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ARE RINGING EXCURSIONS JUSTIFIED?

A PARTY of ringers recently made a journey of some fifty or sixty miles from the London area to ring a peal at a remote country church. The first arrival was met at the church by a local ringer with the key to the belfry. By the time the other ringers arrived the local ringer had gone and their own colleague was up amongst the bells, having found that one rope was hanging on the belfry wall. In addition to replacing this rope it was necessary to splice another before ringing could commence. The bells in this tower were thoroughly restored, no doubt at considerable expense, about twenty years ago. The state of the ropes gives an indication to the extent to which they are used.

The peal was duly rung and two of the ringers crossed the road to the vicarage to return the belfry key. The vicar was delighted to have had the bells rung, but his chief astonishment lay in the fact that a full band of ringers should think it worth coming fifty miles or so just to ring a peal on his bells, when his own ringers could not be persuaded to cross the road to ring them.

At another tower on another occasion, also this year, a peal ringing party were met afterwards by a local ringer who offered his congratulations and said how much he wished he could ring like that.

Experiences of this kind are by no means new to ringers who have taken the opportunity to ring in strange towers, and surely the fact emerges that in church after church up and down the country, sometimes in a remote hamlet but not seldom in a crowded city, the bells hang still and lifeless month after month and year after year. As the old bell inscription has it, 'Touch me and I sweetly ring, untouched I am a useless thing.' In other places it is the exception rather than the rule for the full number of bells to be rung—in many instances this is a good rather than a bad thing, but at the same time the bells were put there to be rung.

Surely from all this there emerges a good case for the properly conducted peal ringing tour, for the annual ringers' outing, for the 'tower-grabbing' (abominable word) expedition, or any other goodwill mission. As we read in 'The Ringing World' week by week the accounts of these excursions it should be obvious to all but the curmudgeons that the visitors are usually welcome and that in many instances the visited share their pleasure.

Needless to say, there are on occasions some appalling exhibitions of bad taste and the grossest manners on the part of the visitors, but it would be difficult to find any department of life but where some ill-mannered buffoon will spoil things for the majority by his own sheer selfishness. There was the unfortunate incident of a particular peal earlier this year, ventilated ad nauseum in the columns of 'The Ringing World'; there was the indiscretion of the party touring the West Country a few years ago who completed their Sunday afternoon peal some 20 minutes after the commencement of evensong; there was the thoughtlessness of the visitors to Devon who were responsible for closing a call-change tower to change ringers through interfering with ropes when they had been asked not to do so. All these things loom large when a heresy-hunt is in progress, but they fall into their insignificant place when considered with a due sense of proportion against the larger picture.

All of us commit indiscretions at times. We are carried away by our own enthusiasm. We are apt to forget that others are not as keen on ringing as we are, nor have had the pleasure from ringing that we enjoy. Perhaps, therefore, we may remind ourselves of the courtesies that we ought to observe when seeking the privilege of ringing in another tower. Briefly these can be summarised.

Never approach the incumbent direct for permission to ring. If you do not know the name of the correspondent of the local ringers, write to 'The captain of the ringers, c/o the Vicar.' If you are going for a peal always make sure it is thoroughly understood what a peal is and how long it takes. Always say what guild or association the peal will be rung for. If there is an established local band, always say what method you are going for and ask if there is any objection — sometimes the answer is too obvious for the question to be necessary. Never make peal arrangements by telephone with the vicar unless you are certain there are no local ringers. Always send a stamped addressed envelope for a reply to your letter. If you have been given permission to ring either on an outing or a 'tower-grabbing' expedition, always stay sufficiently long to ring the bells properly—do not insult your hosts by scrambling the bells up several at a time, ringing any sort of a badly-struck touch, and scrambling them down again. Behave decorously in the church. If you have to miss a tower from your itinerary through shortage of time, send a telegram and afterwards write and apologise. If you have enjoyed your visit it should not be too much trouble

to write afterwards and offer your thanks. If you haven't enjoyed your visit you should write just the same. And when you have had the use of the bells, helping to wear the ropes and to inflate the electricity bill, you will, if you remember to look, probably have little difficulty in finding an offertory box. If you want to arrange a ringing tour you would be well advised to seek first the co-operation of the general secretary of the local guild or other well-known local ringer. Perhaps this is a good opportunity to record the ungrudging assistance and goodwill that has been experienced in the past from such people.

Last of all the clergy. Often, although you write to the chief ringer, you will receive your reply direct from the Vicar. And what wonderful letters one does receive from the clergy. In several years' experience the writer has only ever received one unpleasant letter from a parson. The gentleman in question thought all ringers were drunken louts, loose livers, often atheists and usually non-churchmen. Well, as most readers of this journal are ringers, they will know how far right or how far wrong the reverend gentleman was in his assertions. P. A. C.

A SOMERSET TOUR

All peals rung for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Thomas W. Kimber	*Treble*	Margaret Fidell	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	Alick Cutler	6
Patrick I. Chapman	3	*George J. Hawkins	7
William T. Beeson	4	C. Edward Jeffries	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

Alfred E. Reeves	*Treble*	*Richard E. Price	5
Alick Cutler	2	Thomas Cullingworth	6
Margaret Fidell	3	William T. Beeson	7
Antony W. T. Cleaver	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* 100th peal.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

Albert R. Lawrence	*Treble*	Eric E. Speake	5
C. Edward Jeffries	2	Patrick I. Chapman	6
Ronald H. Bullen	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Andrew C. Sinfield	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Edward,
A PEAL OF 5152 SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

Joseph T. Dyke	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
Margaret Fidell	2	Thomas Cullingworth	6
Richard E. Price	3	C. Edward Jeffries	7
Alick Cutler	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the tenor. First peal in the method for the Association.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

C. Edward Jeffries	*Treble*	Eric E. Speake	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Alick Cutler	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
George E. Fearn	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Eric E. Speake	*Treble*	Antony W. T. Cleaver	5
Alick Cutler	2	George E. Fearn	6
Thomas Cullingworth	3	Harry Parkes	7
William T. Beeson	4	Joseph T. Dyke	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb.

C. Edward Jeffries	*Treble*	William T. Beeson	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	George E. Fearn	6
*Antony W. T. Cleaver	3	Richard E. Price	7
Thomas Cullingworth	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Association.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

Mrs. T. J. Lock	*Treble*	*Richard E. Price	5
Margaret Fidell	2	William T. Beeson	6
C. Edward Jeffries	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Andrew C. Sinfield	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Thomas Cullingworth.
* First peal in the method.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb.

Patrick I. Chapman	*Treble*	Eric E. Speake	5
C. Edward Jeffries	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Ronald H. Bullen	3	William T. Beeson	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*John McDonald	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	6
Muriel Reay	2	John Pinfold	7
†Anthony Ager	3	Arthur V. Pearson	8
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	George E. Fearn	9
Henry H. Fearn	5	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 14, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5184 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

*Arthur B. Wiffen	*Treble*	*Brian J. Howard	6
*Desmond G. Mayell	2	*Frank C. May	7
Ernest W. Furbank	3	*Phillip Sadler	8
*Frank L. Harris	4	*Gerald Frost	9
*Donald Coombes	5	Frank B. Lufkin	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*FRED JACKSON	*Treble*	DENNIS MADDOCK	5
WALTER ALLMAN	2	WILLIAM ALLMAN	6
ELIZABETH M. BIBBY	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
HENRY O. BAKER	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First Surprise peal. Wedding anniversary peal for ringer of treble.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Treble*	HARRY G. KEELEY	5
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY	2	ARTHUR SCOTT	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	ROGER KEELEY	7
E. LEONARD TAYLOR	4	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	†FRANK TAYLOR	5
†WILLIAM UPTON	2	NORMAN J. SMITH	6
ERNEST TREAGUS	3	JOHN W. MEADE	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal. † 25th peal together.
A wedding compliment from his fellow ringers to Stanley E. Cook, who was married at this Cathedral Church earlier in the day to Miss Joan K. Heathcote.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
*MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of London.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E flat.

*RONALD BLICK	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
J. ARTHUR HOARE	2	EDMOND MORRIS	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN	4	TOM PETTY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.
* First peal. Rung on the occasion of Mr. Cheeseman's visit to Port Talbot.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*GEORGE W. MOSS	*Treble*	*JAMES H. EDWARDS	5
HILDA G. SNOWDON	2	*LESLIE D. MILLS	6
*ERNEST J. BUTLER	3	*HARRY J. MILLATT	7
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal in the method on the bells. Farewell peal to the ringer of the 4th.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK V. GANT	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
*FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	2	*CHARLES F. WILLMINGTON	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	*JAMES G. A. PRIOR	7
*HARRY TURNER	4	*JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major for the Association.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
H. Law James' Seven-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	JOHN FREEMAN	5
RAYMOND F. SMITH	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	H. LESLIE PASK	7
WALTER TOMLINSON	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 26½ cwt.

JOHN F. COLLINGS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. HITCH	5
HORACE E. WERRETT	2	WALTER D. POOLEY	6
MAURICE A. COLLINGS	3	REGINALD T. NEWMAN	7
JACK S. DEAR	4	*LIONEL B. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE E. WERRETT.
* First peal.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5152 CHESTERFIELD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

BETTY GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	JOHN W. BEST	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 28). Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method by the band and for the Guild.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*ANN MILES	*Treble*	JAMES H. LILLEY	5
*LENA S. SKEET	2	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	6
†MICHAEL JENNINGS	3	GEORGE T. JENNINGS	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	JAMES T. LAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

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EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.. 7 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL FULLER	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
*DORIS E. COLGATE	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
JOHN S. MASON	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 16). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ELSIE K. FULTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE	3	W. NORMAN GENNA	7
ERNEST W. THURLOW	4	H. GEORGE HART	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. NORMAN GENNA.
First peal as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*DAVID M. LEES	*Treble*	HAROLD J. SHUCK	5
*C. FREDERICK JUKES	2	ALFRED C. BOXLEY	6
BERNARD LAWTON	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
†R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	4	JACK TROMANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Rung as a farewell to F. E. Jukes (son of the ringer of the 2nd), on joining H.M. Forces.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*DEREK K. KNOWLES	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
†HARRY GRIFFITHS	2	ERIC E. SPEAKE	6
‡ALAN ELSMORE	3	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First Surprise peal. ‡ First peal of Surprise Major. This is the 100th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb. in G.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	RONALD G. BUGG	7
EDWARD E. DAVEY	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
Edward E. Davey has 'circled' this tower five times to peals.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F

*ROBERT E. MOULDS	*Treble*	*RALPH BEAUMONT	5
†JOHN F. BRYANT	2	*JOHN H. FIELDEN	6
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	3	PHILIP P. CARTER	7
GEOFFREY INGHAM	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. Average age of the band is 18 years 2 months.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
*DORIS DOBBIE	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
*GEORGE KENWARD	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
VICTOR A. JARRETT	4	†GERALD E. POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* 50th peal together. † First peal. Rung for the Induction of the Rev. D. H. Glanfield as Vicar of Northfleet.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

W. ALLEN RICHARDSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. HOLMES	5
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	2	WILLIAM ROSE	6
AUBREY D. MILLS	3	HORACE BENNETT	7
BERNARD H. DALTON	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ALFRED LYNALL	*Treble*	JOHN R. COTTERILL	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	J. NORMAN HADLEY	6
JANE COTTERILL	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
†SIDNEY T. PRICE	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal of eight bells. † First peal of Major.

