 3-4 | *REGINALD G. HOOPER ... 7-8
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.
* First peal on handbells. Tenor size 12 in F.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. WULFRAM'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

* RICHARD G. CROSLAND ... 1-2 | ERIC A. DENCH ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | *ALAN ROGERS ... 7-8
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

SEDGEBARROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Oct. 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT AUBYNS,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS ... 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 7-8
*MARGARET ROWLANDS... 9-10

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Witness: Mrs. J. D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Oct. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 1-2 | PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5-6
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 3-4 | FRANK E. PERVIN ... 7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1948, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores (10 different callings) and one 240 (Morris).

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.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First of Grandsire Doubles as conductor.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT 32, RUSKIN AVENUE,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RICHARD G. CROSLAND ... 1-2 | ERIC A. DENCH ... 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7-8

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

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The 'Ringing World' is in a position to take a limited number of new subscribers. For postal rates see notice above.

The chronological list of British bellfounders, compiled by Ernest Morris, of Leicester, and first published some years ago in 'Topographical Magazine,' is being reprinted and will appear in Hinricksen's 'Musical Year Book' (Vol. VI., 1949). This most comprehensive research contains the names of practically every known bellfounder of this country from earliest times to the present, with their resident places and period their work covered.

The peal at St. John's, Farnworth, Lancs, is stated to be the first peal on the bells for 25 years.

Peals at Cirencester and St. Margaret's, Westminster, were rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal.

Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe and Mr. G. A. Fleming have rung peals of Court Bob on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

Two more Birmingham ringers have scored 50 peals this year—John Pinfold and Henry H. Fearn.

Errata.—The ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Wistaston, Cheshire, on Sept. 29th was Richard T. Holding.

Regarding the quarter-peal of Doubles at Yatesbury, Wilts, on Oct. 5th, there were only five ringers and not six as printed last week. Mr. J. Roberts called the quarter from the third.

The peal of Minor at Ash, Somerset, on Oct. 2nd, was rung to the memory of the Rev. E. S. Powell and not the Rev. E. A. Powell as was inadvertently published last week.

The peal of London Surprise Minor at North Bradley, Wilts, is believed to be the first in the Salisbury Guild by a resident band. It was only accomplished after very hard work and several failures. The band previously scored Cambridge and they are now going for another method.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Boreham on October 9th was a 70th birthday compliment to William Allen. Fifty-two years ago Mr. Allen first learned to handle a bell at St. Andrew's, Boreham, and has been a regular attendant for service and practice ringing ever since. His first peal was rung in this tower in 1903, being conducted by Arthur Edwards, grandfather of Arthur Edwards, who on this occasion made his debut as conductor.

Mr. Ralph G. Edwards has 'completed the circle' at Frodsham tower.

Congratulations to Mr. K. Measures, of Burbage, hon. secretary of the Hinckley District, on his 100th peal.

The peal at Kibworth of Superlative Surprise Major was arranged for Mr. Bert Sutton, of Scarborough, who attended the Leicester Diocesan Festival.

W. Bro. John Willis (P.M. Ailwyn Lodge No. 3535 and P.P.G.W. Northants and Hunts), of Folkestone, is to be installed as Worshipful Master of the Shorncliffe Lodge (No. 4330) next Monday. He has the good wishes of ringers in the craft for a happy year of office.

A cordial welcome to Slough has been extended to Mr. Tom Groombridge, sen. He participated in a quarter of Grandsire Triples on October 3rd with Mr. F. V. Sinkins, who is also an octogenarian, and Messrs. E. H. Preston and W. E. Judd, who are on the wrong side of 70. It was called by Mr. W. Birmingham.

Fourteen-year-old Mary Jaycock, of Burnham, Bucks, rang her 25th peal in her own tower on October 9th. Her peals, all on tower bells and all rung 'inside' except one on the treble to Minor, are: Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Bob Major 5, Stedman Triples 1, Oxford Bob Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 4, Bob Triples 1; Minor, seven methods 5, six methods 2, four methods 1; total 25.

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THE Leicester Diocesan Guild Festival is likely to have a permanent place in the Ringers' Calendar. The Second Festival, held at the Lancaster Hall, Leicester, on October 16th, was highly successful and more intimate than its forerunner. Mr. Harold J. Poole (the president) was a genial chairman and was supported by Mrs. Poole and a company of 140. A feature of the decorations was a massive bell, the work of Mr. C. F. H. Knight. Miss Jill Poole was again the hon. secretary. There was ringing in the afternoon and the dinner was followed by a concert and a dance.

Supporting the president were the Revs. F. W. Pratt (Birstall), E. E. Jones (Belgrave), R. J. Fielder (St. Mark's, Leicester), A. M. Dutton (St. John the Divine, Leicester), Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rowley, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Measures, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gobey, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gobey (Ilkeston), Mr. and Mrs. S. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cheney, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Morris (Lyne Regis), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner (Southwell), Mr. and Mrs. E. Buswell (Kilby), Mr. and Mrs. B. Sutton (Scarborough), Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Jenney, Mr. and Mrs. E. Vallance.

