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THE SNOWDON DINNER

YORKSHIRE never does things by halves, and it was no Surprise that the recent Snowdon Commemoration Dinner was fully up to the expectations of those who have attended previous functions at York, Sheffield, Rotherham and other centres. By a happy coincidence the date of the function happened to be the same as that arranged for the commencement of the Leeds Centenary Music Festival, arranged to commemorate the opening of Leeds Town Hall by Queen Victoria in 1858.

Visitors to Leeds found the city very full, but there were plenty of facilities for ringing, and the bells of St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Headingley, St. Francis' (R.C.) and Pudsey were available and well used. Owing to preparations for a television service, the twelve at the parish church could not be rung. Those who were fortunate enough to be present at the dinner will have been impressed by the careful arrangements for their comfort and entertainment made by the President, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, who, with his charming wife, moved about amongst the guests and made them feel really at home and welcome.

The toast of the evening was most ably proposed by Mr. W. Barton, who paid a high tribute not only to the work of the late Jasper Snowdon, but to many of the past officers of the Yorkshire Association. His speech made a great impression on all. The course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, which followed, was listened to with very close attention, and those who rang it are to be complimented on an excellent performance, fully up to the Yorkshire standard of good striking.

A very refreshing change was the addition of a lady speaker to the toast list. She was Mrs. C. C. Marshall (alias Tom Bowling to her old friends). She proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and charmed her audience by her wit and her championship of the merits of the Yorkshire scenery. It is doubtful, however, whether her claim that St. Chad's, Headingley, possessed the best ring of eight in the country could be sustained. Certainly they are good and a joy to ring upon.

It was also good to see the Secretary of the Central Council (Mr. E. A. Barnett) responding so ably to the toast. He was well received, and many expressions of appreciation were to be heard regarding his attendance at the gathering. It was evident that he has now thoroughly won his spurs, and has the confidence of the Exercise.

A high spot of the evening was the songs given by Mr. Edward Yorke (happy name), of Ripon Cathedral. This gentleman provided the President with an opportunity of proving his adroitness. He informed the gathering that when the President asked him to appear, he said he didn't want any of the 'usual tripe.' The Archdeacon, in explaining this, said that what he really said was, 'We don't want "Watchman, what of the night"!' This ingenious explanation simply brought the house down.

During the evening reference was made to the useful service of Miss Snowdon, who had for so many years continued the work of her father, William Snowdon, in providing the Exercise with instruction books. If ever a tribute was well earned, this one was.

Sympathetic reference was made to Mr. Percy J. Johnson, who unfortunately could not be present owing to ill health. He was certainly missed by many of the older members, who remembered with gratitude his great work as Secretary at a most difficult period of the Association's history.

Certainly the function was highly enjoyable and successful, and the thanks of all are due to Archdeacon Ellison and Mr. Marsh for the excellent arrangements.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Jack P. Kesterton	*Treble*	John A. Acres	7
Avril Thackray	2	John A. Smith	8
Herrick B. Bowley	3	William A. Lacey	9
John Bramley	4	John E. Cook	10
Doreen D. Dutton	5	Peter J. Staniforth	11
Shirley Burton	6	*Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.
Specially rung as a farewell to the Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong, O.B.E., M.A., former Provost of Leicester, on leaving the city to take up his appointment as Bishop of Jarrow.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt.

Frank E. Darby	*Treble*	Eric Naylor	7
Mrs. Pat Lewington	2	Stewart F. W. Kimber	8
Michael P. Moreton	3	David Hoare	9
Anthony J. Sanger	4	Henry J. Sanger	10
Raymond G. Burton	5	William Hibbert	11
John Chilcott	6	Edward J. Chivers	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

TEN BELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

Fredk. W. Burnett	*Treble*	*Harold A. Nobes	6
A. York-Bramble	2	James H. Lilley	7
*Marion T. Parker	3	*S. Kathleen M. Knight	8
*Alexander Page	4	†Tom Page	9
*Russell H. R. Parker	5	†Roger Baldwin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Plain Bob Royal. First of Royal as conductor. First of Royal on the bells.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt.

Robin A. Hodgson	*Treble*	Maurice E. Downs	6
Kathleen M. Yeo	2	John R. Cooper	7
Olive D. Couchman	3	Geoffrey Pearson	8
*Crawford T. Hillis	4	Benjamin F. Baker	9
William Rogers	5	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Thomas Cullingworth.
* First peal of Royal 'inside.' First of Royal in the method by all the band.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

Geoffrey Pearson	*Treble*	†Maurice E. Downs	6
William Rogers	2	Robin A. Hodgson	7
*Crawford T. Hillis	3	Benjamin F. Baker	8
Kathleen M. Yeo	4	Thomas Cullingworth	9
Leonard Mannering	5	John R. Cooper	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Thomas Cullingworth.
* First peal of Caters 'inside.' † First of Caters.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes.*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

*Rosaline Farlow	*Treble*	Arthur Pritchard	6
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	†David W. Friend	7
Alfred S. Bayley	3	B. Leslie Jones	8
Richard J. Warrilow	4	Edmund Malin	9
*Robert J. Warrilow	5	Joseph L. Stanier	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Hayward. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal of Caters. † First of Grandsire Caters.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Wulfram,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

John E. Cook	*Treble*	Albert E. Thompson	6
*†Patricia M. Forster	2	*Roger Baldwin	7
Burley P. Morris	3	Gordon A. Halls	8
Denis A. Frith	4	Harold Taylor	9
Francis R. Lowe	5	Denis R. Carlisle	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † 50th peal for the Association. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

Cyril Wright	*Treble*	Dennis Cooper	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Harold Wagstaffe	6
Mrs. Bessie Holmes	3	Stanley Slaney	7
Arthur B. Cooper	4	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.
Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Sept. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson	5
Jack L. Millhouse	2	John A. Anderson	6
Vivienne M. Horton	3	Anthony Ager	7
Paul J. Rigby	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	Frank W. Perrens	5
Ruth M. Border	2	John A. Anderson	6
Stephen J. Ivin	3	George E. Fearn	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.
In memoriam John Thomas.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Ruth M. Border	*Treble*	Jack L. Millhouse	5
John A. Anderson	2	Robin G. Turner	6
John Pinfold	3	George E. Fearn	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
In memoriam John Thomas.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	PETER BORDER	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
In memoriam John Thomas.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	PETER BORDER	7
GERALD C. HEMMING	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
In memoriam John Thomas.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

RUTH M. BORDER	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	PETER BORDER	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,560 London, 1,216 Bristol, 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 119 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
*RUTH M. BORDER	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	PETER BORDER	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*GEORGE H. PEERS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HUGHES	5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
†ALAN G. FOSTER	3	EDMUND A. MALIN	7
HOWARD HOWELL	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method. First as conductor.