ST. GLUVIAS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GLUVIAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	*Treble*	FRANK BRADLEY	5
MARION L. LIDGEY	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
*V. MARY MATTHEWS	3	HARRY MILES	7
JAMES P. BLOND	4	HENRY TAYSOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MILES.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells since their restoration in 1949. A welcome home to Lieut.-Commander Gordon Cross after three years' service in the Far East.

WHITEFIELD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STAND,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

NORMAN TOMPKINS	*Treble*	†ORRELL DAVIES	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	ALFRED LOMAS	6
*MARJORIE BROWN	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
RAYMOND JOHNSON	4	JOSEPH THORNELEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. A birthday compliment to Miss Brown.

SIX BELL PEALS

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	*DEREK WHITFORD	4
*KENNETH HARTLEY	2	*BRIAN H. WOOD	5
*NORMAN SMITH	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method and of Surprise as conductor.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 10 methods in 7 extents. (1) Hereward Bob. (2) Double Court. (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob. (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. (5) Cambridge Surprise. (6) Oxford Bob. (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	F. ERIC ROBERTS	4
MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	2	REGINALD T. JONES	5
*GEORGE FRANCIS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in 10 methods.

ABBOTTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being 7 extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	VICTOR SAVAGE	4
*JAMES TOPP	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY ..	5
†HERBERT W. KNIGHT ..	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD J. CHIVERS.

* First peal on 6 bells. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's. Tenor 17½ cwt.

DORIS H. SHEPPARD ..	*Treble*	ROBERT COTTLE	4
*JOAN BUSSEY	2	THOMAS PRICE	5
HAROLD HOBBS	3	LESLIE BARRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Price, branch secretary and captain of the tower.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 six-scores of Grandshire, 16 of St. Dunstan's and 8 240's Morris's arrangement. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*AUSTIN WIXEY	*Treble*	ALFRED LYNALL	4
LESLIE BARRY	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD	5
DORIS H. SHEPPARD ..	3	FREDERICK TRANTER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

CLAY-CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38½ *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two different extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A

WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	*Treble*	*MARGARET E. MITCHELL..	4
SAM SCATTERGOOD	2	GORDON C. BRIGGS ..	5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG ..	3	ARTHUR B. COOPER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

* First peal. First peal in three methods as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

MICHAEL DYER	*Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER ..	4
*RALPH CHAPMAN	2	FRANK WARRINGTON ..	5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD..	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 4 extents of Kent Treble Bob and 3 extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH ..	*Treble*	WINIFRED M. ELLIOTT ..	4
HAROLD F. HEATHFIELD ..	2	CHARLES A. BYSOUTH ..	5
WALTER J. HOUGHTON ..	3	ERNEST W. ROBERTS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST W. ROBERTS.

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MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: Two of Single Court, two of Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN NICHOLS	*Treble*	†NEVILLE WHITNEY	4
*ELIZABETH M. TAYLOR	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
CECIL WADE	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal. First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells by a lady ringer.

Rung with the best wishes of the ringers for the Rev. J. P. Taggart, Vicar of Morton for seven years, who left on Wednesday, September 10th, to become Vicar of Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 35 methods: 1, Fotheringay, Skipton, Balmoral, Chepstow and Dover Delight. 2, Bogedone, Knutsford, Wilmslow, Rostherne and Ely Delight. 3, Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight. 4, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight. 5, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight. 6, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob. 7, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. 55 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

*ANNE WORTH	*Treble*	*BASIL JONES	4
*NEIL D. LOMAS	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
*BARRY CORBISHLEY	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in 35 methods.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

DORIS H. SHEPPARD	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	4
J. NORMAN HADLEY	2	MAURICE G. TURNER	5
SIDNEY T. PRICE	3	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

INGESTRE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4
*NEVILLE R. HOLLAND	2	DENNIS BERESFORD	5
JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal on the bells.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	4
*JOHN M. STALLARD	2	†RICHARD J. BOWDEN	5
REGINALD G. HOOPER	3	‡WILFRED F. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED F. WEBB.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. ‡ 25th peal.

UPPER ARLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being 7 different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

JOHN H. HICKS	*Treble*	DEREK H. WATSON	4
WILLIAM H. TURNER	2	BRIAN R. SUTTON	5
HAROLD V. COOPER	3	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Plain Bob and three of Single Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT	5
GEORGE SLAUGHTER (73)	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A wedding anniversary peal and birthday compliment to the daughter of Mr. William Neal, tower captain at the above church.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT BROOM COTTAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

MICHAEL P. MORETON	1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON	3—4
		F. ERIC ROBERTS	5—6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	1-2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	ALFRED BALLARD	7-8
		HARRY POYNER	9-10

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

CORK, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 7, 1952, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. FINBARRE'S CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor size 12 in F.

*JEAN STEWART	1—2	FREDERICK E. DUKES	3—4
		†FREDERICK BOGAN	5—6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First peal on handbells. †.First peal. First handbell peal in Co. Cork. Rung in honour of St. Finbarre's Cathedral Change Ringers, who held an inaugural Ringers' Service that day.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

JOHN AMBLER	1—2	WILLIAM BARTON	5—6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3—4	*GORDON BENFIELD	7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal on handbells.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT 85, DERBY ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

DENNIS R. CARLISLE	1—2	CLEMENT GLENN	5—6
ALFRED MOULD	3—4	DAVID J. MARSHALL	7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

First peal of Major as conductor.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

MALCOLM KING	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5—6
JOHN KING	3—4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. King on their wedding anniversary.

SEVENOAKS, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 12, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT 44a, ST. JOHN'S HILL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ROBERT COLLINS	1—2	PETER C. WRIGHT	5—6
FRANK P. WRIGHT	3—4	DORIS E. COLGATE	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 13th, 1,440 Bob Minor: G. H. Wilkinson 1, M. R. Pinkney 2, A. Cowan 3, C. T. Lamb 4, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 5, S. Thompson 6. Rung to celebrate the 101st anniversary of the church.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Grace 1, C. Corderoy 2, A. R. Greenough 3, C. Aldridge 4, F. James 5, H. Aldridge 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 12th, 1,399 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 259 Grandsire): P. I. F. Townend (first quarter) 1, B. R. Kenny 2, Betty Griffiths 3, Shirley Golding 4, B. Harris (cond.) 5, J. W. Jones 6.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. E. Cook 2, I. Harris 3, S. Pulker 4, R. H. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Perry 6, J. H. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8. A compliment to Mrs. Blake on the birth of a son, also a grandson for the treble ringer.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Forshaw 1, Miss N. Roberts 2, J. C. Ford 3, J. Askew 4, C. H. Ford 5, W. Wall 6, N. M. Newby 7, T. Metcalfe (cond.) 8.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean D. Forbes 1, A. Eilbeck 2, G. Tembey 3, J. Brownrigg 4, G. McKay 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6, J. H. Rothery 7. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Jean Miller (first quarter) 1, S. Richardson 2, A. Eilbeck 3, G. Tembey 4, J. A. Haile 5, G. McKay 6, J. W. Brownrigg (cond.) 7, J. H. Rothery 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brownrigg on their 15th wedding anniversary.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Johnson 1, E. B. Crowder 2, Miss C. G. Smith 3, F. J. Hurrell 4, F. W. Richardson 5, J. E. Liddiard 6, G. W. Ashdown (cond.) 7, J. Hurrell 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rablah 1, T. White 2, F. W. Richardson 3, G. W. Ashdown 4, Miss M. Ashdown 5, F. J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, J. Hurrell 8. A farewell to Father John Llewellyn, who is leaving Eltham to be chaplain at his old school, King's College, Wimbledon.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,440 Little Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Miss S. Booth 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, Miss C. Chinnery 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to Miss S. Booth.

QUARTER PEALS

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. F. Warren 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, F. A. Barker 3, L. E. Tubb 4, A. W. Butler 5, D. H. Kingston (first quarter in method) 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. G. Nash (cond.) 8. A compliment to the Rector and Mrs. Ridley on the occasion of their daughter Clare's recent marriage. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: F. S. Tubb 1, F. A. Barker 2, F. Goodall 3, F. C. W. Knight 4, J. L. Morris 5, E. F. Pryor 6, B. J. Willis (cond.) 7, L. E. Tubb 8.