Messrs. P. L. Taylor, J. P. Fidler, C. Harrison and J. R. Smith (Loughborough), F. H. Dexter, Josiah Morris, J. Grant, J. S. Carter, K. Roe, F. Roe (Wigston Magna), T. Mark White, Harold A. May (Guildford), C. Banham (Attleborough), S. Harrison, G. Olliffe, J. Bramley, J. Bennett, A. Cattell, P. J. Staniforth, M. Staniforth, R. F. Elkington, A. Disney, H. Poyner, B. Warwick, G. Manning, H. Bowley, L. Lovett (Sibley), F. R. Lowe (Derby) G. Rigby, D. R. Carlisle (Sandiacre), P. Palmer, C. Walker, F. Cheney, H. Cook, W. Root, E. Geary, V. Geary, W. Geary, C. A. Catlin, F. Mellor, K. R. Holtom (Rugby), F. R. Deacon, H. Cook, H. Parker (Northwich) and T. W. White.

Mrs. D. Staniforth, the Misses Jill Poole, F. A. Poole, N. Humberstone, Jean Ward, E. Faulkknall, I. Rowley, W. Price, D. Udale, B. Morris.

The Rev. F. W. Pratt, Vicar of Birstall, proposed the toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild.' Not being a ringer, he said, he could look at them from the outside and say what he could not say about them if he was one of them.

A week last Tuesday at Birstall they had a wonderful service—the dedication of three new bells, thus completing their great desire to place in their tower a ring of eight, and it was really due to the president of the Leicester Guild that there were eight bells. 'He happened to be in the church one day,' said the Rev. Pratt, 'when I told him of our scheme. He said, "Don't stop at six bells; go for eight." In a month we had another two. I am also in charge of another church in which I would like to see another three to make it a ring of six.'

'My first introduction to ringing was with Joe Morris when I was a curate at St. Margaret's, Leicester. From there I went to that Mecca of ringers—Loughborough—although I had not the muscular or mental power for ringing.'

'THE VOICE OF THE CHURCH.'

'Why are we prepared to think hard and work hard and raise money for bells? I think it is in order that the towers of our churches may mean something more than they did. Let me put it this way. Since we started ringing eight the village has been divided. Some say, "Good old Vicar—he has got the money for

the bells," and others say something else (laughter). What reaches out to tell people, whether they are in bed or not, that the church is in their midst? They know what the bells stand for. They are the voice of the church saying, "I am here, and even if you have little use for me, if you meet with circumstances where you need the ministry of the Church, we are here to give it." I feel that the bells are one of the most powerful influences against the materialism of the age.'

'I look on the ringers in every place as a potential power and the Church needs that power. And the Guild has one great purpose—to link up the parishes in the family of the diocese. There is far too much isolation in the Church, too much parochialism; their Guild made ringers feel they were members of the diocese.'

Mr. Harold J. Poole replied and spoke of their pride in the Guild, which was only in an infant stage as a separate entity, but they had the benefit of a great foundation which was laid by the Midland Counties Association and by those who worked so hard for that Association. It was more or less a transfer from the old association to this Guild of the territory which covers this diocese. They were endeavouring to make sure that in every church where there was a ring of bells it should be represented by a ringing band, and they were getting along very well with that work. It resulted in a tying up of the different parts of the diocese into one whole whereby they could go forward from strength to strength.

They commenced last year with their annual festival, which coincided with the 21st anniversary of the diocese. He expressed thanks to the district officers and the general officers for all the work they were doing in the linking up of ringers in various districts. It was important that everything should be done to see that the enthusiasm for the Guild was increased and so give to the name of Leicester the lustre they would like to see. They felt that the Guild had been put on a very firm foundation and they would watch its progress; they depended on the assistance of the youngsters, for without them they could not function.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. A. E. Rowley (treasurer of the Guild). He welcomed the Revs. R. J. Fielder (St. Mark's, Leicester), E. E. Jones (Belgrave), F. W. Pratt (Birstall), A. M. Dutton (St. John the Divine, Leicester). Among their ringing friends were Mr. Fred Milner, of Southwell Minster, Mr. George Morris (Lyne Regis), Mr. Harold May and Mr. Mark White (Guildford). They were also pleased to see with them the ladies—to keep them in order.

The Rev. Fielder, in acknowledging the toast, said one of his best friends in the Diocese of Leicester was Mr. Ernest Morris. He happened to know that he rang a bell occasionally, but he knew him better as a verger of distinction. He and their president had both interested him in bells. His church (St. Mark's) had a beautiful ring of eight bells that had not been rung for the last 25 years.

'We are all very grateful for the privilege of coming and sharing in this festival organised by the Diocesan Guild. I should like to add my hope that the Guild will go on from strength to strength and that the objective that the president has—of bells in every tower in the diocese—will be achieved.'

NATIONALISED.

'The Ringing World' was honoured on the call of Mr. J. P. Fidler. For many years he said, they had been talking about nationalisation of coal mines and referred to it as a rather expensive luxury, but nobody, as far

as their Press was concerned, had referred to the nationalisation of 'The Ringing World.' It had been nationalised and it was owned by the ringers through the Central Council. 'The Ringing World' was bought from the executors of the founder, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and it was he who laid it on a firm foundation. Mr. White was carrying on to the best of his ability to produce what they wanted. 'The Ringing World' did bind ringers together in one big family.

Mr. T. W. White, in his reply mentioned the increase in paper that would permit of another 200 subscribers and urged those desirous of procuring copies to communicate with Mrs. Fletcher, the White House, Caister, without delay.

In the realm of peal ringing the news was equally encouraging. Last year a record number of peals was rung and this year up to the end of August there was an increase on the corresponding eight months of 431. Last November royal felicitations were conveyed to Princess Elizabeth in a remarkable fashion. There were more peals rung in honour of her wedding than for any other royal occasion. It was their sincere hope that next month there would be similar national rejoicings for the royal baby, and the ringers would have the privilege of expressing the gratitude of the nation in that essentially English way.