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	FRANK REED	5
ARTHUR NEWTON	2	ANTHONY E. COX	6
DAVID A. CORNWALL	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
ROLAND BIGGS	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT (C.C.C. No. 14).
Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
First peal of Major on the bells.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. CULLUM	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	*ALBERT G. FULLER	7
*W. COUPERTHWAITE	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
* First peal of Major (local band).
A welcome to Jeremy Housden, son of the local conductor, and to Camellia Jane Sarkar, grand-daughter of the treble ringer.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

RICHARD G. BLACKMAN	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
FRANK H. HICKS	2	BRIAN J. LUFF	6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
ARTHUR J. HART	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. G. K. A. Bell, former Bishop of Chichester and president of the Sussex County Association.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

MRS. D. H. NIBLETT	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	5
*ANN M. COX	2	FRANK A. BARRETT	6
DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	*PHILIP MEHEW	7
D. KAY ADKINS	4	*JAMES H. PAILING	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
* First peal of London Major.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

CAROL FEARNLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	6
IVOR JENKINS	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
FRANK OSBALDISTON	4	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
First peal in the method by all the band.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
DEREK P. JONES	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Anne Woodward, daughter of the treble ringer.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 BIDDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.
A farewell to the Rev. A. E. Boultby, curate of Seale.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Consisting of 3,072 Plain Bob and 2,112 Little Bob, with 96 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

CECIL RADDON	*Treble*	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	5
*MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON	2	*DAVID YOUNG	6
*GILLIAN BRIDGFORD	3	HENRY PARKER	7
*LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major.

SHAROW, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT H. WILLIS	*Treble*	JOHN A. BROWN	5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	THOMAS COOKE	6
EDWARD HUDSON	3	PETER F. WINDLEY	7
WILLIAM H. JOHNSON	4	FRED HODGSON	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by DORIS M. KILLINGLEY.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. G. Parry, instituted as Vicar of the Parish of Sharow on September 17th, 1958.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JACK KEYTE	*Treble*	BRIAN W. HALL	5
WILLIAM J. DIXON	2	THOMAS W. TIMMS	6
SYDNEY S. PULKER	3	REGINALD H. JARVIS	7
JOHN J. BENFIELD	4	IVOR D. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD H. JARVIS.
A farewell to the Rev. St. C. Thomas, who has been appointed to the living of Ewelme.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

WILFRED NICHOLSON	*Treble*	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	5
MARGARET A. P. BERTIE	2	SAMUEL C. WALKER	6
KENNETH ARTHUR	3	CYRIL MORDUE	7
THOMAS SEWELL	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
A thanksgiving for the ministry of Canon C. R. Appleton, Rector of Chester-le-Street 1940–1958, on his retirement.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*ROGER K. STRETTON	*Treble*	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung to welcome the Rev. N. Robinson, who was inducted as Vicar on October 4th.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5184 WEALDSTONE LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

MARGARET M. GODLEY	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method.
Rung for the dedication, by the Lord Bishop of London, of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Harrow Weald.

WEALDSTONE LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Brian S. Chapman	6
Diana J. Perrins	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
John A. Acres	4	Derek P. Jones..	*Tenor*

Composed by William Willson (C.C.C. 223).
Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

Michael W. Crowder ..	*Treble*	Ronald Chafer..	5
John Hall	2	George W. Moody	6
C. Aubrey Harrison ..	3	Jack Bray	7
Harry Hall	4	Philip Barnes	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jack Bray.
In memoriam Clara Chafer, a life-long worker for this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 KERRY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	*Treble*	Francis R. Lowe	5
Diana J. Perrins	2	Roger Baldwin..	6
Patricia A. M. Forster..	3	James H. Pailing	7
Gordon A. Halls	4	Derek P. Jones..	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method, rung without previous practice.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*Royston Blackler.. ..	*Treble*	†Brian J. Wylde	5
†Marjorie Legg..	2	†George Prescott	6
†Monica E. Horseman ..	3	†John Brain	7
*D. John Hunt	4	John H. Gilbert	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal of Major. † First of Kent T.B. Major. First in the method on the bells.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the R.C. Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*Norman Tompkins.. ..	*Treble*	Fred Brownlow	5
Arthur Tomlinson.. ..	2	David Young	6
Gillian Bridgford ..	3	Joseph Thornley	7
John H. Gartside	4	John Ashcroft	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John Ashcroft
* 75th peal.
Rung fully-muffled as a token of respect to the late Pope Pius XII.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
John Carter's Six-part. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*Jack W. Drew	*Treble*	Joseph T. Barrett	5
Walter H. Poole	2	James C. Taylor	6
Raymond Selway	3	Albert Dyer	7
Frederick Welch	4	†John T. Locke..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack W. Drew.
* 25th peal together.
Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Locke.

KERRY SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—56—36—12—58—16—58.
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EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Doris E. Colgate	*Treble*	*Colin A. Tester	5
*Stanley Jenner	2	Ian H. Oram	6
*Sheila M. Dobbie	3	*Walter H. Dobbie.. ..	7
Robert Collins	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Leslie W. G. Morris ..	*Treble*	Ian M. Holland	5
Alfred Smith	2	G. William Critchley ..	6
Claudia A. Critchley ..	3	Norman Smith	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
Rung on the occasion of the Snowdon dinner.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*Claire Dillamore ..	*Treble*	†Ronald G. Applewhite	5
*John M. Burton	2	†Louis Willders	6
†Peter A. Sharp	3	†Geoffrey Paul	7
G. Leonard Thompson ..	4	Jack L. Millhouse ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Kent Treble Bob Major.
A compliment to Mr J. A. Freeman, Master of the Guild, who rang his first peal 50 years ago on these bells.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Barbara Foster	*Treble*	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
*Allan Smith, jun.	2	John H. Fielden	6
Philip J. H. Hudson ..	3	†Michael D. Fishwick ..	7
Eileen Hudson	4	Derek Butterworth ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'
Rung for the eighth anniversary of the Youth Fellowship.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Patricia M. Bourn	*Treble*	Jack S. Dear	5
John W. Sinfield	2	J. Richard Castledine ..	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Philip Mehew	7
Alfred E. Rushton.. ..	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods, being three extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, All Saints', St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps, Kennington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 7 cwt.