FULHAM, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. Watts 1, S. Booth 2, Janet Bailey 3, J. Chilcott (cond.) 4, H. Belcher 5, John Phillips 6, James Phillips 7, L. W. Bullock 8, J. Bullock 9, H. M. Page 10. First on ten for 2 and 3. A birthday compliment to Miss S. Booth.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): Ben Ridout 1, Bob Ridout, 2 Bert Ridout 3, F. Hillier 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, W. E. Trevett 6. First quarter in five methods for 1, 2, 3 and 4, and on the bells. Rung for the 70th anniversary (Sept. 14th) of the foundation of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

HEYDOUR, LINCS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,064 Grandsire Triples: N. T. Longland (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, J. H. Musson 3, D. A. Frith 4, F. S. Parsons 5, J. Royce 6, H. R. Woods 7, R. P. Armstrong 8.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Spliced Ipswich and Cambridge with 720 Norwich): J. R. G. Spicer 1, E. J. Parish 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, H. S. Peacock 4, W. Ransom 5, A. Clements 6. Rung on the Festival of the Holy Cross.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—Ad gloriam Deo, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Judith D. Shedel (first quarter) 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, E. M. Baker 3, W. T. Hill 4, B. E. Shedel 5. First quarter in two methods by all the band.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. Hawker 1, Miss D. Keeley 2, R. Keeley 3, E. L. Taylor 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 6, C. W. Powell 7, G. S. Morris 8. Rung to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

MIRFIELD, YORKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,272 Minor (being 672 Kent Treble Bob Mirfield Minor and 600 Kent Treble Bob Minor): T. Hudson 1, C. Thornton 2, R. Cotterill 3, W. Smith 4, G. Hirst 5, A. Robinson (cond.) 6, D. Schofield 7, with 7 covering. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7. Birthday compliments to Mr. A. Robinson, 70 on Sept. 9th, and Mr. A. North, 81 on Sept. 7th.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Ashby 1, F. Benfield 2, R. Finch 3, F. Burgess 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, T. Jennings 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Jennings.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Dando 1, Miss S. Rogers 2, K. Cobb 3, F. Light 4, C. Bishop (cond.) 5, D. Dando 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of E. J. Avery, who was this day interred at Sandford, Somerset.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: H. D. Holland 1, H. O. Chaddock 2, F. Brightmore 3, W. Holland 4, G. R. Hiner 5, D. Holland 6, E. A. Thorpe 7, B. Holland (cond.) 8.

RUISLIP, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: B. Turk (first quarter Bob Major) 1, C. Poulter 2, Elsie Savory 3, P. Thrift 4, A. Hunter 5, W. Pitchall 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, W. Bunce, jun., 8.

WARBOYS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,360 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Wylmer 1, E. J. Parish 2, O. Norman 3, W. Papworth 4, F. Warrington (cond.) 5. Rung on the Festival Eve of the Nativity of our Lady.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, D. Morton (first quarter 'inside') 2, L. W. G. Skinner (first quarter as cond.) 3, Mary Fuller 4, A. S. Richards 5, J. Cannell 6. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,320 Minor (720 Cambridge and 600 Oxford Treble Bob): Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, Mary Fuller 3, M. Fuller 4, A. S. Richards 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Morshead (first quarter) 1, E. S. T. Farr 2, Monica Howard (first Triples 'inside') 3, Ruth Tabraham 4, K. Buckingham 5, B. Taylor (cond.) 6, W. Butler 7, J. Painter 8.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. J. Abbott 1, F. Simonds 2, J. W. Rose (cond.) 3, F. Stedman 4, J. Hart (first quarter 'inside') 5, F. Crudge 6, W. Chapman 7, J. Rose 8. Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to F. Stedman, captain of the band.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death on Sept. 17th of Mr. Richard Hasted, Ringing Master of the Farnham District for 20 years and a vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild since 1947. Mr. Hasted was 81.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The late Mr. Arthur Martin, of Maidenhead, who died on May 15th, aged 68 years, bequeathed a legacy of £50 to Mr. Thomas John Fowler, of Cookham, Berks, 'my old friend of long standing in remembrance of his many acts of kindness to me, such bequest to be published by my executor in "The Ringing World."' The late Mr. Martin was connected with All Saints', Maidenhead, for over 50 years.

With the peal of Bristol rung at Thorne, Yorks, on September 6th, J. Martin Thorley has now 'completed the circle' for the second time.

The band who rang the peal at Ickleton on September 13th would like to express their appreciation of the arrangements made by Mr. P. Webb, who is the oldest member of the Ely Diocesan Association. They would like to join his many friends in felicitations on his birthday, which occurred on September 20th.

With reference to the peal of Superlative at Sherborne a correspondent writes: The following 'Terse Verse' (ex 'Readers' Digest') could, I think, be quite 'raisinably' dedicated to one of our better-known heavy-bell bumpers, viz.:—

'They told him it couldn't be done,
With a smile he went right to it.
He tackled the thing that couldn't be done.
And couldn't do it!'

The August issue of 'The Ringing Towers' contains correspondence over the peal rung for the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths at Parramatta, which was criticised by Mr. Duncan, chairman of the N.S.W. Association. Mr. Robert Ferris, the conductor of the peal, writes: 'It was a very well struck peal and I even say it was the best rung peal of Plain Bob Minor in Australia.'

The 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on September 14th was commemorated by extensive ringing throughout the diocese.

With the peal at Whetstone, Mr. Frederick Watson has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

Clitheroe, Lancs, bells will be silent until October 18th. The bells are being repaired and overhauled by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., who recast them 24 years ago.

We have received a letter from the secretary of the Piddlehinton, Dorset, band thanking Mr. E. T. P. Field for his friendship and devotion to their belfry.

The ringers who took part in the peal at Upper Arley, Staffs, later listened to a broadcast recording of part of it, made as the background to the B.B.C. report on the National Fishing Contest, on the River Severn just below the church.

An attempt was made for a quarter peal on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at St. John's, Deptford, to mark the wedding of a local ringer, Mr. J. Warner, to Miss D. Bartle. Owing to a shift course this came to grief. All credit to Mr. George Dains for his cheerful acceptance of this, which we are sure will not detract from the good wishes we send to the couple.

Many of our readers know by name Mrs. R. A. Howard, who for the past 2½ years has been assistant to the Editor. This is the last issue in which Mrs. Howard has assisted in the production of 'The Ringing World.' The Editor and the Editorial Committee wish her every happiness in her new home at Bulford Camp, Wilts, where she is joining her husband, A. Denis Howard, who is a regular in the R.A.P.C.

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NINE PEALS RUNG DURING SOMERSET TOUR

JOYS OF CAMPANOLOGY EXPRESSED IN VERSE

NINE peals rung. You will see the details in the peal columns, but these successes were not the only successes during a week's ringing tour of Somerset. Nine other attempts for peals were made and these failures did not prevent a happy and very enjoyable time being spent in what was for most of the party a fresh hunting ground. In addition, twelve other towers were visited for ringing touches.

Mr. Joe Dyke, now enjoying the first few weeks in retirement from professional duties and having completed 33 years of successful married life, kindly supplied the necessary information and gave advice as to the arrangements for the tour.

A coach, owned and driven by Mr. Albert Lawrence, captain of the Hatfield band of ringers, set out on its journey at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 30th, and picked up some of the party in London en route. Others of the party were met in the Bristol area, where one band rang at Corston and another band rang at St. Stephen's. Unfortunately, at the latter tower Cambridge Surprise Royal was lost after an effort lasting one hour and a quarter. Permission was then obtained to ring at St. Thomas', Bristol, following which the first day's journey ended by arrival at the Crown Hotel, Glastonbury, headquarters for the week. This township has much of historical interest, but it proved to be that there was not even a spare hour to have a look around, nor to have a ring on either of the local rings of bells.

On Sunday morning arrangements included a visit to Wells Cathedral, where Caters and Royal were rung on the heavy ten. It was then learned that the attempt for a peal here on Wednesday evening would have to be brought forward to commence soon after midday, as evensong in the Cathedral now begins at 5.15 p.m. Much discussion took place over this new situation and it was reluctantly decided, for more than one reason, not to make the proposed attempt for the peal. Sunday afternoon was spent by the sea at Weston-super-Mare, where at the Church of St. John the Baptist the party joined with the local band in ringing for evensong. Opportunity is taken here to quote what appears in the ringing chamber:—

CAMPANOLOGY

The unknown art despised by the Ignorant.
How oft mankind exert their utmost powers
To find amusement for their leisure hours;
While some in Bowls or Cricket will unite,
And in such healthful exercise delight,
Others on Chess or Music fix their mind,
Requiring practice of no trifling kind;
Those who are gifted with a tuneful voice
In singing glees or suchlike strains rejoice,
While some to far less noble arts descend,
Their time thus wasted oft in ruin end.
Then why should Ringing be set down as nought
By some who never give the Science thought?
Its exercise amusement doth impart
To those who are proficient in the art;
In it our energies are all required,
Mental and physical and zeal untired:
Its compositions intricate are found,
While in its changes harmony abound:
Then let those critics who our choice condemn
Leave us to follow it—we grant the same to them.

Three peals were rung on Monday, at Wraxall and Clevedon in the morning and at Barrow Gurney in the afternoon. At the former tower the band had the pleasure of meeting a one-time vicar of the parish, the Rev. H. S. Briggs, now of Portishead, and by whom the ringers were complimented on their performance. Mrs. Briggs (née Jukes) was one of the band who took part in the first Ladies' Guild peal at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, in 1912, and many will be pleased to know that she is still enjoying good health. At the latter tower a peal of Somerset Surprise Major, the first in the county, was rung and all the band, except one, earned an appropriate star. During this time those not otherwise engaged were afforded a ring at Long Ashton, where it was a great pleasure to meet Mr. George Yeo, who within a couple of days would be celebrating his 83rd birthday. During the day Richard Price succeeded in ringing his 100th peal, this coming after a few attempts which involved several hours' ringing.

THE TENOR RINGER

Chewton Mendip was invaded on Tuesday morning, and whilst a peal was being rung in nice steady time the rest of the party journeyed for a pleasant ring at Litton. In the afternoon two failures occurred, the heavy eight at Congresbury defying an attempt for Cambridge after half an hour, and a shift course—the first of the week but not the last—upsetting an attempt for Stedman Caters at Wrington, where, eventually, the bells were brought into rounds in good style after 3 hours 7 minutes' ringing. This latter is an example of a 'performance' as suggested at the last Central Council meeting. The tenorman, a ringer whose name, it is said, the printers of 'The Ringing World' do not have to set up in type each week because it is kept permanently blocked eleven times repeated, assumed moral command of the ringing by standing stately, on the extra high tenor box, with his left leg slightly bent and forward of the right leg in military fashion and allowed not one second to be wasted, at the same time keeping the lighter bells moving and dodging behind in sprightly accord.