The speeches concluded with a touch of Stedman Caters rung by Jill Poole, H. J. Poole, G. S. Morris, E. Morris and J. Morris. A speciality of the Leicester Guild is 'the rise and fall' on handbells rung by H. J. Poole, Jill Poole, G. E. Morris, E. Morris and H. G. Wayne. The Beltonian handbell ringers were in great form under their leader, Mr. Sidney Harrison, and received a great reception. Others contributing to an excellent programme were Miss Jacqueline Jackson (songs), Mr. George Bromley (comedian) and Mr. W. Salt (monologue). Later there was a touch of Stedman Cinques by R. F. Elkington 1-2, Jill Poole 3-4, G. S. Morris 5-6, H. J. Poole 7-8, A. Ballard 9-10, and E. Morris 11-12. Mr. E. Charles Turner was an entertaining compere and the evening concluded with dancing.

OBITUARY

MR. T. STREETER.

A service ringer at St. James', Shere, Surrey, for over 30 years, Mr. Thomas Streeter died suddenly in hospital on October 18th. Mr. Streeter, who was 83 years of age, was well known and well liked in the village and was also a sidesman at the church. He had been ringing regularly until a fortnight before his death. The funeral was on October 22nd at Shere Parish Church.

MRS. BERTHA BRUCE.

Mrs. Bertha Bruce, president of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, died on October 16th at her home, Littleworth Common, Farnham. She was the widow of the Rev. J. C. G. Bruce, Rector of Worplesdon, and during his incumbency rang regularly in that church and encouraged ringing. The funeral was at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on October 19th. Among those present were Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Miss W. A. Oliver (Ladies' Guild) and Miss K. Avenell (Worplesdon).

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: W. Ware 1, L. May 2, P. Mayne 3, E. J. Taylor (first as cond.) 4, L. Parris 5, E. Richards 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. Also 1,260 Grandshire Triples on Oct. 3rd, conducted by L. Parris.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Canterbury District

MR. BOTTRILL'S METHOD OF INSTRUCTION.

Dear Sir,—May I please sum up on the replies to my letter of September 10th. First, Dr. Hatcher. Hush! I have 'green fingers.' Thanks for the tips on horticultural terminology. I may be an inefficient milestone inspector as well as a rotten gardener, but think, London Bridge to Deal, 78 miles. All in Kent. Three dioceses. A darned long way. I know because I often pushbiked it to see a golden-haired lady with whom I was and still am, after forty years, very much in love. Far too big for one association. I favour diocesan guilds. They are closer to the Church and generally more compact. My prejudice is strengthened by my knowledge of the Midland Counties Association experiment. Again, Deal to Faversham, 28 miles. Birchington to Dover a similar distance. Fifty-one towers. North never meets South or East West. None but the very enthusiastic will travel so far. Sufficient for a separate guild of two districts. With eight meetings a year it would take six years even if taken in rotation, which they are not, to visit each tower. The surest way to lose a tower is never to hold a meeting there. The smaller unit within limits does make for progress.

Mr. Gray's letter is very helpful and instructive. I have been trying to do something similar here for 18 months, but have met with apathy and hostility, hence my first letter.

Mr. Turner, a friend of mine whom I greatly respect, has done more than anyone I know for the Canterbury District. But 'Abuse' and hints of 'Reprisals.' It is not worthy of you. Unfortunately that is the very attitude to progress in the district I so much deplore. I know criticism hurts. It is intended to hurt. Old Rip Van Winkle is so fast asleep only a hefty kick will wake him. The criticism is nevertheless true.

I have received several other letters privately; none disagree with me.

Now to get back to the discussion. The avowed aim of our Association is as shown in 1, 2 and 3 of my first letter. By the success or failure in these matters one is entitled to judge them. In my view the aim should be to establish as many as possible local companies who can at least ring the standard methods reasonably well, attention always being paid to striking. This might be done either by the Association choosing suitable volunteers who can ring to assist struggling towers, or/and endeavouring to establish two or three active ringing centres for practice at which eight or ten decent ringers should always be present. This would soon attract the more enthusiastic of the learners, who should be given every opportunity. Efficient instructors would be made in this way.

As to actual instruction methods. There is in this area a widespread system of teaching by memorising the bell numbers to be followed. This is thoroughly bad because a pupil never acquires 'Ropesight.' I will quote from the new edition of 'Grandsire': 'Instead of the teacher trying at the beginning to make his pupil just capable of taking part in some simple method, hoping that time and practice will make up deficiencies and remove defects, he should concentrate from the first on those things which are essential to the ringer's art. He should try not so much to teach his pupil Grandsire or Plain Bob or Treble Bob as to make him an efficient and accomplished ringer. Now to be an accomplished ringer a man must possess three qualifications. He must be able to handle his bell so that he has full control of it. He must possess a sense of rhythm so that he can strike his bell in a way which will satisfy the most sensitive and critical ear. And he must be able to find his way unerringly along any path which a method may set before him. These things the complete

ringer must possess and the essential part of all of them must be learnt in the preliminary stages of his training.'