Terry M. Haines	*Treble*	Robin V. Baker	3
*Patricia A. Neesham ..	2	Allan R. Baker	4

Kenneth D. Perkins .. *Tenor*
Conducted by Robin V. Baker.
* First peal in 14 methods.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six 240's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

MARJORIE LEGG .. .. .. *Treble*		GEORGE PRESCOTT	4
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ..	2	SIDNEY G. SMITH	5
WALTER TILEY	3	RICHARD RAWLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

HEVENINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and nine extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER KERRISON .. .. *Treble*		C. JACK GIBSON	3
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	4
JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. *Tenor*			

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Sept. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being four extents of Norwich and three of Cambridge, rung alternately.
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. *Treble*		WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ..	4
*PETER ADCOCK	2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	5
HENRY TOOKE	3	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.
Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving service.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

STEPHEN THOMPSON .. .. *Treble*		KENNETH ARTHUR	4
MRS. K. ARTHUR	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
CHARLES N. LEA..	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
A farewell peal to the Rev. Spencer Wade on his retirement as Rector of Whickham.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and a 720. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JACK PILGRIM .. .. .. *Treble*		*ALAN R. BRIDGES	4
*A. WILLIAM BIRD	2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ..	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	3	JAMES M. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Minor. First in the method as conductor.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. *Treble*		C. JACK GIBSON..	4
RAYMOND PECK	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (different callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON.. .. *Treble*		ROYSTON WILMORE	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JAMES A. HILL	5
*DEREK M. SAWYER	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Heath; to Frederick Watson, on completion of 25 years as verger at this church; also a birthday compliment to Robert Kiteley.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*RICHARD HOBBS .. .. *Treble*		HAROLD DENMAN	4
†KATHERINE BURCHNALL ..	2	GEORGE CHALLANS	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MICHAEL E. TURNER.. .. *Treble*		HARRY J. GAYLARD	4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY.. ..	2	SIDNEY W. WHITE	5
RONALD WHITE	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rendell, which took place this day, and for Harvest Festival.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 120's (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*VALERIE P. COLEGROVE .. *Treble*		ALFRED G. GRANT	4
JOHN R. HAYCOCK	2	AUBREY G. EVELEIGH ..	5
JOAN M. CHENEY	3	*WILLIAM C. BUDD	*Tenor*

Conducted by AUBREY G. EVELEIGH.
* First peal. First as conductor. First on the bells by a band of past and present Newbold ringers.
Birthday compliments to the conductor, the ringer of the third and Miss Wendy Griffith.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WINIFRED WHEELER .. *Treble*		JAMES B. MORLEY	4
*ROBIN ROSE	2	WALTER D. BAILEY	5
*BARBARA MATTHEW	3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal.
Rung for Harvest Festival; also as birthday compliments to Mrs. W. D. Bailey and Winifred Wheeler.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Oct. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) and (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's College Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

NANCY WILLCOX.. .. .. *Treble*		*DENNIS SMEDLEY	4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	2	BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ..	5
HERBERT T. ROOKE	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung in honour of the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Warsop Company of the Boys' Brigade.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

REGINALD J. DARCH	*Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON	4
CHARLES BAILEY..	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. M. McAnally on his retirement from the living.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 OSWALD DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*DENNIS SMEDLEY	*Treble*	BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ..	4
*GEORGE CHALLANS	2	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ..	5
*RICHARD HOBBS	3	*HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells, and for the Guild.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Alan Douglas, to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Rooke.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., Oct. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

CYRIL RUSBY	*Treble*	†JOHN S. SEAGER	4
NORMAN CHADDOCK.. ..	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND ..	5
*LEONARD GOODALL	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Minor and of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT ..	4
HUBERT A. MITSON	2	DAVID BRAND	5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK ..	3	FRANK W. J. ROPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	JAMES W. HAW	4
GEORGE H. PEERS, JUN. ..	2	*DEREK P. JONES	5
D. KEITH LANE	3	GORDON H. LANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 50th peal this year as conductor.

HANDBELL PEAL

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Tues., May 27, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT 138, PORTLAND ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob, three extents of St. Clement's Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	1—2	*BRIAN M. BUSWELL ..	3—4
ROGER BALDWIN	5—6		

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Minor, and in more than one method, 'in hand.'

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Muriel Martin (first quarter) 1, Betty Haselgrove 2, Hilda Haselgrove 3, G. Jones 4, J. B. Daughtry (cond.) 5, J. Seller (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Bell, late Bishop of Chichester.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Geraldine Piper 1, Diana Prynn 2, Kathleen Beasley 3, J. T. Symonds 4, E. A. Lewis 5, P. Jackson 6, J. Hayns (first as cond. on eight bells) 7, H. H. Haynes 8. For Evensong.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Smith 1, S. Brook 2, M. Reed (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. W. Brook 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, T. G. Broadway 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Dr. Bell.

BEOLEY, WORCS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Langston 1, M. Davis 2, F. A. Ison 3, F. C. Ison (first quarter) 4, W. Jackson (cond.) 5, H. G. Balls 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. D. K. Sylvester, Vicar of Beoley, 1950–55.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, E. T. Hiddins 5, J. G. Lloyd 6, D. W. Davies 7, G. A. Gerrish 8. For harvest festival.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary's, Redcliffe, on Oct. 5th, 1,363 Grandsire Cinques: E. F. Hancock (cond.) 1, A. M. Tyler 2, Ed. F. Hancock 3, J. M. Stallard 4, F. Hansford 5, D. Smith 6, F. Mack 7, R. G. Hooper 8, A. A. Hillair 9, J. Hemming 10, G. Hemming 11, S. Gillett 12. For harvest festival.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Daman 1, Miss T. Barnett 2, E. Amey 3, J. Vardy 4, J. W. Rose (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. F. Fitzpatrick) on his retirement.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): W. Shute 1, W. J. Foot 2, R. Vacher 3, B. Mogg 4, P. W. Mogg 5, A. E. Woods (cond.) 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Green (first quarter) 1, J. Stockbridge 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, T. C. Phillimore 4, L. V. Chamberlain 5, D. C. Chatfield (cond.) 6. For harvest festival. Also at the Cathedral, on Oct. 7th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: T. C. Phillimore 1, H. R. French 2, L. V. Chamberlain 3, B. J. Luck 4, S. White 5, S. Walter 6, D. C. Chatfield 7, T. H. Holmes 8, D. A. Chapman (comp. and cond.) 9, R. G. French 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. Bishop G. K. A. Bell, formerly Bishop of Chichester and one-time Dean of Canterbury.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Tullett 1, A. H. Winch 2, Mrs. H. Penfold 3, A. Harman (cond.) 4, Miss B. Sheldon 5, P. Ede 6. First quarter 1, 5 and 6. For harvest festival.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Mrs. L. Love 1, R. Johnston (cond.) 2, R. D. Pocock (first 'inside') 3, A. R. Pocock 4, F. Cook 5, A. Brant 6. For harvest festival.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Oct. 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Hayward 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, E. H. Jefferies 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, B. Wakefield (first as cond.) 5, P. Morgans 6, P. J. Lewis 7, W. Wrigley 8. For evening service.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Howlett (first quarter) 1, Margaret Jennings 2, M. Jennings 3, W. Slaughter 4, S. Arnold 5, R. Elliott 6, G. Jennings (cond.) 7, A. Stoner 8. For harvest festival Evensong, also a farewell to the Rev. C. H. Butler, who is leaving for British Columbia, and for R. Elliott, who is entering Exeter College, Oxford.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Chaplin 1, M. Bland 2, D. M. Salisbury 3, A. Gargrave 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, L. S. Woods (cond.) 6, T. East 7, A. Ammerlann 8. For morning service, also as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Woods, parents of the conductor.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. T. Hibbert 1, Patricia E. Hibbert 2, Mrs. Marjorie C. Hibbert 3, E. T. Sneller 4, Eileen M. Wilson 5, J. W. Wilson 6, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTWOOD, YORKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Mills 1, G. S. Lee 2, I. Tilling 3, D. French 4, Susan Chaddock 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, P. Walker 8. To celebrate the completion and opening of the new Church Hall, built entirely by voluntary labour.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): E. C. F. Rogers (first quarter) 1, E. C. Leigh 2, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 3, B. E. Jeffrey 4, S. Jenner 5, C. D. Batt (first quarter) 6, W. A. Leigh ,7 J. E. Warner 8. For harvest festival.