Wednesday was a 'damp' day. It rained most of the morning; the peal attempt at Nailsea was cancelled owing to a funeral, and a late start was made at Backwell, which meant, through the peal here taking well over three hours, fast driving of the coach and half of the party consuming a well-prepared meal at a 'local' in an exceedingly short time—too short to be enjoyed. The bells at Banwell had been obtained for use in the afternoon, and although success resulted, the ringing was not without its moments. The tower moves quite considerably when the bells are in motion, and at one time a member of the band, seeing a falling object pass one of the windows, was heard to say, 'My word, that was a stone falling from the top of the tower.' Although softly rebuked, he was still confident that something had fallen and repeated his accusation, but the final words in the incident was the reply, 'So what!' A conclusion was drawn that some of the band would make better sailors than the others, as no damage was reported. The 'dampness' continued into the evening when, after ordering dinner to be half an hour earlier, the party returned well behind time and prevented an evening's practice ring at St. John-the-Baptist's, Glastonbury, where the local captain waited, but in vain.

The next day an attempt for a peal of London was made at Chew Magna, but two bells shifted quite cleanly, and without trouble, after two hours and forty minutes. During this attempt the rest of the party travelled to ring at Winford and at Dundry, where visitors on payment of a fee may climb the tower to see Bristol and many acres of the surrounding beautiful countryside. One failure, Cambridge at Blagdon, and one success at Winscombe were recorded in the afternoon, but Friday was a blank day. Two peal attempts were made—Superlative at Charlton Horethorne (intending visitors never be late here or else the Rev. —. Buchan will recall the punctuality of the 1952 touring party) and Bristol at Wincanton—each coming to grief after approximately an hour's ringing. A pleasant surprise item for the non-pealers was the granting of permission to ring on the heavy six at Queen Camel.

RUSHED ATTEMPTS

Saturday came all too quickly, and to local circumstances can be attributed two morning failures. It was a matter at Mark of getting on with the job in order to finish before a funeral, and at Burnham of getting on with the job more quickly to finish before a funeral after having to wait a seemingly long time for a wedding. Neither attempt, for Somerset and Yorkshire respectively, lasted very long, and it enabled the Mark band to visit Wedmore for a short ring. A 'Superlative' effort was made at Ditcheat in the evening and this last peal of the tour proved to be one of the best, and it gave as much pleasure to those listening as it did to those performing. Castle Cary was visited during the evening by those not otherwise engaged.

Good-bye to Somerset was said after service ringing at Shepton Mallet on Sunday morning, and this terminated a memorable week. It is well known that the ringers within the Bath and Wells Diocese have had parties of ringers visiting them before, but again a warm welcome was extended, new friendships were made and it is sincerely hoped that this year's tourists have made a favourable impression by their conduct and ability. The taste of ringing in their midst has been sweet indeed, and it would be very nice to mention personalities, a host of incumbents and local ringers, who contributed in no small measure to the success of the tour, but some may be inadvertently omitted, and so it is hoped that this conclusion may be a message of thanks to all from some appreciative friends and brother ringers.

T. J. L.

Two Stansted Veterans Honoured

On Thursday, September 11th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Mary's, Stansted, in honour of the brothers Messrs. Walter and William T. Prior, whose birthdays fell a few days before. Mr. Walter Prior is now 83 and Mr. William T. Prior 81.

They have been associated with ringing at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, and St. Mary's, Stansted, for over 65 years. They rang their first peal (Bob Major) together on December 31st, 1888, at Bishop's Stortford, and since then have taken part in many peals in various methods, including London Surprise Major.

The pleasure of the occasion was greatly enhanced by the fact that Mr. William T. Prior was able to take part in the quarter-peal himself. At the conclusion of the ringing the company wished him and his brother many happy returns and expressed the hope that they would ring many more quarters in the future.

The ringers were: W. T. Prior 1, F. Springham 2, H. Watts 3, F. Bird 4, H. Bird 5, F. W. Tharby 6, R. Hayden 7, P. A. F. Chalk (conductor) 8.

P. A. F. C.

Gloucester and Bristol Association

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon branch was held at Stratton St. Margaret on September 13th and visitors were welcomed from Burford, Cromhall, Charlbury, Fairford and Prestbury. The bells are a light, easy-going eight, and it is regrettable that they are seldom rung. A well-prepared service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. G. Wolsey) and the choir was in attendance.

At the business meeting it was proposed that meetings be held at Wanborough, Rodbourne Cheney and Christ Church, Swindon, during the next three months. The ringing covered a fairly wide field, including standard methods, Little Bob, Forward, Oxford, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Major.

OUTINGS IN PROSE AND VERSE

FROM LLANBADARN FAWR TO HEREFORD

Saturday, Sept. 6th, saw 16 pseudo-scientific sightseers start something. Seven, and even seven-thirty, was too early for one young lady of 18, who swings a tenor better than any other bell, so the party left Llanbadarn Fawr, Cardiganshire, for their second annual tour, somewhat behind the clock while the seventeenth member blissfully slept on.

In the hoar frost of the morning, the first stop was at Nantmel — romantically 'Honeybrook' in English—where the Vicar and Mr. Mills, the captain, were greeting the visitors cordially. A smallish tower and longish ropes provided good exercise for a young band.

Next came Llanbadarn Fawr, three miles away, to ring a generally undisturbed good-going five. Romance was in the air, for the visiting Vicar, the Rev. O. G. Rees, with Mrs. Rees, was meeting his former companion of college days and best man too, the Rev. W. Bevan Griffiths. Snapshots outside the church by photographer-ringer Miss Ann Morgan completed a pleasant picture.

At New Radnor, foreman Mr. W. Evans had very kindly prepared for the West Walians' arrival, and the Vicar came along to greet the party after their morning coffee. Further on the route the larger tower of Kington had all the signs of the Herefordshire Diocesan Guild once more reporting mounting membership.

Thanks to Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, the cider city of Hereford provided a delightful lunch for the young people before the journey to quiet Burghill, where, through the good offices of the Rev. E. G. Benson, the belfry, with its nicely toned ring, provided the only eight of the day. This was a journey past the asylum, fortunately! Thence to the Rev. C. T. Cottrell's St. Nicholas'. Once again the boys and girls were denied the pleasure of meeting the captain. There was, however, the novelty of an anti-clockwise six and the amusement of noting the sudden sharpening of the wits of the erstwhile clockwisers! Thereafter the leader relaxed, having seen his young band handle long draught ropes, introduced them to some stranger features, and virtually assured himself that the rest of the tour would bring further joys of enthusiasm.

To all the reverend gentlemen and other kind friends very many thanks. The teenagers brought Messrs. Grandsire and Stedman with them, a little disguised here and there perhaps, and took back with them greater hopes and much gratitude to their own Llanbadarn Fawr by Cardigan Bay an hour before midnight.

IN THE COTSWOLD COUNTRY

The Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held its annual outing on September 13th and the event was most successful, being voted as 'the best ever.' The Cotswold country was visited, Broadway St. Eadburgh's being the first call, where Mr. Lovell, churchwarden and ringer, met us. An hour's ringing on the six was thoroughly enjoyed.

Then followed a call at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, which was the most disappointing of the day. The eight here did not go too well and trouble was experienced with ropes jumping wheels, etc. However, Mr. Bryan, the captain, was there to welcome us and to put matters right. Chipping Norton came next and ringing was enjoyed until lunch.

Half an hour's run took us to Charlbury's six, where the Vicar (the Rev. T. J. Wood), the tower captain and branch secretary welcomed us. An hour's ringing and then on to Burford and a glorious eight. Here the time went too quickly and all left with the hope that we may have the opportunity to return one day. Saying goodbye to Mr. Dixon, the worthy tower captain, who had welcomed us, we departed for tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed at the Highway Hotel, Burford.

Northleach was the final call, where Mr. Acock met us. Ringing was enjoyed until 8 p.m. when adjournment was made for refreshment interspersed with touches of various methods on the handbells, which had been thoughtfully supplied by the members of Leigh tower.

The branch expresses its appreciation to all who contributed to the success of the outing, particularly to Group Capt. T. V. Lister, who organised it, not forgetting the various incumbents who kindly allowed the branch the use of their bells. J. B.

THE ANNUAL OUTING

Inspired by Newcastle Ringers' Visit to Cumberland

(Sung to the tune of the Tyneside Anthem, 'Blaydon Races').

The day we went the Ringers' Trip, 'twas August Bank Holiday Mon.,
Nineteen hundred and fifty two, beneath a watery sun,
We tyuk the bus from Bewick Street, an' ivery seat was full,
Away we went alang Scotswood Road, as off we went to pull.

Chorus.

Oh me lads, ye shud a hord w' ringin',
Pullin' the bells wi'aall wor might, a-dongin' an' a-dingin',
There were rings of six an' rings of eight, conductors yellin' an' shoutin',
The day we went to Cumberland, for the Ringers' Annual Outin'.

We flew past Armstrang's Factory, an' reet through Blaydon Toon.
By noo the sun had gone away, the rain was pourin' doon,
The rain it poured doon cats an' dogs, the sky it was quite grey,
Ye cudn't expect ne better on, August Bank Holiday.

Chorus.

But when we got to Brampton the sun was oot once more,
So oot the bus, alang the street, an' through the belfry door,
The thord it was an aaful brute, a deadly type of bell,
An' anybody ringin' it, he had to pull like *@&!?

Chorus.

We stopped at Carlisle for wor lunch, an' oh we wor se holla,
But when we'd eaten aal we cud, mair ringin' was to folla,
St. Andrew Penrith after tea—a smashin' ring were they,
Indeed it was the best o' rings, we'd visited that day.

Chorus.

We stopped at Alston for a pint, then aff we went agyen,
An' then we had a paper fight, which lasted halfway hyem,
We stopped the bus at Hexham, but didn't stay for lang,
The beer we think had bordseed in, for we aal borst into sang.

Chorus.

We sung from Hexham to Newcastle, by noo 'twas gettin' dark,
We cudn't see St. Stephen's as we past the Cruddas Park,
But when we got to Bewick Street, an' saa the 'Premier Tower'*
We knew the Annual Outing, once agyen was ower.

Combined effort of K. and J. B. S.

* Newcastle Cathedral.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 27th, 1912

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

The Norwich Diocesan Association

On Thursday, Sept. 19th, 1912, in 3 hours and 3 minutes

At the Church of St. Peter

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5,088 CHANGES

Tenor 8 cwt.

Frederick R. Borrett ..	Treble
Rev. Wm. C. Pearson	2
James F. Duffield ..	3
Edward P. Duffield ..	4
William C. Duffield ..	5
Robert H. Hayward ..	6
Leonard E. Last ..	7
William L. Duffield ..	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains.