That is sound advice. How to achieve it? First bell control can only be properly taught by one who can handle a bell himself. An admirable booklet, 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' is issued by the Central Council, price 4d. The author was one of the finest handlers the Exercise has known and such a book should not be treated with contempt by any associations officer, as recently at a meeting here. I can still read it with profit. Next ring rounds, paying attention all the time to rhythm. Next, set dodging 13254768 or 21436587 from rounds, ringing the same two changes over and over again. Others will suggest themselves. Next, plain hunt 'Original' on four, then six, then eight bells. Next, 'Original' with bobs on six and eight, calling the treble to make bobs as well as the other bells. Then Treble Bob hunt, learning to dodge at each place. Don't bother about the truth of these changes—in 'Treble Bob' each change will be repeated.

Teach everyone to call bobs. When this can be rung tolerably well learn 'Stedman,' first Doubles, then Triples. Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob will soon follow. Do not allow a man to stick to any one bell. Pay particular attention to 'leads' and do not memorise bell numbers. 'Avoid 'rules' except to hunt up. 'Follow the bell that followed you.' To hunt down use your 'course bell.' Count your places and listen to your own bell and the treble. Some 'rules' must be learned to ring Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob, but accustom yourself to ring to the position of the treble.

No good Surprise ringer rings by rules, he knows where to strike his bell in each row and listens to the treble. In this way any young ringer of average intelligence should ring the standard methods tolerably well in 12 months with one practice a week and regular Sunday ringing. Ring only on Sunday that which you can ring well. Teach a little theory from the start. The meaning of 'pairs and places.' How to prick changes by the leads, lead ends, course ends and bob changes. Construction of methods. The simple principle of 'positive and negative rows.' I started to ring with 12 others, all learners under 21, under the late William Willson, of Leicester. Every one rang a peal within 15 months with no other help. All could conduct a quarter-peal. It can be done.

When the local companies are formed the Association should endeavour to see they are on a proper basis. A card, 'Model Rules for a Local Company of Ringers,' was, I believe, at one time issued by the Central Council. The clergy should be encouraged to take an interest in the ringers and the ringers to attend service. Each company should hold an annual meeting, at which the incumbent should be asked to preside, to elect a captain—as distinct from towerkeeper, secretary, etc. When elected the captain should have the loyal support of all the members. All the members should have a say in all tower matters. It is not good for any one man, be he a good ringer or no, to establish himself perpetually as captain. I will not join any such 'one man tower.'

I may say I am ready to teach at any reasonable distance from my home at my own expense, provided those to be taught are willing to learn in my way and do not object to correction.

Deal, Kent.

W. BOTTRILL.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—I am sorry the weight of Southwark was incorrect. I quoted from weights given in 'The Ringing World' of October 17th, 1930, and, as far as I know, uncorrected.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Bushey, Herts.

The Somerset Tour

Dear Sir,—The recent tour in Somerset is probably associated, in the minds of those who have read the details of it, with heavy rings (e.g., your heading 'A Paradise for Tenor Men' in the issue of October 8th). This is, of course, true; in fact, a well-known ringer, whose opinions I value very highly, summarised the results by saying that 'never was so much bell metal swung by so few in so short a time.'

My purpose in writing is to shift the emphasis from the back end to the front-end men, as I think there is a risk that their part in what we all felt was a memorable week may be overlooked. The plans for the tour were subject to a certain amount of criticism on the grounds that we were taking on too much, and this criticism might well have proved to be well founded had it not been for the adoption of a deliberate policy of rather slow ringing.

Most back-end ringers will know the feeling that one is usually expected in a peal to ring a heavy tenor at a higher *relative* speed than a light one (i.e., that the heavy tenor should be rung further below the balance point than the light one). This expectation is all the more deep-rooted because it is largely an unconscious and automatic feeling on the part of the band, and it means, in practice, that the speed of the peal is dictated by the average of the individual wishes of the band.

Had we adopted this procedure in Somerset, the quality of the ringing would soon have suffered, as the relative speed imposed on the tenor ringers of these over-tenored Somerset rings would have been too high to maintain with accuracy for a whole week's peal ringing. We, therefore, decided that each tenor ringer should choose his own pace and that the rest of the band should conform to this unreservedly; and, apart from Wington, where the idea was not put into practice, this policy paid good dividends. A considerable burden was thus thrown on the front-end men, and the fact that it was sustained by them for a week, without the ringing becoming ragged, was an indisputable factor in the success of the tour.

The late J. A. Trollope often used to write of the difficulty of producing good slow ringing, and I am sure that our front-enders will confirm his views.

Needless to say, this method would be very tedious on poor rings of bells, but the magnificent rings which we found in Somerset did not, in our opinion, produce 'thin' music through being rung somewhat slowly.—Yours faithfully,

J. C. E. SIMPSON.

29, Holland Road, Wallasey, Cheshire.

A WEIGHTY SUBJECT

Dear Sir,—It is grand to know that you have a more plentiful supply of paper and that we need not feel guilty of taking up your space. I have been greatly interested in reading the letters on the weights of various tenors, and also the collective weights of the full peal.

As this is an age of statistics and records, may I suggest that notice be taken of the individual weight of each ringer and also the total weight of the band taking part in the peal. We should then be able to read that a peal of Cambridge Royal was rung at — in 3 hours 42 minutes. Weight of tenor 47 cwt. Collective weight of peal 18½ cwt.

Collective weight of ringers 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. Proportionate weight of bells over ringers as 14 to 1. (Another band might ring the same peal at 13 to 1.) I am sure this would add great interest to the comparisons. We already have the ages given of 'Bright youth and snow crowned age, young men and maidens meek,' and if there should be any sensitive ladies who would fear to be dubbed 'Two ton Tessies,' they could be given as over twelve stone. Hoping the idea will be taken up by someone more notorious.—Yours faithfully,

WALTER WHITE.