EDGBASTON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth C. Russell 1, Evelyn M. Fletcher (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. Dobbie 3, J. Atkins 4, T. Russell 5, A. Timmins 6, J. N. Lindon 7, Margaret Parkin 8. A farewell to Mr. Sydney Freemantle, retiring after 50 years as verger.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Spittle 1, Gladys Anderson 2, Maureen Candy 3, C. W. Munday 4, C. R. Harris (first on eight bells) 5, A. S. Besant 6, R. C. Spittle (cond.) 7, J. E. Beams 8. For harvest festival.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Foreman (first quarter) 1, G. Peck 2, D. M. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, A. Foreman (first quarter) 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Foreman, parents of the 5th ringer and grandparents of the treble ringer.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. Grice 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, M. G. Lane 4, A. D. Grant 5, M. P. Palmer 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, M. J. Dyer 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For harvest festival.

HILLINGDON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. W. Seymour 1, T. G. Bannister 2, F. G. Baldwin 3, Mrs. A. R. Turley 4, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 5, J. Hill 6, M. J. Palmer 7, N. D. Robinson 8, A. R. G. Twinn 9, F. C. Price 10. For Evensong.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, R. W. Green 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, H. S. Peacock 4, M. J. Dyer 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Royal 1, D. Joyce 2, P. Merry 3, J. Voyce 4, J. Webb (cond.) 5, A. Webb 6. For Evensong.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Waples 1, Miss M. W. Picton 2, Miss M. Erik 3, R. W. Picton 4, R. V. Wallis 5, R. J. Picton (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Waples 1, Miss G. Graney 2, Miss M. W. Picton 3, Miss M. Erik 4, R. W. Picton (first of Triples as cond.) 5, R. J. Picton 6, D. J. Goodman 7, R. V. Wallis 8. First of Triples by all the band except 5 and 8. For Evensong.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. F. Wright 1, J. Payne 2, T. Pendred (first of Minor 'inside') 3, F. Benfield 4, S. Earl (cond.) 5, J. Felce 6. For harvest festival, and to mark the birth of Carol Picken, daughter of a former Kingsthorpe ringer.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire): Eileen Pile 1, Irene Batchelor 2, Peggy Skinner 3, Elizabeth Rogers 4, J. Batchelor (cond.) 5, Iris Burford 6. First quarter in two methods by a resident band. For Evensong on the second anniversary of the consecration of the church.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): W. Shute 1, R. Vacher 2, B. Mogg 3, W. J. Foot 4, P. W. Mogg 5, A. E. Woods (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Brixton (first quarter) 1, G. S. Morris (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, E. L. Taylor 4, C. Webb 5, J. Bramley 6, C. W. Powell 7, Miss C. Brown (first quarter) 8. For patronal festival.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Chedgey 1, C. S. Williams 2, W. H. Farr 3, S. G. Coles 4, A. H. Reed 5, J. Pugsley 6, H. Churchill 7, P. Tubbs 8, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 9, W. Middleton 10. Rung for the 59th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pugsley.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Bradbrook 1, T. Pink 2, M. Soper 3, Margaret Johnson 4, R. Fraser 5, C. King 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. For harvest festival Evensong and to mark W. Langley's 78th birthday.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Burton 1, C. W. Sams (cond.) 2, W. Aley 3, G. Blake 4, B. G. Burton 5, J. Sams 6.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Miss M. Button (first quarter) 1, R. Seeley 2, Mrs. R. Reece 3, R. Barnes 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. First in two methods for 2, 3, 4 and 6. For evening thanksgiving service.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): M. S. V. Scarle (first quarter) 1, L. J. Malings 2, Miss C. M. Malings (first 'inside') 3, D. Llewellyn 4, M. Williams (cond.) 5, H. Smart 6. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. J. A. Jeffreys Jones).

OXENDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Messam 1, M. Messam 2, F. Maguire 3, C. Swann 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For harvest thanksgiving.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, All Saints' and Plain Bob): G. Walker (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, Miss P. Curtis 3, H. Curtis 4, A. Cozens (cond.) 5. For harvest festival, also as a farewell to A. Osborn, who is leaving for Hull University.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. French 1, I. Tilling (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, Miss E. A. Wardill 4, Miss M. Mills 5, Miss S. Chaddock 6, G. S. Lee 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. For harvest festival Evensong, also to celebrate the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. F. Fisher.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,320 St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. Rowe (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Cubitt 5, E. J. Rowe 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss A. George (first of Major) 1, Miss J. French 2, Miss M. A. Ladd 3, H. N. Vaughan 4, R. D. Divall 5, E. J. Brunger 6, K. S. Hohl 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

WALTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,560 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. Lee (cond.) 1, T. J. Milsom 2, C. J. A. Brown 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, R. O. Fry 5.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Ashforth (first quarter) 1, D. Jackson 2, D. McNeal 3, Valerie Waterfield 4, D. Emmerson 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For morning service on the feast of the dedication.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Newton (first quarter) 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, Sandra Lewis 3, Rita M. Webb 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, P. G. King 6. First of Bob Doubles by all. Rung before Matins by a Sunday service band as a farewell to the ringer of the treble, who is joining the R.A.F.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss S. Perrett (first quarter) 1, N. Knee (cond.) 2, L. Hawkins 3, H. Tudgay 4, I. Titt 5, D. Aven 6, T. Mallard 7, A. Bull 8.