Conducted by F. R. Borrett.

The ringers of 3, 4, 5 and 7 are respectively 12, 13, 16 and 15 years of age.

[Another notable member of the band was the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, who founded the Cambridge University Guild, then known as the 'Clare Society of Ringers,' in 1879. His father and he held the living continuously for a century or more.]

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Oxenhope on September 6th and attended by about twenty members, representing nine towers. Early arrivals soon had the bells going, and the vice-president, arriving with the second contingent, was just in time to give younger members a lesson in rope-splicing.

Ringing then continued until 5 p.m., when the two members who had sent in their names for tea went into the village for meat salad, trifle and cakes, leaving the main body to eat their sandwiches in the schoolroom.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. P. J. Johnson, the usual votes of thanks were passed, and Rothwell was selected as the place of the next meeting on December 20th if available. It was generally agreed that the small attendance was largely due to the remoteness of Oxenhope from the main ringing centres and to the rather prohibitive price of the tea.

The election of a member to the vacant seat on the committee was postponed until the next meeting, as it was considered that there were insufficient members present to hold an election. Any nominations should be sent to the district secretary.

Further ringing followed the business meeting and at 8.30 p.m. the bells were lowered in peal, bringing to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IRREGULAR LEAD END METHODS

Dear Sir,—In past months there has been much discussion in 'The Ringing World' about methods with irregular lead ends. I should like to add a few comments to that discussion.

Putting on one side for a moment the admirable editorial by Mr. Pink, there are still many questions to be answered by those who wish to ban methods without Plain Bob lead ends. Firstly, what is the attitude of such men to odd bell methods having two hunt bells? Secondly, what is their attitude to the introduction of new principles on the lines of Stedman and Duffield?

From the way in which efforts are being made to stamp out the use of relatively simple methods like Canterbury Pleasure in peal ringing, one is led to believe that it is very lucky that methods like Stedman and Grandsire have already been generally accepted. It is easy to imagine that if seven-bell ringing had developed with all 'inside' bells doing the same work (as in, say, Penning's Bob) and Grandsire were a new idea, it would be received with horror. Think how terribly irregular a method with two hunts would appear if the idea were new, and how much more so would Stedman appear.

In other words, the Exercise has in the past got used to much more revolutionary ideas than that of an irregular lead end and has turned them to very good use. As I think has been recently shown in 'The Ringing World,' there are many more sets of lead ends than the Plain Bob group, and it is more than likely that there are a great number of admirable methods in those groups.

Finally, even if such methods ARE second rate, which I do not myself believe, is it good to ban them? Is it fair? Nobody makes any attempt to ban dance bands because there is music by Beethoven to listen to. In other words, tastes differ. If a man wants to ring an irregular method, or even a second rate one AND can find others of like mind, let him. I can think of no other field in which minority ideas can be so easily catered for. Just give the party a tower and nobody outside is compelled to listen to an odd method! Let the peal only be true and the striking good.

Which brings us back to Mr. Pink's suggestion. HAS the Central Council the right to tell us what we may or may not ring to the glory of God? I am in complete agreement with him in thinking it has not. However, I am of the opinion that it would be much better for the Exercise if the Central Council tactfully allowed those who have strong views on the subject to abide by them, and not to attempt to dictate one way or the other.

In considering the editorial by Mr. Pink, I should like to add that no peal of his that I have seen has been without some connection with the Church, and few better people are available to express the ideas he has.—Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

Hawkhurst, Kent.

[NOTE.—The Central Council has made it clear on more than one occasion that it has no desire to dictate to ringers what they should ring. The Council, however, stipulates what it recognises as a peal to be recorded in its records.—Ed.]

ONE-HANDED CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—Perhaps some of your correspondents on the above subject would be interested to know that there is a one-handed clock in Birmingham. It is situated in the back smoke room of the Trocadero in Temple Street. It is at present not in working order, probably due to one missing hand.—Yours faithfully,

BRYAN WOOLLEY.

Birmingham.

MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY'S PEAL

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. P. Green's letter, my parents were not even courting in 1889, but married in the 90's. My ringing commenced in 1921. I have not seen a 'Bell News' or 'Ringers' Record,' and, as far as Mr. Hattersley is concerned, I have none of his compositions, nor have I seen any. When I got my figures together it was for Yorkshire Surprise Major, and as Yorkshire was not even thought about in 1889, I shall still claim my figures for that method. Now I find many more Surprise Major methods will go to this composition.

Perhaps Mr. Green will publish or at least send the figures on to you, as Editor of 'The Ringing World,' for I am informed from another source they are based on a Mr. Reeves' peal. As in law, a patent is void after 50 years, so, I presume, are figures except if they are in the Central Council Collection.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

VISITING AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—In the Belfry Gossip column of 'The Ringing World' dated July 18th there was a paragraph about Mr. Stafford H. Green, of Devon, sailing to Australia on October 29th, but it does not say to what part of Australia he is coming to.

If we could have information when ringers such as Mr. Green are leaving and to what part of Australia they are coming to, we could make contact with them before they leave or when they arrive here.

Last year you mentioned in your columns about another ringer from Chester immigrating to this country, but did not say to what part, but fortunately he contacted us and we now have his services. I have also met two other ringers, but they seldom bother to ring.

I appeal to all who intend to visit or immigrate to Australia to let us know of their place of destination and we will be only too happy to greet them.—Yours faithfully,

R. FERRIS.

126, Thomas Street, Parramatta, N.S.W.

THE WRITTEN WORD

Sir,—I found the letter under the heading, 'The Written Word,' on page 571, very interesting, and it contains a great number of truths, but the last sentence rather amused me. 'He' writes, 'Let us fight openly and honestly and happily and then forget it,' and then promptly signs himself, 'Nona.' He wasn't given this name at his baptism.—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Chester.

KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—Mr. Maurice Hodgson's admirable exposition of the various mixtures of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob omitted to say one thing. These two methods can be spliced in complete leads in the normal way, and there is not the slightest need for these mongrel concoctions to be used at all. All methods we ring are symmetrical about the half-lead—a decision of the Central Council many years ago, and one which does not, so far, appear to have come under fire! Why these versions of Treble Bob, involving as they do the use of an assymetrical method which is neither Kent nor Oxford, are still tolerated, goodness knows.—Yours faithfully,

'B.'

48-MINUTE CLOCK

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. P. Amos, I find 48-minute clocks in abundance whilst travelling around Rutland at the summer festival meeting. I noted the first at Edith Weston and the second at Greetham, the latter being a one-hand clock.—Yours sincerely.

ERIC NOBLES.

Duston, Northants.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Silver Cup Contest

A record crowd saw Handsworth win the cup after a thrilling contest at Treeton; their nearest rivals were Sheffield Cathedral, who just failed by a narrow margin. A high standard of ringing was maintained by the other three teams taking part, although Rotherham Parish Church and Whiston rang out and Bolsover, the holders, were off form. The contest was very ably judged by Mr. H. T. Rooke and Mr. F. Flint, of Warsop, and afterwards a tea was served in the Church Schools.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector of Treeton, the Rev. T. P. Hounsfield, acted as chairman, and, after hearing the judges' decision, he called upon the winning captain to step forward and receive the cup. A very sporting gesture by the Handsworth leader (Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert) was much appreciated when he suggested that Mrs. J. E. Turley, being the only lady member of the team, should have the honour in his stead; this she did amid applause.

Further ringing took place in the town and a few ringers adjourned to the local hostelry, where the cup was passed round to winners and losers alike.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Half-Yearly Meeting at Heydour

This meeting was held at Heydour, a village off the beaten track with its bells made famous by the record length of London which was rung here on October 4th, 1947. An attendance of about 80 members and friends enjoyed ringing on this very nice eight. The service was conducted by Canon C. H. Leeke, president of the Guild's Southern Branch.

After a picnic tea the business meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by the Guild Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

The question of a Guild badge has been under consideration for some time; a type was decided upon and it is hoped that a supply will soon be available.

To avoid confusion in the future it was decided that the Guild half-yearly meetings be held each year on the second Saturday in September. The hon. secretary thanked the members for their co-operation in connection with the Central Council's visit to Lincoln.

A warm welcome was extended to the visitors by the Master. Mr. K. S. B. Croft (Southampton), Mr. C. McGuiness (Newcastle) and Mr. A. W. Coles (North Mimms) responded.

The members were later joined in the tower by friends from Leicester, Loughborough, etc.

PLAIN BOB WITH FOUR BLOWS BEHIND

Dear Sir,—Re the argument about the Central Council rulings regarding methods with irregular lead ends, I should like to see the Council state that Plain Bob be ruled out the same as Grandsire on even bells, with bells lying four blows behind.

Each association sends members or representatives to the Council, whom we members of the ringing associatons consider the Central Council for legal government of ringing, and their decisions are ringing laws; the same as other matters in connection with rules, or else the Council is useless.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham, Kent.

TWO TOWER BELLS TO A PEAL

Dear Sir,—I was talking to a bell-ringer some time ago and he told me he has rung two bells at once. Is this possible and has anybody else ever tried or do any of your readers know of such cases?—Yours faithfully,

MARION STUBBINGS.

Sandon, Chelmsford.

[NOTE.—There are many occasions on which a ringer has rung two tower bells to a peal, the most frequent exponent being Mr. Tony Price.—Ed.]

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XIII.—CALLING STEDMAN TRIPLES

There are many ringers who are fond of ringing Stedman Triples, but never trouble themselves about the calling of it, yet Stedman Triples is a very interesting method to conduct. It is a method that keeps the conductor specially alert by reason of the constantly changing coursing order of the bells.

In this method, as in any other, the young conductor should aim at a certain amount of proficiency in keeping the bells right, and he can obtain it by study and practice. There are some ringers who can follow the working of the bells 'in the slow,' wherever they may be themselves, and while that is the ideal standard to which every Stedman conductor should try to attain, there is no reason for a ringer to be discouraged if he finds his abilities do not reach as far as that. He can content himself with much less and still have a good working knowledge of his job, if he will really study the subject on paper as well as in the tower.

It is hardly necessary, perhaps, to tell the budding Stedman conductor that a bob in the method can be made at any 'six.' The bob change is the first change of the 'six' and, therefore, has actually to be called before the end of the previous 'six'—usually at the hand-stroke change before the 'six-end.'