Cotgrave, Nottingham.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers**MEETING AT OKEHAMPTON.**

The Exeter Branch held its recent meeting at Okehampton in mid-Devon. Support was strong from the N.W. and S.W. Branches.

The service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Compton), was well attended and the ringers given a hearty welcome, no meeting of the Guild having been held in the town for 40 years. Just 80 ringers and friends had tea at the Central Hotel, and at the meeting following, with Mr. A. W. Searle (chairman), the local band was unanimously elected as associate members. Mr. F. C. Smale, Guild general hon. secretary, a local resident, expressed his delight at proposing the admission of the band. It was agreed that an annual meeting of the Guild shall be held at Okehampton.

Mr. E. W. Biffin ably filled the office of Ringing Master and Mr. E. J. Ryall that of hon. secretary. Heavittree, Exeter, was chosen as place of the annual meeting on Dec. 11th.

NORTH-EAST BRANCH.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Woodley on their diamond wedding were voiced at the quarterly meeting of the North-East Branch on October 2nd. Now in his 81st year, Mr. Woodley began ringing when he was 10 and has been a member of the Guild for 51 years. He was captain of the Calverleigh band for over 16 years and retired from the position of sexton last year, a post he had held for 50 years.

Good wishes to Mr. Woodley were voiced by the chairman, Mr. E. J. Taylor, supported by the Guild president (the Rev. E. V. Cox), Mr. A. W. Searle and Mr. C. J. Lilley.

The annual branch meeting was fixed for January 8th at Silvertown, and the Guild annual meeting will be held at Tiverton at Whitsun.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**MEETING AT LEWANNICK.**

The Launceston Branch meeting on October 16th at Lewannick was well attended. Those present included Miss E. Symons (president), Mr. W. H. Southeast (Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (general secretary), the Rev. A. S. Roberts (vice-president), Mr. H. J. Clark (S.E. Branch secretary) and some 70 members. A welcome newcomer was Mr. Charles Sharples from Lancashire. The ringing was of a surprisingly high standard and showed that remarkable progress has been made and that method ringing is spreading: one responsible for this is Mr. Fred Sangwin, and his Marhamchurch 'boys' are evidence of his gifts as a teacher.

It is true to say that no bad ringing was heard, and this ranged at Lewannick (6) from rounds and call changes to Doubles and Minor. The new and enthusiastic district secretary, Mr. W. F. Moss, had made ample ringing arrangements; the splendid eights at St. Mary's and St. Stephen's, Launceston, and Altarnun, and the sixes at St. Thomas', Launceston, and Lezant were open, so those who did the round got in six towers.

The Vicar, the Rev. L. G. H. Farley, conducted the service and gave a hearty welcome to the branch to come again. Tea was served and the abundance was so great that as the members were leaving after the usual votes of thanks the Vicar made a special announcement that supper would be served later to all who came back. Such hospitality could not be refused.

Mr. W. H. Southeast made one of his characteristic little speeches and said he had noticed that at the service many sang the psalm and the hymns without a book: that was how they should try to advance and progress in method ringing: all they had to do was to learn something simple and close the book. Certainly the call-change cards are being put away in North Cornwall. The Launceston Branch is both strong and progressive, and the area has a grand lot of bells.

A.S.R.

Chester Diocesan Guild**WIRRAL BRANCH.**

The favourable weather attracted a gathering of 54 members and friends to the monthly meeting, held at St. Oswald's, Bidston, on October 16th. Of those present, only four came from outside the branch, evidence of local enthusiasm.

Bidston Church and its immediate environment appear to have been untouched by the passage of time and have maintained their old-world charm in spite of their proximity to industrial areas. Since last visited the blitzed east window has been replaced by a magnificent stained glass window depicting the Ascension.

Although indisposed, the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. O. Thomas, courageously conducted the service, and, on behalf of his own enthusiastic ringers, extended a hearty welcome. Following the service the company sat down to an excellent tea served in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting six new ringing members were elected. Two young ringers were complimented on ringing their first peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. The meeting concluded with thanks to the Vicar and the Bidston ringers, reference being made to the sacrifice these 'teen-age' ringers had made in order to provide the excellent tea.

The light ring of six was kept going in a variety of methods, including London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob interspersed with frequent doses of Plain Bob, Bob Doubles and rounds for those on the bottom rungs of the ringing ladder.

RANG TOGETHER FOR 60 YEARS

Presentations were made at the centenary celebrations of St. Paul's Church, Walkden, recently to two ringers for their outstanding services. A cigarette case and an automatic lighter were presented to Mr. John Potter, and a pipe, pouch and lighter to Mr. John Denner. Both have completed 60 years' active ringing at the church.

They were married in the same year, and, ringing side by side, they both mastered the art of conducting. Mr. Potter has taken part in 338 peals and has been captain of the Walkden ringers for 42 years. He is a life member of the Lancashire Association and has been on the committee for a number of years. In 1921 and 1922 he was elected vice-president.

At one time there were four Potter brothers ringing at St. Paul's, including John Potter, and his daughter, Miss Annie Potter, has been a member of the Walkden team since 1930.

Mr. Potter conducted two unusual peals, one of which is believed to be unique; he conducted the peal at Walkden rung by four fathers and four daughters, and also one at Manchester Cathedral, rung by five fathers and five daughters, both in 1932.