WIGTOFT, LINCS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Richardson 1, E. Flintham 2, F. Elkington 3, J. Bailey 4, L. Taylor 5, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 6. For harvest festival, also a farewell to the Rev. J. F. Rigg, who is leaving for Keelby.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, M. Rosemary Brown 2, D. A. Shaw (first 'inside') 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. G. K. Bell, former Bishop of Chichester.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. W. J. Yeo 1, M. W. Toze 2, R. A. Toze (cond.) 3, H. Hancock 4, J. F. A. Waite 5, A. Collard 6. For Matins, also a farewell to the treble ringer prior to his enlistment in H.M. Forces.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Penfold 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, A. Grainger 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, M. Bland 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, E. G Cottis 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Monica Horseman 1, D. E. Cobb 2, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 3, R. G. Hooper 4, D. J. Hunt 5, M. J. Horseman 6, D. G. Yeo 7, J. Brain 8. First of Double Norwich for 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Reade 1, R. W. Selby 2, G. J. Hemming (cond.) 3, M. G. Selby 4, Rev. A. Webb 5, G. C. Hemming 6, A. T. Shoney 7, W. Busby (first quarter) 8. Rung in memoriam Mr. John Thomas.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, R. H. Mills 3, Claude Corderoy 4, A. R. T. Greenough 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,304 Little Bob Major: C. Wright (cond.) 1, J. Saxton 2, Mrs. B. Holmes 3, Caroline Collier (first quarter) 4, G. Davison 5, K. Rutland 6, S. Slaney 7, R. H. Bullen 8. For Evensong. Arranged for the visit of Ronald H. Bullen, Darley Dale.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 240 Plain Bob, 840 Grandsire): Doreen Gibbons 1, R. Blackler 2, M. J. Austin 3, D. J. Hunt 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, J. H. Gilbert 6. To mark the retirement of the Rt. Rev. A. Cockin (Bishop of Bristol), and for harvest festival.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Davis 1, R. N. Marlow 2, Miss M. Page (cond.) 3, B. Clements (first 'inside') 4, J. Lewis 5, H. Hitchins 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Parr 1, K. Clarke 2, C. Webb 3, E. Summers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6. First in method for all the band.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Susan Mountague (first quarter) 1, June Key 2, B. G. Key (cond.) 3, Mrs. E. M. Key 4, W. J. Leach 5, D. Brunning 6, B. Dawson 7, E. J. White 8, G. Harrison 9, M. Dukes 10. For dedication festival.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Sylvia Bennett (first of Surprise) 1, Brenda Balls 2, B. W. Fairhead 3, W. J. Brunt 4, F. G. Oliver 5, H. J. Millatt 6, E. E. Davey 7, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 8. For Matins. Also the same day 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Woodruff 1, H. Webb 2, Brenda Balls 3, B. Webb 4, A. E. Leggett 5, E. P. Duffield 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8. For Evensong and a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Hollingdale) on his last Sunday at this church.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rev. C. I. McN. Smith 1, E. Oliver 2, G. Wall 3, D. Papworth 4, W. Tyson 5, N. Errington 6, R. B. Skelton 7, R. Oliver (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 4. For harvest festival.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Miss W. Speke 1, Miss J. Richardson 2, T. S. Baker (cond.) 3, P. J. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, Miss J. Poll 6. For Evensong.

EARL'S BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. E. Frost 1, Miss J. Downing 2, Miss J. Packwood 3, Miss D. Miller 4, F. Benfield 5, A. C. Cozens 6, I. J. Dickin (cond.) 7, F. Stuart 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon L. A. Ewart, Vicar for 27 years, whose funeral took place the previous day.

QUARTER PEALS

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Mark's Church, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. W. Biffin 1, Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox 2, E. M. Atkins 3, F. Wills 4, A. Jones 5, C. P. Yates 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, A. Mitchell 8. First quarter of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour on the 21st anniversary of the consecration of this church.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,258 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Lock 1, R. H. Mills (first in method) 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, C. Corderoy 4, G. W. Bishop 5, D. Jordan 6, W. Corderoy 7, A. H. Webb (cond.) 8.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, R. H. Mills 3, A. H. Webb 4, D. Jordon 5, Claude Corderoy (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Miss M. Carr 1, T. Evans 2, A. Grout 3, G. J. Berry 4, H. Oglesby (cond.) 5.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Whittle (first quarter) 1, C. Woodard 2, J. Morley 3, J. Munnings 4, K. Whittle 5, E. Bloomfield 6, E. Blake (cond.) 7, P. Whittle 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Ann Pryke 1, H. D. Lister 2, R. Ducsbury 3, I. Cooper 4, G. N. Orman 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, E. E. Davey 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: H. B. Whitney 1, Anne E. Amor 2, June E. Sinfield 3, J. G. Newman 4, J. M. Stephens 5, R. J. Sharp 6, E. G. Munday 7, J. W. Sinfield 8, A. E. Rushton 9, B. Pattison (cond.) 10. Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (the Rev. J. J. F. Scammell).

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. P. Coffin (first quarter) 1, C. M. White 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, M. L. Northway 4, R. Buchanan (first 'inside') 5, H. T. Wilton 6.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Jarvis (first quarter) 1, M. D. G. Northway 2, Miss M. P. Coffin (first 'inside') 3, R. Symons (first quarter) 4, M. L. Northway (cond.) 5, C. M. White 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

MOORLINCH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. Gay (first quarter) 1, Freda Phillips (first 'inside') 2, D. Gay 3, R. Short 4, C. Clarke (cond.) 5, K. Prime 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eaton 1, J. Dart 2, J. Bagnal (first 'inside') 3, H. Badger 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, H. Worboys 2, A. Reeve 3, F. May 4, J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin (first in method as cond.) 6, G. Sandwell 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong, and as an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Reeve.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,200 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal: P. Walker 1, I. Tilling 2, Miss M. Mills 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Miss S. Chaddock 5, Miss E. A. Wardill 6, D. French 7, G. S. Lee 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

SEALE, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maxine Davies 1, J. W. Carter 2, Myrtle Cass 3, Mary Merritt 4, E. Gardner (cond.) 5, D. Elsmore 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

SELLY OAK, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Westwood 1, J. Boylin 2, C. Parker 3, Miss E. Yardley (first in method as cond.) 4, Wm. B. Cartwright 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman 7, H. J. Turner 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. T. Foster 1, J. E. Collins 2, J. S. Knighton 3, E. H. Willows (first 'inside') 4, A. Whiting (cond.) 5, E. Hibbert (first quarter) 6. Rung to congratulate the ringer of the ringer on his engagement to Miss Audrey Pearson.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Kew 1, Valerie Hoby (first 'inside') 2, Pamela Jervis 3, A. D. Rivers 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6. First quarter of Bob Doubles for all. Rung for dedication festival.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Reeves 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Marshall 3, C. T. Hillis 4, W. C. Marshall 5, W. W. Ring (cond.) 6. In memoriam John L. Morris.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, Stella Allen 3, F. G. Sparks 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6. For harvest festival.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. French (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Potter (first as cond.) 2, Miss M. Christopher 3, Mrs. P. Vowles 4, T. A. Blow 5, G. Hampton 6, W. Brownett 7, J. Adcock 8. For Evensong.