Usually touches and peals are composed with the 7th as the 'observation' bell and, except sometimes at singles, it is not usually disturbed. Accordingly, bobs have to be made when the 7th is below 5ths place, which means that they must come when the 7th is in 5—4 down, in the slow, or when it is a quick bell.

There are six times when a bob may be called while the 7th is a 'slow' bell and two in which a call may be made while it is 'quick,' without disturbing its course. The bob places are known by the number of the 'six' in the course.

A bob at 3 is called when the 7th is completing its dodging in 5—4 (down) before going in 'slow.'

A bob at 4 at the first handstroke of the first whole-turn.

A bob at 5 at the handstroke of the 3rds place before the first half-turn.

A bob at 6 at the handstroke before the last half-turn.

A bob at 7 at the first handstroke of the last whole-turn.

A bob at 8 at the handstroke in 3rds place before going out of the slow.

A bob at 12 is called when the 7th is completing its dodging in 5—4 (down) before going in 'Quick.'

A bob at 13 at the handstroke in 2nds on the way out.

Usually bobs come in pairs in Stedman; that is, a bob at 3 is followed by one at 4; a bob at 5 by one at 6; a bob at 7 by one at 8; and a bob at 12 by one at 13.

A pair of bobs at 3—4 is sometimes indicated by the letter S (meaning 'Slow'); at 5—6 by H (meaning half-turn); at 7—8 by L (meaning Last whole-turn); and at 12—13 by Q (meaning 'Quick'). The calling of your touch or peal may be written either way. For instance, here is a touch of 252 :

2 3 1 4 5 6 7	5—6	12—13	2 3 1 4 5 6 7	H	Q
3 4 5 2 6 1 7	—	—	3 4 5 2 6 1 7	—	—
4 2 6 3 1 5 7	—	—	4 2 6 3 1 5 7	—	—
2 3 1 4 5 6 7	—	—	2 3 1 4 5 6 7	—	—

At any time you want two courses, or 168, you can get it by calling any one of the pairs of bobs in each course; thus 3—4 twice or 5—6 twice, etc. Three courses are produced by calling any one pair twice followed by another later pair twice as 3—4, 3—4, 12—13, 12—13; but remember the two middle pairs are in the same course.

This is how you can work out touches for yourself;

For 2 courses, call either S.L., S.Q., or L.Q., and repeat.

For 3 courses, in addition to those mentioned above, you can call either S.H.L. or H.Q. three times.

For 5 courses either S.H., S.H.Q., H.L. or H.L.Q. five times.

You can join some of the touches together to lengthen them, as long as in doing so you do not ring more than a plain course without a bob. You may run the risk, in some instances, of ringing a false touch (by a repetition of changes), but that is not a serious matter when you are practising calling. For instance, if you have rung two courses produced by calling S.L. twice, you cannot get a true touch by tacking on Q. twice, because S.L.Q. is a touch which produces rounds and would, therefore, bring you back to changes which you have already rung.

THE LATE DR. J. C. E. SIMPSON'S PEALS

We record herewith the peals of the late Dr James C. E. Simpson, whose early death is deeply deplored by the Exercise:—

Minor.—Oxford Treble Bob 1 (conducted 1); 3 methods 1; 4 methods 1 (1); 5 methods 4 (3); 6 methods 1 (1); 7 methods 3 (2); 7 Surprise methods 2.

Triples.—Grandsire 2; Stedman 13.

Major.—Plain Bob 15 (10); Double Norwich Court Bob 27 (10); Little Bob 1 (1); Double Oxford Bob 1 (1); Loughborough Bob 1 (1); Double Coslany Court 1; Cheltenham Bob 1 (1); St. Clement's Bob 1 (1); Gonville Bob 1 (1); Pershore Bob 1; St. Lawrence Bob 1 (1); Kent Treble Bob 16 (13); Oxford Treble Bob 6 (5); Combined Kent and Oxford 1 (1); Albion Treble Bob 1 (1); Cambridge Surprise 65 (35 and 1 non-conducted); Superlative Surprise 44 (19); New Cambridge Surprise 7 (6); Yorkshire Surprise 21 (7); Bristol Surprise 39 (19 and 1 non-conducted); London Surprise 61 (45 and 1 non-conducted); Rochester Surprise 7 (2); Norfolk Surprise 3; Lincolnshire Surprise 3 (2); Rutland Surprise 3 (3); Liverpool Surprise 3 (2); Pudsey Surprise 3 (1); Wembley Surprise 2 (1); Eastcote Surprise 2 (2); Northchurch Surprise 1; Napsbury Surprise 1; Wallasey Surprise 1; Edinburgh Surprise 1 (1); Ipswich Surprise 1 (1); Cheshire Surprise 1 (1); Watford Surprise 1 (1); Guildford Surprise 1; Glasgow Surprise 1 (1); Ashtead Surprise 1; Kendal Surprise 1; Claybrooke Surprise 1 (1); Hanbury Surprise 1 (1); Ealing Surprise 1 (1).

Spliced Surprise Major. — Cambridge and Superlative 1 (1); 4 methods 20 (13 and 1 non-conducted); 5 methods 2 (2); 6 methods 4 (incl. 6,496) (4); 8 methods 4 (incl. 8,032) (4); 12 methods 3 (1).

Caters.—Grandsire 1; Stedman 11.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1; Little Bob 1; St. Clement's Bob 1; Isleworth Bob 1; Double Norwich Court Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 5 (1); Combined Oxford and Kent 1; Cambridge Surprise 29 (incl. 15,480) (9); Yorkshire Surprise 7 (incl. first Surprise Royal in Scotland); Rochester Surprise 4 (3); Rutland Surprise 4; London Surprise (No. 3) 4 (1); Pudsey Surprise 1; Lindsey Surprise 1; New Cambridge Surprise 1.

Spliced Surprise Royal. — Cambridge and Yorkshire 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 21; Erin 1.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 3 (2); Little Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 2 (1); Oxford Treble Bob 1 Cambridge Surprise 16 (incl. first in north of England and first in Ireland) (4); New Cambridge Surprise 2; Yorkshire Surprise 6 (1); Rochester Surprise 1; total 543 (conducted 254 and 4 non-conducted).

OLDHAM CHANGE RINGERS

Provide Popular Stall at Hobbies Exhibition

For the second time, Oldham has been entertained by an Exhibition of Leisure Time Activities. Last year it was organised by the town's education authorities, but this time it was the Oldham and District Association of Societies which was responsible. This association was formed, after the last exhibition, by societies who took part in it. Almost every type of hobby was represented: among them were aquarists, model engineers, philatelists, speliologists, sports-fans, youth organisations and—campanologists! The bellringers' stand this time was by the Oldham and District Society of Changeringers, which was re-formed (after lapsing into obscurity during the war years) following last year's exhibition.

The exhibits were somewhat similar to the previous show: handbells, bellropes, models, diagrams, charts, books, photographs, etc., and a small bell of about 2¼ cwt. which was cast in 1756. The show was open during the evenings from Monday to Friday and afternoon and evening of Saturday. For a short while the stand was treated with similar respect to an unexploded bomb—with curiosity from a distance! However, the tinkling of a model bell during a demonstration to a more adventurous type soon brought the people along, and from then on it was almost a continuous stream.

The questions asked and the explanations requested soon gave us proof of real interest. As was expected, very few people knew anything whatever about the subject, and naturally were astounded at the knowledge imparted to them. All, that is, except the schoolboy who said that the steward's information did not correspond with the details given in his weekly comic, and so we were wrong! A Latvian lady, beautiful and resplendent in her national costume, proved a very interested listener, as also was the steward when the lady spoke of the bells in Latvia. Considerable difficulty was experienced in trying to explain to two Ukrainian gentlemen, who just could not visualise the business whatsoever. We compromised by inviting them specially to the tower to watch proceedings! A young lady—also in national costume—from the Ukraine was also baffled by the full swinging bell, AND the language difficulty. She laughingly gave up the struggle!

Two or three times each evening, when circumstances allowed, a plain course of Grandsire Doubles or Triples was rung by members standing in front of the stand, the visitors simply flocking round each time. One gentleman insisted that we ring Doubles three times in order that he could watch each ringer to see who was giving signals or instructions.

On the Thursday evening a tune-ringing concert was given by the Oldham Handbell Ringers in the exhibition concert room and proved to be a tremendous success. Numerous visitors approached the writer after the concert and commended in no uncertain manner the beauty of the bells and the ringing. Just how many visitors passed through the exhibition we cannot yet say, but the local Press has given the association a remarkable 'write-up,' and ask that next time the exhibition be held at the Town Hall; suggesting also that it is most certainly worthy of more support and interest from the 'city fathers.'—E. C.

Members of the East Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers met at Sidmouth Parish Church at 9.15 a.m. on September 14th, and rang for the Communion service, after which all took part in the service. The Vicar, Preb. Ball, visited the belfry and expressed his pleasure at seeing the ringers take part in the service.

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

(Continued from page 604)

SUNDAY morning found us ringing at Tiverton (8, 25 cwt.). The bells are a beautiful ring, full of tone and really splendid 'go.' We had a company of the locals watching us, and I do not think that we discredited ourselves.

After attending evensong at the Cathedral at Exeter, we ascended the belfry with some trepidation. But once the bells were raised (six men to the tenor) and set going to Grandsire Caters, our doubts quickly vanished. and a good course was had. The 2½ hours spent here were unexpected but thoroughly enjoyed. A section of the party reluctantly left the Cathedral early for evening service, ringing at Heavitree (8, 25 cwt.). Their self-sacrifice was rewarded with a really fine ring of bells. Despite the fact that the ringers were devoid of many of the 'cracks,' they executed the ringing well, and left a good impression, or so we believe. In the evening we rang at Alphington (8, 16 cwt.), a call-change tower, obvious by the length of ropes and numerous certificates. What a pity it was that with some of the call-change ringers listening we could not have emulated some of our previous performances.

After the usual nightcap we made our way back to Exeter. On the return journey Denis Mottershead took it upon himself to give his first practical demonstration of the law of conservation of linear momentum. The leading cyclist decided to try his brakes, hence the demonstration, plus an attempt to fly without wings. Ottery St. Mary (8, 18 cwt.) was the next port of call, with a reasonable eight accompanied by reasonable ringing. At Axminster (8, 25 cwt.) the fine tone of the bells was not paralleled by the ringing, due in no small way to the arrival in oddments of the experts.