In addition, Mr. Potter has looked after the turret clock since it was installed in 1930.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.**

There was an attendance of 67 at the meeting of the Wellingborough Branch at Finedon on October 9th. Canon R. E. Ford, who conducted the service, presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. E. Whitmore (Guild Ringing Master) and Mr. A. Bigley (hon. secretary).

Members stood in silence in memory of Mr. T. Abbott, former member of Finedon company, and sympathy was extended to Mr. J. C. Shatford (Wellingborough) in his illness.

Miss M. Mabbitt (Mears Ashby), Mr. C. W. Partridge (Wilby) and Mr. C. Underwood (Higham Ferrers) were congratulated for ringing a peal recently.

Mr. W. G. Callis (Mears Ashby), the Ringing Master, moved a vote of thanks to Canon R. E. Ford and to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success. Mr. J. R. Main seconded.

OUTINGS**ISLEWORTH.**

A comparatively unhurried tour covering 117 miles and nine towers containing rings of 6, 8, 9, 10 and 12 bells in Hampshire and Berkshire was accomplished successfully by the All Saints', Isleworth, ringers and friends on Oct. 2nd.

The first stop was the 'famous' or 'infamous' nine-bell tower at Basingstoke. Here, in addition to eight-bell ringing, one course of Caters was rung on the nine, and first impressions were that a peal on them would not be pleasant. St. Michael's eight were then enjoyed by all. Kingsclere with its heavy ring of six was the next tower and was followed immediately by a good lunch in the village.

After a ride through the pleasant surroundings of Highclere Park, the light eight at Highclere Church were rung. Next came the grand ten at Newbury for Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal, which was not completed owing to pressure of time. After a good tea in Newbury, Thatcham and Bucklebury eights were sampled and enjoyed.

The finest eight of the day—the sonorous-toned 28 cwt. ring at St. Mary's, Reading—were used to advantage on Stedman, Plain Bob and a good course of Cambridge Major. Finally, as a result of the good offices of Mr. Foster, the party were given the privilege of ringing the twelve at St. Laurence's for the first time following extensive bomb damage repairs. Here several people rang Maximus for the first time and found that they could manage three leads of Kent Treble Bob in a style comparable with many experienced twelve-bell ringers. H.W.R.

KILBURN.

St. Augustine's Guild of Ringers, together with friends from Ealing and Willesden, left Kilburn in thick autumnal mist on the morning of October 9th. The party was bound for Isham, but three towers were visited before this destination was reached.

At Woburn the bells were rung while non-ringers admired the harvest decorations in the church and the splendid view from the tower. Earls Barton was the next call, followed by an all too short visit to All Hallows', Wellingborough.

Then on to Isham, where kind folk welcomed the party and hastened to prepare tea, which was served after good use had been made of the delightful ring of six bells.

Besides the pleasure of ringing at these places there was the added delight of seeing the historic features, including the Saxon tower at Earls Barton and the beauties of Wellingborough.

On the return journey the towers at Olney and Newport Pagnell were visited. Here local ringers awaited belated visitors with great patience and forbearance. The kindness and consideration of local ringers made the outing a great success. R.M.D.

TWICKENHAM.

North Wiltshire was the area chosen by the Twickenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association for their annual outing on September 18th.

The first stop was made at St. Paul's, Chippenham. Unfortunately the time allocated for ringing on this nice eight had to be curtailed owing to a wedding having been put forward an hour. At Melksham ringing had to cease very much on time owing to a wedding.

After enjoying the hospitality of the Melksham tower the party went on to Devizes, where, after an excellent lunch at the Castle Hotel, good use was made of the three towers available at Devizes and Southbroom. At 5.30 p.m. the party refreshed themselves with another first-class meal at the Castle Hotel, after which a start was made in the homeward direction. The last tower of the day, Tetbury, was reached at 7.30 p.m., where full use was made of the very fine eight.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss V. Willard 1, Miss B. Harris 2, Mrs. E. Davis 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, Miss K. Branson 5, Mrs. C. Matthews 6, Miss D. Lidbetter (cond.) 7, Miss M. Lidbetter 8. First in the method by 1 and 5.

ABERGELE, PLINTHIRE.—1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. J. Hughes 1, Miss K. M. Ruffell (Kingston-on-Thames) 2, L. G. Pitman 3, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 4, J. R. Wilson (Orpington) 5, V. Child 6.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. Watson 1, J. A. Walton 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, F. E. Wilson (cond.) 4, H. Bray 5, J. Danie's 6, A. Bodycote 7, A. Weston 8. First quarter 5 and 8. First in method 6. First quarter on bells.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On Oct. 3rd, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Elsie Leyland 1, W. Aaron 2, J. W. Kay 3, A. E. Sandford 4, T. Bratby 5, E. Iddon (cond.) 6, P. Crook, sen. 7, G. Oliver 8. In memoriam Ald. Russell, former Mayor.

BOSTON, LINCs.—On Oct. 10th at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: T. Preston 1, Lorna Briggs 2, S. Jessop (first as cond.) 3, R. Brown 4, A. Freeston 5, F. Dewey 6, J. Petch 7, B. Jackson 8.

BOYNE HILL, BERKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. Judd 1, E. Sutton (first quarter) 2, G. Martin 3, F. Gosling (cond.) 4, E. Eldridge 5, W. Walker 6, T. Holmes 7, H. Baldwin 8.