STAFFORD.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sherwood 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, D. Harman 3, F. H. Eley 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, Rbt. J. Warrilow (first as cond.) 7, E. Malin (first as cover) 8. Rung for the Stafford Mission Campaign.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, B. Story 3, J. Chapman 4, J. Rea 5, R. Sanders 6, M. Williamson (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8. For Evensong.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Ivings (first in method) 1, G. Peck (first 'inside') 2, W. Bowers 3, D. M. Reeve 4, N. Watson (first 'inside') 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Concah 1, W. Cannings 2, A. Hulley 3, F. Watkinson 4, Wm. Watkinson 5, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Ann George 1, Olive D. Couchman 2, B. V. Collison 3, Margaret A. Ladd 4, E. J. Ladd 5, C. A. Bassett 6, C. A. Tester 7, S. Jenner (cond.) 8.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: J. T. Rooke 1, G. Challons 2, R. Lucas 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For harvest thanksgiving Evensong.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob and St. Martin's and 60 St. Simon's and St. Martin's Spliced): A. Fortin 1, M. Stracey (cond.) 2, Monica Barrett 3, R. Wright 4, D. Cornwall 5, A. Hammond 6. First in five Doubles methods by all. Rung for harvest festival, attended by the Bishop of Buckingham.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 5, M. Ginn 6. For Sung Eucharist.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,560 Little Bob Royal: T. Bush 1, S. Elsey 2, W. Cousins 3, S. Haw 4, J. Fox 5, C. V. Ebberson 6, R. Reed 7, A. Rolfe 8, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 9, C. Cousins 10. First quarter of Little Bob Royal by all except 6. Rung to mark the arrival of three grand-daughters within a week to S. Elsey, C. Cousins and E. H. Mastin.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): W. Kerrison 1, C. Bailey 2, E. T. Chapman 3, C. J. Gibson 4, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 5, H. W. Barrett 6.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Hull 1, W. S. Butler 2, R. Dorking 3, J. Warner 4, E. W. Bright (cond.) 5, H. Dorking 6. Also 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Hull 1, B. Crook 2, R. Dorking 3, W. S. Butler 4, J. Warner 5, C. Burton 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. For harvest festival.

YARDLEY-HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. King (first quarter) 1, A. Goodman 2, Miss A. Fowler (first 'inside') 3, H. Wooding (cond.) 4, S. Elliot 5, T. Wooding 6. For harvest festival children's service.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. A. Price (first in method) 1, Marjorie Legg 2, H. W. Knight 3, R. H. Brice 4, H. A. Price 5, S. G. Smith (first in method) 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. First of Stedman on the bells.

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BELFRY

It was a 'Royal' occasion at Wisbech, Cambs, on October 11th, when a quarter of Little Bob Royal was rung to mark the arrival of three grand-daughters that week to members of the band. The grandfathers were Messrs. E. H. Mastin (fourth grandchild), S. Elsey (third) and C. Cousins (first).

Will the correspondent who sent an order for peal cards for Barcombe, Sussex, please send his name and address?

Miss Margaret Ross is believed to be the first lady to ring Swinton, Lancs, tenor (22 cwt.) to a quarter peal.

A busy evening was spent by Suffolk and Essex friends recently, when ringing took place at Timworth (4), Ampton (4), Ingham (5), Fornham St. Martin (6). Some hustle!

Mr. Sydney Freemantle, verger of Old Church, Edgbaston, for the past 50 years, has retired. Ringers from all over the country will share the congratulations for the quarter peal rung in his honour and wish him many happy years of retirement.

The ringers of the muffled peal on October 11th at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Chorley, Lancs, would like to record their gratitude to the Rev. Canon Cartmell for the refreshments served after the peal and the wonderful welcome he extended.

On October 4th Mr. George Hart motored from London to his native heath at Overseale, taking with him Mrs. Elsie, Miss Joan Willcockson and Messrs. Kenneth Dunstan and John Mayne. Their journey was not in vain as peals of Pudsey Surprise and Biddenham Surprise were successfully accomplished. To fortify them for the long journey back to London, they were most hospitably entertained by Mr. Joseph Cotton and family.

GOSSIP

Just before he returned to America, Mr. M. A. Turner had birthday honours paid him at Rushton at a ringers' tea. It was over 50 years ago that he rang his first peal, which was, appropriately enough, at Rushton.

For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Foreman a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Garboldisham, Norfolk. It was the first quarter for their son, Mr. A. Foreman, and also for their grandson, Mr. R. Foreman.

An appeal will be made in the Home Service on Sunday, November 2nd, at 8.25 p.m., on behalf of the £10,000 required to restore the roof timbers of the Norman church of Milton Ernest, Bedfordshire. This church contains six bells dating from 1611, with a tenor of 10 cwt.

Drayton Manor Grammar School, Hanwell, has some keen ringers. Three of the members of one form rang a quarter of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' to celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of St. Mary's Church, Hanwell. The ringers were J. A. Leat 1-2, J. E. Fox 3-4, T. S. Baker (conductor) 5—6.

Due to a broken rope, the peal attempt of Plain Bob Royal at St. Mary's Church, Oldham, in honour of the wedding of Joan and Alan Ward on September 15th, was lost. Their honeymoon in the West Country was a very happy one, with ringing at Plymouth, Stratton and Bude.

Tamworth Parish Church had a double celebration recently, when two members of the band had their 65th birthday. They were Mr. H. J. Dakin with 48 years in the belfry, and Mr. G. H. Peers, sen., a ringer for 54 years, of which 45 have been spent at Tamworth. A congratulatory quarter peal was rung on October 5th.

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WILFRED WILLIAMS' PARTY'S PEAL TOUR OF SCOTLAND

'A cheil's amang you takin' notes,
And faith he'll prent it.'
—*Robert Burns.*

AFTER last year's highly successful tour of Southern Ireland, and the fact that there had previously been successful tours in England and Wales, it was perhaps inevitable that the seventh annual tour organised by Wilfred Williams should focus largely on Scotland.

Once again 13 ringers took part and confounded the superstitious critic who early on drew attention to the fact that we were 13 in number, had 13 peal attempts, and were sitting at table No. 13 by scoring 11 peals in eight different counties during the week. At least six of the party completed the ringing of peals in the four countries.

The party assembled on Friday, August 15th, at the King's Head Hotel, Loughborough, and four new faces gave us a new look, the contrasting styles of hat worn by two new members being reminiscent of the heyday of a famous politician. Derek gave us a fleeting glimpse of the vintage Cowley and showed a new 'slant' on petrol consumption by driving with two wheels on the pavement.