At Chard (8, 23 cwt., quite a good ring) there was a vast improvement in the ringing. South Petherton (8, 25 cwt.), with its fine octagonal tower and hopelessly flat tenor, was next visited. Thank goodness the ringing here was not as flat as the tenor! The first seven bells were of glorious tone, followed by the horrible discordant clank of the tenor. At Martock, ringing on the grand eight (tenor 25 cwt.), together with a grand course of Bristol, completed another enjoyable day.

ANOTHER WEIGHTY DAY

Tuesday, 12th, began another day of weight, the first tower on the list being the magnificent ring of ten (tenor 40 cwt.) at Yeovil. Here a local ringer complimented us on a fast course of Cambridge Royal. Then to Sherborne (8, 46 cwt.), where the best course of Yorkshire of the tour was rung. This grand ring of bells is best summed up in the words of one of the ringers when we first pulled off in rounds, 'This is it!' Miss Jean Brooks again showed her prowess by ringing the tenor. The heaviest ringing six in the world, Queen Camel (tenor 36 cwt.), were then visited. These are really a grand ring, but the slow pace of ringing almost beat us. The relatively light but noisy six (tenor 17 cwt.) at Crowcombe came as a welcome rest after all the weight.

Shepton Mallet (8, 25 cwt.) was the first tower visited on Wednesday. Here the tenor and seventh box join and are of the same height. Then came another octagonal tower and another out of tune tenor (Doulting, 6, 24 cwt.). Mr. Denis Mottershead, not to be suppressed, decided to give another practical demonstration, this time impulsive tensions in chains (cycle). The net result of all the complex stresses set up—one irreparable cycle and one deposited Dennis. Thereafter, by the aid of his thumb and the ferry service of the motor-cycle, the honourable gentleman managed to remain with us for almost the rest of the tour. The next tower, Bradford (8, 30 cwt.) was obtained thanks to the efforts of Roger O. Fry, to whom we were very grateful, as the bells are a fine ring. The wildly gyrating tower of Batheaston was the last call of the day. The bells (6, 18 cwt.) went their full weight, due solely to the intricate patterns woven by the tower. In the 'local' afterwards, a sing-song was held, led by a member of the Roving Ringers!

A disappointment awaited us at our first tower on Thursday, Corsham. The bells were unringable due to the condition of the ropes, the relative letter from the Rector not reaching the hon. secretary. Due to the kindness of the Rector of Lacock (6, 14 cwt.), we were able to tower-grab here instead. Thence on to Chippenham, where the eights (tenors 20 and 16 cwts.) were much enjoyed, especially the tone of St. Andrew's. The eight (tenor 24 cwt.) were then sampled at Calne. In the evening, after a long wait whilst the Ringing Master found the belfry key from a huge bunch of keys, the five (tenor 12 cwt.) at Aston Keynes were rung.

MORE 'THUMBING'

On Friday the two similar eights as regards weight of Fairford and Burford (both 17 cwt.) were rung. But Burford had by far the better ring. Owing to the condition of the two pillion riders, the motor-cyclist thought it advisable to leave them in Burford. Nevertheless, the power of the thumb prevailed and the aforementioned gentlemen arrived not too late at the next tower, Hook Norton (8, 20 cwt.). This was a grand ring of bells and much enjoyed. Here also we had a ring with the parson, a quite unusual event. The two 'high' members, just to show their independence, said they would make the youth hostel under their own steam. Their efforts were rewarded, for they managed to obtain a ring at Banbury (10, 17 cwt.) after a peal of London Royal had come to grief. Harwell (5, 9 cwt.) was the last tower of the day.

On Saturday we saw no more of the cycleless one—what had happened to him we did not know. Byfield (6, 13 cwt.) was visited and the 'go' of the bells found a bit sluggish. Thence to Daventry and a ring on the anticlockwise eight (tenor 18 cwt.). The ringing at Market Harborough was the poorest of the tour, due to the fact that all were tired after a hard two weeks. The six (11 cwt.) at Hallerton, after trouble with clock hammers, finished up the day.

Service ringing next morning was carried out at Wissendine (6, 17 cwt.). As the bells of this church were fallen in peal and as the dying hum of the bells blended with the opening notes of the first hymn, we then knew that the tour was at last over.

The methods rung during the week were: Cinques: Grandsire. Royal: Cambridge, St. Lawrence Little Bob, Kent, Plain, Little Bob. Caters: Grandsire, Stedman. Major: London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Rutland, Yorkshire, Braunstone, New Cambridge Surprise, Double Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent, Plain, Little, Gainsborough, Original, Spliced 2 and 3 Surprise, Spliced 2 and 3 Plain. Triples: Grandsire, Stedman. Minor: London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Norwich, Primrose, Cambridge, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Childwall, College Single, Plain Original, Kent, Oxford. Doubles: St. Simon's, New, Stedman, Grandsire, Orpheus, Plain.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held in Batheaston belfry under the chairmanship of the Master.

Officers elected: Ringing Master, John E. Cook; Assistant Ringing Masters, John B. Bennett and Dennis Mottershead; hon. secretary, John E. Cook.

The accounts were then read and accepted, together with the minutes of the last meeting.

The tour for next year will be in the area of Norfolk and Suffolk, the date to be the same as this year (first two whole weeks in August).

A vote of thanks was proposed to Margaret A. Swan and David S. Harris for organising the tour, and also the incumbents and local ringers at the various towers for all the help they gave us.

J. E. C.

OBITUARY

MR. E. J. AVERY

Eddie Avery, as he was affectionately called, died of cancer on September 19th last, at the age of 48. He was a brave man, for in spite of pain, and his own certainty of approaching early death, he kept his cheerfulness to the last, and concealed from others the gravity of his illness. No one ever saw him angry. Even when things went wrong, and other men would probably have lost their tempers, he remained serene. His loss means a great deal to the community in that corner of Somerset in which he lived. He was the moving spirit of village organisations and never spared himself on behalf of others. He was the secretary of the largest branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, and his place will be indeed hard to fill.

Evidence of the high esteem in which he was held was shown by the large number of mourners. The church at Sandford where he was buried was full, and scores of people were unable to get in. Ringers were present from the Axbridge, Bath, Cary, Chew, Bridgwater and Frome branches; ringers carried the corpse to the grave, and ringers from the Cary, Chew and Frome branches rang Grandsire Triples over it. Long after the burial was over ringers hung about in groups as though loath to tear themselves away, and there was scarcely a dry eye.

AN APPRECIATION

It was with deepest regret that I read of the passing of Mr. Avery and with feelings of personal loss I should like to pay my humble tribute to a true gentleman. I have been a fairly frequent visitor to the Axbridge Branch meetings, both before and since the war, and have always greatly appreciated Eddie's warm welcome and cheerful smile and his keenness to 'have a go' at any method suggested, and these will be greatly missed in the future. To those who were near and dear to him and to the Axbridge Branch I extend my most sincere sympathy. May he rest in peace.—E. T. P. F.

THE REV. R. HORNE

A good friend of ringers, the Rev. R. Horne, Vicar of St. Andrew's, West Hillingdon, for nearly 23 years, has died. He was an honorary member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild for some 20 years.

On September 8th a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, was rung by the following members of the Hillingdon band: P. E. Jones 1, T. G. Bannister 2, Mrs. A. R. Turley 3, W. H. Coles 4, A. R. Turley 5, F. Corke (cond.) 6, H. Impey 7, S. Humphreys 8.

MR. GEORGE BASFORD

Mr. George Basford, who was 74 years of age, collapsed in Finedon Parish Church during evensong on September 14th and died immediately. The funeral took place in Finedon Cemetery on September 18th. Chief mourners were Mrs. Basford (widow) and two daughters, Miss W. Basford (Finedon) and Mrs. I. Corney (Bristol). Also present were Messrs. J. Main, E. Chapman, C. Richardson, H. Tompkins and P. Manning (former colleagues in the belfry), T. Garley (Isham) and A. Bigley (Wellingborough branch secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild).

Half-muffled ringing took place during the evening, those participating being Messrs. E. W. Whitmore (Raunds), J. Watson (Burton Latimer), H. Pettit (Burton Latimer), A. Bigley, J. Skerritt and W. Perkins (Irthlingborough) and J. King (Wellingborough), together with the local ringers.

Ill-health prevented Mr. Basford from getting about in recent years, but during his 40 years' ringing career he was towerkeeper at Finedon and a member of the Guild Committee for over 20 years prior to 1943. Amongst the 130 (approx.) peals which he had rung were peals of Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Cork Cathedral Has a Local Company

A ringers' service was held in St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork, on Sunday, September 7th, to mark the reorganisation of the local bell-ringers' company. Fifty visiting ringers attended from St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, Waterford Cathedral, Doneraile, Ballymodan and Kilkenny, as well as representatives from the Northern and Eastern Districts.

The bells of the Cathedral (8, tenor 27 cwt.) were cast by Rudhall in 1751 and rehung for ringing in 1903 by Taylor's. They were rung up to 1914, when the local band became depleted, and were again rung from 1934 to 1939, when the frame girders became corroded. Local repairs were carried out last year, and with the transfer of a keen Limerick ringer to Cork a new team was formed and the bells are again rung regularly for the Cathedral services.

During the service handbells were rung by the St. Finbarre's ringers to changes as a background for the hymns. The lessons were read by Mr. Cyril W. Galbraith, district secretary, and Mr. Fred E. Dukes, general secretary. The Dean of Cork preached an appropriate sermon on the relationship of bells and bell-ringers with the Church.

After the service the ringers had tea in the Cathedral Schools, where the Dean welcomed them. Mr. J. E. Harris (vice-president) thanked the Dean and congratulated him and the local ringers on their great effort in ringing the beautiful Cathedral bells again. The visiting ringers made good use of the bells from early afternoon and again after tea, when touches of Plain Bob were rung.