BRIGHTON.—At St. Peter's on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Bob Major: W. C. Hart 1, M. Thomas 2, F. Howe 3, A. W. Bond 4, A. Gravett (cond.) 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, H. W. Woolven 7, W. Hargreaves 8. First 'inside' by 7 and 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Bob Royal: Miss B. Philpott 1, J. Walter 2, Miss M. Brockman 3, D. Chatfield 4, F. R. Weller (composer) 5, S. Walter 6, J. W. Unwin 7, C. E. Buesden 8, T. Holmes 9, B. J. Luck (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1, 3, 4, 6 and 9.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: E. F. Crowder 1, F. W. Richardson 2, T. A. Easterby 3, W. H. Daynes 4, J. E. Warner 5, A. F. Bennington 6, G. H. Davies (cond.) 7, F. Stevens 8.

DESFORD, LEICS.—At the Church of St. Martin on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss G. M. Goulton (first quarter) 1, J. A. Walton 2, Miss E. Faulkner (cond.) 3, H. Hollis 4, J. W. Bennett 5, G. W. Dale 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, G. Winter 2, P. Hunt 3, E. J. Potter 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Yates 6.

GORSEINON, SWANSEA.—At St. Catherine's on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Edwards 1, R. Dunn 2, W. Thomas 3, W. Brown 4, C. Pettit 5, W. Robbins 6, J. Williams (cond.) 7, R. Dobbins 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. John's Church on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. Bannister (cond.) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, F. Blondell 3, B. Twinn 4, R. Reed 5, F. Corke 6, W. H. Coles 7, H. Impy 8.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Caters: J. B. Webb 1, F. Havle 2, A. P. Sedgwick 3, D. Beresford 4, Joan Beresford 5, A. Botterill 6, A. A. Rackham 7, W. J. Cose 8, G. E. Oliver (first of Caters as cond.) 9, M. N. Culling 10. First of Grand-sire Caters for 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 10.

NETHERSEA, LEICS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Dr. W. J. Beale (first quarter) 1, W. H. Curson 2, F. Sharp 3, W. F. Woodward 4, W. G. Hair (cond.) 5, H. Hillman 6.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: B. Fletcher 1, O. Pearson 2, E. Fletcher 3, H. Wood 4, B. Grice 5, F. Meadows 6, G. Swallow (cond.) 7, G. Fletcher 8. In memoriam Percy Hackett (aged 41), a local ringer and one time ringing master.

PASSENHAM NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: H. Ridgeway 1, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 2, P. C. Cose 3, W. Holland 4, W. Yates 5.

RANDWICK, SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At St. Jude's Church on Sept. 24th, 1,260

Plain Bob Minor: Ruth E. Donnelly 1, Ian A. Napper 2, Ray B. Altass 3, John Duncan 4, R. S. Rowe (cond.) 5, W. M. Rowe 6. First of Minor for all the band and for the Association.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Cox 1, C. Marshall (cond.) 2, L. J. Willars 3, J. E. Clarke 4, H. Marshall (first quarter) 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, A. Patrick 7, R. Ridley 8.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Cain 1, E. Young 2, W. Buckley 3, C. Templeton 4, J. Head 5, G. Chapiain 6, A. Rowley (cond.) 7, H. Hodson 8.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. Jackson 1, W. Schofield 2, F. Hodge (cond.) 3, F. Althorp 4, H. S. Axon 5, A. Roberts 6, V. Turner 7, A. Brownhill 8. For the wedding of Miss Joyce Fish to Mr. Roy Ferguson.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. W. Darvill 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, W. J. Southam 3, H. Mason 4, F. J. Spicer 5, A. Dale 6, H. V. Frost 7, T. J. Southam (first in method as cond.) 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Bob Major: J. Norman (first quarter) 1, L. J. Willars 2, J. E. Clarke 3, E. J. Jelley 4, A. Bodycote 5, C. Marshall (cond.) 6, R. Ridley (first quarter) 7, A. Patrick 8.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss C. E. Harrison (first quarter) 1, D. Cattell 2, F. Cattell (first 'inside') 3, G. Cheshire 4, F. Bullock 5, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 6, G. Hughes 7, C. Wenban 8.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Brian Martin (first quarter, 104) 1, Dorothy Tomlinson 2, H. V. Rowley 3, Margaret Lambert 4, F. Hill 5, S. A. Martin (cond.) 6.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. R. Faithfull (first quarter-peal) 1, D. C. Williams 2, R. Brown 3, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 4, F. White 5, M. Butler 6, O. N. Curtis 7, R. Faithfull 8. First quarter on the bells since restoration and rung by the local band.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. R. Oakley (first quarter) 1, E. Smith 2, D. J. Kiddle 3, C. F. Haines 4, R. E. Turner (cond.) 5, G. Smith 6.

TALGARH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: W. G. Smith 1, B. H. Davies 2, J. L. Gwynne 3, D. J. Griffiths 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, R. Rees (first quarter) 6.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Winifred E. Chaplin 1, E. Elton 2, G. Peers, jun. 3, S. Chapman 4, H. J. Dakin 5, A. A. Rackham 6, G. Peers, sen. (cond.) 7, S. Dunkley 8.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss P. G. Kitchen 1, H. A. Hawthorne 2, G. C. Goodman 3, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 4, Mrs. M. Kitchen 5, H. G. Andrews 6.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 240 April Day, 420 Grand-sire): L. Cadwell 1, Edith Sharp 2, A. Armstrong 3, O. Warren 4, V. Adams (cond.) 5.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.—On Oct. 4th, at the Minster, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. C. Shute 1, H. A. Mitchell 2, L. Locker 3, E. Bishop 4, C. Burt 5, A. J. Butler 6, R. F. Price (cond.) 7, J. Redgwell 8. First quarter 4 and 5.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. J. Brunt 1, S. C. Thain 2, F. Garland 3, E. Rishey 4, R. J. Thain (cond.) 5, G. Latham 6. To celebrate 90th birthday of Mr. Hubert Scrivens.