The following morning brought up our first peal attempt, and promptly at 10 a.m. we presented ourselves at the Bell Foundry, where we were pleased to renew acquaintance with Paul Taylor. The light ten here held no terrors for the selected band, and Yorkshire Royal was tapped off in average time. Lunch at a local cafe brought us quite by coincidence to sit by Mr. and Mrs. Alan Capstick, whom we were to meet at the end of our tour at Ambleside.

For our second attempt we were privileged to ring on the fine ten at All Saints', where Leslie Stevens had everything in readiness, a good peal of Cambridge resulting. We were sorry not to have met the Cheshire men who had just completed a tour in that area and who, we understand, listened to some of this peal; however, we were pleased to see Ralph Edwards in his new rôle as listener and spend an evening in his company.

NOTTINGHAM, RIPON, CARLISLE

On Sunday morning we were able to join Walter Nichols and his band to ring for morning service on the fine ten at St. Mary's, Nottingham, afterwards lingering awhile to hear the sonorous tones of Little John and the Exchange Quarters before leaving in glorious weather for Ripon and more ringing at the Cathedral. Then on again amid delightful scenery over the backbone of England to Carlisle, pausing en route to celebrate a birthday before sampling for the first time the experiment of State-owned hotels in a city which this year celebrates 800 years of independence.

On Monday there was an early start at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, where Jim Butterfield had everything ready. The bells, which can best be described with a well-known dramatic sweep of the hand, take some ringing, and Yorkshire was brought round with more determination than pleasure; however, we were pleased to ring a peal in honour of the octo-centenary of this city.

Paisley, our next objective, was reached in near record time despite a continuous stream of heavy traffic going south. The Presbyterian Church of St. James, a building richly endowed by the well-known Coats family, contains a fine ring of eight. Due to the oscillation of the tall spire, coupled with the fact that the bearing brackets of the back bells are bolted to the walls, these bells take some ringing, and we did well to score an excellent peal of Stedman, Philip making a good job of a badly-going bell in spite of being almost overcome for lack of fresh air due to the bad ventilation in the ringing chamber.

THE FIRST PEAL OF PUDSEY ROYAL IN SCOTLAND

Tuesday brought us to the 'plum' attempt of the tour—a peal on the magnificent ten at All Saints', Inveraray. It was an anxious party which left Glasgow in heavy rain for this delightfully-situated town at the head of Loch Fyne, anxious as the chances of ringing a peal here in heavy rain are very remote. However, our anxiety lessened with every mile, and though it remained overcast the rain kept away.

The scenery on this journey was undoubtedly the best encountered on our tour, the road winding alongside Loch Lomond, fleeting glimpses of Ben Lomond through the clouds and the rugged buttresses of Glen Coe being particularly impressive.

The tower of All Saints' Church, a great granite pile, stands almost on the shores of Loch Fyne and is open to the elements. Despite this, we found the bells in excellent condition, and we were soon fitting a set of new ropes while our bell-hanging friends checked the fittings. A quick lunch, then back to the tower for an attempt, which for some of us was the culmination of a 30-year ambition. Some preliminary rounds, in which Mr. and Mrs. F. Bennett, of Wombourn, Staffs, took part, and we were off to Pudsey Royal.

It took some time to settle down, but there was excellent ringing during the second and third hours, the issue being never in doubt. The volume of sound from these bells is terrific; it reverberates from the granite walls and descends on the ringers in one great cacophony, making it almost impossible to pick out any individual bell; nevertheless a truly majestic ring. Would-be aspirants for peals here will have to hurry—the floor of the ringing chamber is full of dry rot, and we estimated its life at no more than two years. Some of us were waiting in expectant imagination of the 'Guv'nor' stamping his foot at a 'trip' on these rotten boards and disappearing beneath us.

At the conclusion we were pleased to meet and to ring some Stedman Caters with Mr. E. H. Lewis, former president of the Central Council, who had driven from his home at Lochgilphead specially to see us. Another pleasant drive back to Glasgow, where we were in time to join the Cathedral ringers at their practice, receiving an extremely warm welcome. For many of us this was our first experience of Seages apparatus, which tested our ability to strike both Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal.

'RHYTHM WONDERFUL'

Wednesday brought no improvement in the weather, and we left in heavy rain for Alloa, passing through Stirling with its commanding castle and skirting the great Wallace memorial. St. John's, Alloa, possesses a pleasant light eight and 'the Master Mind' ably piloted us through an uneventful peal of Cambridge. Here again, the ventilation of the ringing chamber left much to be desired, the walls streaming with condensation long before rounds came up. An interesting peal board in this tower records a peal of Grandsire Triples, the first on the bells, conducted by the late Stephen H. Wood, who was largely instrumental in founding the Scottish Association. On leaving the tower we were much heartened by the appreciative comments of a Scottish gentleman, who said: 'Gentlemen, I'm a Presbyterian, but religion doesn't matter here; that was a d—— good show; the rhythm was wonderful.'

Retracing our steps and passing through the Bridge of Allan, we reached the High Kirk, Dunblane, a building of huge proportions with its chimney-like tower housing a fine Taylor eight, almost in the Ebbw Vale class. and on which a peal has yet to be rung. Our instructions here entailed finishing by 5 p.m., but unfortunately on raising the bells we had great difficulty with the clock hammers, and by the time our bell-hanger had rectified this a peal attempt was out of the question; however, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples—the first quarter on the eight—was brought round in 47 minutes by D. G. Clift 1, A. H. Reed 2, G. McKay 3, R. G. Leale (conductor) 4, P. Mehew 5, N. V. Harding 6, D. P. Jones 7, W. A. Theobold 8.

Saying goodbye to Dunblane, we set out for Dundee, taking tea at Perth which enabled us to hear the fine carillon at St. John's Church; then on along the ever-widening Tay until at last we saw the famous bridge and the foundations of its ill-fated predecessor which still stand a little to the east of the present structure.

Some of us were awakened in the early hours of Thursday by the incessant ringing of the telephone which conveyed the sad news of the death of Norman's father-in-law; and leaving Dundee at 5.15 a.m., Norman covered the 400-odd miles to King's Lynn by tea time. A start was made for London at 10 a.m. on the musical eight at St. Paul's Cathedral, and was still going well when your chronicler left on the first stage of a long journey to South Wales. Unfortunately this attempt fired out after two hours' excellent ringing. We were, however, kindly entertained by the Rev. Harold Bembridge and soon forgot the disappointment at losing what would have been the first peal of Major on these bells.

FIRST PEAL OF BRISTOL IN SCOTLAND

In the afternoon a peal of Bristol Surprise Major—the first in Scotland—was rung at St. Mary's, Old Steeple. These bells do not go well, having been rehung by a local firm, and the peal here was well earned.