5,056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
No. 1
By CHAS. J. SEDGLEY, IPSWICH

B	M	W	H	23456
x			—	23564
		—	3	62534
	—		2	24536
x			—	24365
		—		62345
	—	—		43526
x			—	43265
		—		64235
	—	—		32546
x			—	32465

Repeat.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual 'Hoylandswaine Cup' Six Bell Contest was held, at Barnsley on September 13th. Four bands entered. Result and order of ringing:—

Sandal	..	191 Faults
Shelley	..	93 Faults
Cawthorne	..	83 Faults
Silkstone	..	119 Faults

Cawthorne were declared the winners and hold the cup for twelve months, and each ringer received a small copper jug as a prize. Canon Morley presented the cup and prizes to the winners. Mr. H. Chant was the judge. The first three bands rang Oxford and Silkstone rang Kent.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Perry 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S Booth 3, H. Corney 4, L. W. Bullock 5, D. J. Woodhams 6, N Phillips (first quarter as cond.) 7, A. T. Langstone 8. Birthday compliments to Miss S. Booth and H. F. Perry.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Sept. 14th, at St. Thomas's, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): R. Lowe 1. Miss M. Page 2. L. A. Page 3. H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 4. J. Mussell 5. E. J. Doel 6. Rung to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Messenger (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Stratford 2, Miss D. Stratford 3, A. Chapman 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Hall 6. Rung on Wake Sunday by Sunday service band, average age 18 years.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Sept. 27th. St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, afterwards. No ringing at St. Michael's in September.—A. B. Peck. 1310

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Joint meeting with the Derbyshire Association at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Sept. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 1255

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston Districts. — Meeting at Breadsall on Sept. 27th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Tivey, 232, Chellaston Road, Derby. 1253

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin. 1242

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, Sept. 27th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—G. S. Joyce. 1243

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—District annual meeting, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr .T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 1280

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham (6) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed tea and short business meeting.—B. W. May. 1310

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Christ-the-Saviour's, Ealing (8), Saturday, September 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting, with bells to follow at St. Stephen's (8), 6.30. Own tea arrangements.—A. M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 1309

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m., tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1273

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th, Penn (6 bells), 3.30 p.m.—Barker. 1248

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—P. F. Romney. 1247

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tuesday, Sept. 30th, 7.15 p.m., advanced practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Monday, Oct. 6th, 7.15 p.m., practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Oct. 11th, meeting, Camberwell. St. George's (8) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and business, Parish Hall, 113, Wells Way, 5 p.m. (names, please). St. Giles' (10), 6.45–8.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 1411

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Preston, Thursday, Oct. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names by Sept. 29th to G. H. Perry, Love Lane Cottage, Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth. 1237

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—An extra-ordinary meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Business, proposed change of rules. It is essential that those requiring tea will let me know. Bells 3–4.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Ditcheat bells from 7–8.30 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 1274

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington (6) on Oct. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special method, Kingston Treble Bob.—Michael Stephens. 1269

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea MUST be received by Oct. 1st.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 1397

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Ripley, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at local cafes. Meeting at 6 p.m. in Church Room.—Denis R. Carlisle. 1387

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Heighington, Saturday, Oct. 4th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Thursday, Oct. 2nd.—D. R. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 1392

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTS.—Dedication of augmented and newly-hung ring of six, two new trebles and recast tenor, 13 cwt. (John Taylor and Co.), by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwell on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea afterwards. All welcome. Brumptons bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, 1, 3.15, 4.45 and 6.45 p.m.—H. Denman. 1400

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Crusader meeting, Downham (6), Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Pitsea bus from Billericay to Blue House Corner 35 mins. past the hour. City bus Romford–Southend to Castledon Road, Brentwood–Shotgate to Beavoir's Chase 5 mins. past the hour. Names for tea to H. Oliver, Fremnall's Garage, Downham, Billericay. 1265

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice meeting at Hersham on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8), recently rehung, from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m. IF YOU LET ME KNOW by Wednesday, Oct. 1st.—W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 1398

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Batley, Saturday, October 4th. For teas please notify, by Sept. 27th, D. Atkins, 37, Victoria Avenue, Batley.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 1287

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Hinxworth, Saturday, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Oswald Delight.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1272

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bengeo (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to J. Kemp, 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford, Herts. 1267

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Elstree (6), Saturday, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Hill Lane, Watford (Watford 7936). 1385

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Annual district meeting at Tonbridge (8), Oct. 4th, at 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent. Notes of tower activities during this year will be welcomed by secretary for his report. 1271

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Padiham on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Wednesday) Mr. Parkinson, 1, Bridge Street, Padiham, near Burnley. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1390

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 4th. For tea please send word to Mr. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish. — W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 1412

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival dinner and social on Saturday, October 4th. Bells 2.30 to 5 at St. Margaret's (12), St Mary-de-Castro (8) and St. John-the-Divine (10). Dinner 6 p.m. at the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Uppingham Road, Leicester. Tickets 8s. 6d. each from P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, until September 30th latest. 1305

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Blankney (6), Oct. 4th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. — C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 1256

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Ashby Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify E. W. Beadsmoore, Packington Road, Ashby, by Oct. 2nd. 1410

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL DINNER

will be held in the Lion Hotel, Guildford, Saturday, Oct. 18th, commencing 7 p.m. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from R. F. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. Ringing arrangements, etc., will be notified later. 1408

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Gaunt, 125, Orme Road, Newcastle, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1395

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. — Quarterly, Wroxton, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Service 4. Tea. Hanwell bells evening.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 1405

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Fenny Stratford on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 1384

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Hurst (8) on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 1383

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Paulerspury, Oct. 4th. Names for tea by Sept. 29th to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 1238

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Guilsborough, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Names for tea must reach me by Oct. 1st.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 1404

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Melksham, on Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 1401

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. — A meeting will be held at Whitechurch Canonicorum on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify for tea.—C. H. Lathey. 1212

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Sheffield on Saturday, Oct. 4th. St. Marie's (8) at 2.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) after tea until 9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 1st, to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8.—J. E. Turley. 1403

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Oct. 4th. Ringing arrangements: St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 3–4; St. James', Clerkenwell, 3.30–4.30; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 4.15–5.30. All tickets sold.—Frank J. Matthews, Dinner Sec. 1380

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Quarterly meeting, Goose Fair, Saturday, Oct. 4th, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells from 2.30, St. Peter's from 6. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided. 1388

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Quarterly meeting, Oct. 4th, at Erdington Parish Church. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Erdington Abbey bells (8) available from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. only. Tea for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone Springfield 1025. 1391

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Warnham, Saturday, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise me by Oct. 1st.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1382

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Section. — Quarterly meeting, Llangattock, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Sept. 30th to W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 1249

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Business meeting, Twyford, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Dolphin Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1245

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — First practice meeting of term, Great St. Andrew's (opposite Christ's College), 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8th. Freshmen very welcome. Also Sunday 10.30 a.m.—F. E. Roberts, Selwyn College. 1407

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual dinner at Bollands, Eastgate, Chester, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 6.30 p.m. Please forward names and remittance (12s. 6d., jun. 10s.) by Saturday, Oct. 6th.—J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 1389

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch (8), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, Berkhamsted, by Oct. 9th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1394

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone (10), Oct. 11th. Details next week.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher. 1393

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Combined meeting, Lewisham and N.W. Districts, will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (2s.) not later than Tuesday, Sept. 30th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.—R. Lathbury, A. G. Hill, District Secs. 1386

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Scunthorpe, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Jubilee Cafe, but only for those who notify F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday previous. 1278

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury, Oct. 11th. Bells (10) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notify for tea by Oct. 8th.—H. T. E. Curtis, 67, Kings Road, Newbury. 1403

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Earls Barton (8) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 1277

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at East Markham (8), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Preston, Lincoln Road, East Markham, Newark, by 8th. Blue bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, to church at 2.30. Short walk by following: Lincolnshire 1.30, 2.20 and 3.20, Midland 2.40, all from Cannon Square.—H. Denman. 1399

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, on Oct. 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea by the 15th to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 1283

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH (Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pierhead) RINGERS' DAY.—Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 10.30 a.m.–3.30 p.m. and 6–9 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. followed by high tea at Reece's Restaurant. Remittances for tea tickets (6s. 6d.) should reach me by Oct. 18th, and stamped addressed envelopes will be appreciated. Complete twelve-bell bands will be allotted definite periods of ringing if organisers will notify me previously and state their approximate arrival times. A room has also been reserved for luncheon at Reece's Restaurant at 12.30 and 1.15 p.m. When applying for tickets (7s. 6d.), please say which sitting is preferred. RINGING FOR SPECIAL SERVICES DURING CONSECRATION FESTIVAL will be as follows: October 20th, 23rd, 28th, 29th, 6.15–7.30 p.m.; Oct. 27th, 5.45–6.45 p.m. All ringers will be welcome at these times as long as they come ALSO on Oct. 25th! Will such ringers kindly advise me of their intentions, so that we may know what help to expect each evening? — J. E. Spice, 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool, 18 (Phone Allerton 3514). 1252

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NOTICES—Continued

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A dinner will be held at Wadsworth's Restaurant, Wednesbury, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 6.30 p.m. (owing to catering difficulties the dinner will not take place in Wolverhampton as previously announced). Tickets (8s. 6d. each) can be obtained from either Mr. F. Brotherton, 25, Beech Road, Oxley, Wolverhampton, or Mr. Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. Early application is advised as accommodation is limited. Ringing arrangements later. 1381

Essex Association

Whether it was the attraction of the Southend illuminations, the hospitality of the local band or the typical Taylor eight is not known, but the summer quarterly meeting of the South-Western Division held on Sept. 6th at Thorpe Bay was exceptionally well attended.

Since the last meeting the sound difficulty in the ringing chamber has received attention and each bell is now heard perfectly, the lay-out is also excellent and the 'go' of the bells very good. Great credit is due to the keen local band, who have more ambitious improvements in mind.

The meeting made good use of the bells, and the ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Bysouth 1, G. A. Bysouth 2, W. A. Bysouth 3, H. F. Heathfield 4, S. E. Roberts 5, W. J. Houghton 6, L. W. Houghton (first quarter in method as cond.) 7, R. E. Swann (first quarter) 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Jelley (first quarter) 1, J. E. Clarke, 83, 2, Glenys R. Bodycote (first quarter 'inside') 3, Mary A. Carpenter 4, A. E. Bodycote 5, H. Kilby 6, E. Jelley 7, J. J. Morris (cond.) 8.

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