LATE NOTICE

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Chipping Norton on Saturday, Oct. 30th, 6.30 to 9. All ringers welcome.—J. Kevte, Charlbury, Oxon. 4313

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. 4236

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 30th, 4 p.m., St. Giles', Camberwell. Nomination of officers. 311th Anniversary Dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., Saturday, Nov. 13th, 1948. 5.45 for 6 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral 2, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4247

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Christ Church, Ealing, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service and dedication of bells 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All welcome.—F. A. Finch, Hon. Sec. 4269

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Practice meeting at Halesworth (8), Oct. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4264

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Oct. 30th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30.—J. W. Cotton. 4278

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at Wrington, Oct. 31st, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.—H. W. Knight, Woolmers, Cleve, near Bristol. 4260

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held in Norwich on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing, St. John de Sepulchre's, 2. Tea (1s. 9d. each) and meeting at Ber House, 4.15. Names for tea to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Secretary, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Oct. 30th. 4139

SALISBURY, ST. THOMAS'.—Rededication, Saturday, Nov. 6th, 3.30. Tea 4.30 for those notifying J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury, by Nov. 4th. Ringing afterwards. 4267

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield Branch).—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Nov. 6th. Names for tea before Nov. 2nd to A. B. Cooper, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. No name no tea. 4276

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.—The rededication of the bells of Holy Trinity, Stratford-upon-Avon, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 4255

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting to be held at Sawbridgeworth (8) on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.10 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 3rd, please. This meeting was arranged for Bishop's Stortford, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, Sawbridgeworth had to be made second choice.—G. Blake, District Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4291

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Sparsholt, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Woodman Inn. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, 59, Western Road, Winchester, by Monday, Nov. 1st. 4251

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham (8) on Saturday, Nov. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 at the Vicarage.—P. Gilbert. 4300

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ludlow District.—Quarterly meeting at Conover, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Teas Nov. 3rd to W. Lloyd, Cross Houses, Betton, Shrewsbury. 4297

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) 3. Cups of tea 4.45. Reports available.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 4296

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Oadby (6), Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, to W. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 4308

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Whitwick (8), Nov. 6th. 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in school. Names to Mr. R. Beniston, 4, North Street, Whitwick, by Nov. 2nd.—C. W. Hall. 4292

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clitheroe, Nov. 6th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4311

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fishtoft, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Nov. 1st.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 4303

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edenham (8 bells), Nov. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at The Five Bells. Please notify Mr. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, by Tuesday, Nov. 2nd. 4304

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Fenny Stratford, Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 4301

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District).—Combined meeting, Staines, St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Nov. 6th, 3. Tea 5. Card by Tuesday previous to F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, F. Finch, Secs. 4294

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Davenham (6), Nov. 6th, 2.30. Names for tea by Nov. 1st.—Harry Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich. 4310

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Cossington (5), Nov. 6th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Rowlett, Main Street, Cossington, by Nov. 2nd.—H. Morton, District Sec. 4306

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting, Hadleigh District and Ipswich District, at Bramford and Sproughton on Nov. 6th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5.30 at Bramford. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 4302

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, East Grinstead (8), Nov. 6th, 3. Names for tea by Nov. 3rd.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 4299

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde, Nov. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 4295

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Bucknall, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Annual committee meeting 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Preston, 76, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4283

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Arborfield (6) on Saturday, Nov. 6th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 4284

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lugwardine (8), Nov. 6th. Tea to J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 4285

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, St. Wilfred's, Standish, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea in school (1s. 6d.). Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, by Nov. 3rd.—J. Burns, Branch Sec. 4286

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Sawley, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. Simpson, Turnberry, Draycott Road, Sawley, Long Eaton, Nottingham, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 3rd. All ringers very welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 4289

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Berkhampstead (8), Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamstead, by Wednesday, 10th.—W. Hughes. 4305

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—Joint meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meetings at 4.30. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 10th, to Miss E. Stewart, 30, Church Hill, Aldershot. 4282

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Roker, Sunderland, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Will members who require tea please send names to Mr. M. B. Richardson, 2, Mansfield Crescent, Roker, Sunderland, not later than Nov. 9th.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 4287

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Meeting at Chilham, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, only to those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4307

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker (6), Nov. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Names to Mr. G. Dawson, Bicker, Boston, before Nov. 6th. 4230

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Special meeting, Fornsett St. Peter, Nov. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at Rectory 5 p.m. Names for tea by 8th to L. G. Tooke, Fornsett.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 4312

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sawbridgeworth, Nov. 13th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5.15. Service 6. Names for tea before Monday, Nov. 8th, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green, Standon, Ware, Herts. 4291

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Nov. 13th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Webb, 25, Queen's Park, Lower Weedon, Northants, by Saturday, Nov. 6th.—F. W. Hancock, Sec. 4290

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Favoured with lovely weather, the North-East District meeting at Great Bromley on October 9th attracted 34 ringers from surrounding parishes. The service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Ransom), was followed by tea in the schoolroom, served by local ringers and their ladies.

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