That evening we attended practice at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, a magnificent ten, and received a warm welcome from Mr. Charles Raine, Master of the Scottish Association, and his fellow members. Afterwards Mr. Lloyd took the majority to sample the local brew, whilst Robin, and of course Philip, cultivated the acquaintance of local lady ringer Lois Beevers, who recently took part in a tour of Dorset with Robin.

Friday, and the now familiar rain saw a 10.30 start for Pudsey Major at St. James', Leith, where Derek made a good job of a difficult tenor (the sally sticks in a hole in the ceiling). Despite local objectors—the lights were flashed on and off during the last hour—and a letter from the Vicar, which we did not see until too late, a good peal, another first in Scotland, was rung.

Lunch, then we say our goodbyes to Scotland, the Guv'nor jumping the traffic lights whilst waving goodbye to Miss Beevers, and we head once again for the border and the road into England.

Brampton was reached by driving through a thunderstorm and cloudburst, which reduced speed to 20 m.p.h. However, in spite of this storm, which continued throughout the ringing, the first 7-method peal for the Cumberland Association was safely brought round. We did not bargain, however, for the loud and ribald complaints which were delivered by some local 'ladies' soon afterwards.

Saturday morning saw us at Cockermouth, where an excellent peal was rung on these fine but somewhat noisy bells: we received agreeable comments from appreciative local residents. From Cockermouth through the Lakes to Ambleside, where we had the misfortune to lose a College Youth peal of Yorkshire after 2¼ hours' good ringing on this fine, heavy ring. The three non-members, together with Dennis Mottershead, who was holidaying in the district, with two locals, Alan Capstick and Stanley Richardson, rang four methods on the nice six at Langdale, bringing to an end another pleasant peal-ringing week.

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NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

THE annual meeting of the National Guild of Police Bell-ringers was held for the first time in Bedford on September 20th, and was attended by members from Manchester, Leicester, Northampton and London, as well as those from the Bedford area.

Arrangements had been made for ringing in the morning at Kempston, Bromham and Felmersham. Unfortunately, a late start by certain parties resulted in Bromham not being visited during this period, much to the consternation of the local incumbent, to whom the secretary has apologised on behalf of the Guild.

The canteen of Horne Lane Police Station, Bedford, proved to be an initial meeting place during the lunch-time period. Sandwiches and liquid refreshment were available there by Inspector Amor, of Bedford, his wife and daughter.

Ringing continued during the afternoon at the two churches of St. Paul and St. Peter, Bedford. St. Owen's, Bromham, was again open after lunch and visitors made up for the disappointment of not having had time to call there on the way into Bedford.

The business meeting was held in the lecture room at Police Headquarters, Bedford, by kind permission of the Chief Constable. The following officers were elected: President, Ex-Sgt. E. C. Turner (Leicester City); secretary/treasurer, P.C. J. A. Smith (Leics and Rutland); auditor, Sgt. J. Rawson (Leics and Rutland); committee, Ex-Sgt. C. Willmington and P.W.-Sgt. M. Rawlings (Metro.), Ex-P.C. H. R. Woods (Lincs), P.C. S. Livesey and Ex-P.C. B. Walshaw (Manchester), Inspr. T. R. Butler (Liverpool), Inspr. G. Amor (Bedford). Two new members were elected, viz.: P.C. D. Whitehead (Bucks) and P.C. R. Brewin (Leics and Rutland). It was decided to hold next year's annual meeting on September 19th at either Derby or Grantham.

At about 7.15 p.m. approximately 70 members and friends sat down to a dinner at the Bridge Hotel, Bedford, and were honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Bedford (Ald. A. A. Jones and Mrs. Jones), the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire (H. R. Pratt) and Mrs. Pratt, the Vicar of St. Paul's Church, Bedford (Rev. J. H. King) and Mrs. King.

After a most enjoyable meal came the toasts and speeches by the Mayor, the Chief Constable, the Vicar, the president, Inspr. Amor and Ex-Sgt. C. Willmington. One point in common in all the after-dinner speeches was the very close and sheltered life that must have been led by the president. Proof of this was given by the president himself by the inclusion of a couple of his usual stories in his own inimitable manner in his speech of welcome to the guests.

A social evening under the very capable supervision of Mr. Frank Measures, of Leicester, followed. To commence the programme members of the Leicester contingent demonstrated the 'Rise and Fall' on handbells. This was followed by tune-ringing by the Manchester band. Despite the many requests for a certain school-teacher to sing 'Figaro,' he declined; however, the company was superbly entertained by several songs rendered by Mrs. Webster (wife of Inspr. Webster, of Bedford). The evening progressed with the various dances and competitions which go to make up a 'Measures social.' The president again amused the company with his stories.

The evening terminated at about 11.45 p.m., when numerous volunteers offered to take 'Sir Charles' to bed if necessary. So ended another annual meeting and dinner in the annals of the Guild.

J. A. S.

Peal Tour of Scotland—Cont.

After tea we left for Bradford, and on Sunday morning rang for morning service on the fine ten at Bradford Cathedral, where we renewed acquaintance with Leslie Morris; then on down the A.1 for lunch at Newark, tea and more service ringing at Baldock. London was reached at a respectable hour with another 1,200 miles on the clock of each car.

In conclusion, we should like to express our regrets at the inability of Messrs. Wilf and Michael Moreton and Peter Border to be with us this year; and our thanks to all the incumbents for permission to ring, and to all who met us and helped in the arrangements of another successful week.

D. G. C. and R. G. L.

THE KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY

On September 30th the Kings School, Canterbury, Bell-ringers' Society held its annual outing. The outing was to be a mystery tour and, fortified by some outside ringing friends, a happy coachload embarked at 9.15 a.m. upon what was to become a memorable day.

The first tower visited was Saltwood (6 12¼ cwt.), where the bells were left up in readiness for us and the tuneful Mears ring was put to good use for an hour or so. At Burmarsh (tenor 9¼ cwt.) we were very intrigued by the bright green sallies on the light six; but it is a pity that the bells are not a little louder in the belfry. A good course of Bob Minor was rung here.

Having been sustained by an excellent lunch at New Romney, we next prepared to do battle with the bells at the detached campanile at Brookland (5, 12 cwt.). There is no permanent means of securing the clock hammer, but a stout piece of string served the purpose well. A few rounds were rung to feel the 'go' of the bells, then someone suggested some Grandsire. This was duly attempted, but the treble decided to slip wheel and set itself at backstroke. The damage was inspected and eventually put right.

Warehorne (6, 9¼ cwt.) was a pleasant change and gave most of us a chance to relax. The bells are of good tone and go well. After this came Ruckinge (5, 13 cwt.), a ring of long draught and rather shallow tone. The Rector very kindly showed us round the church. A short drive took us to Aldington (6, 15 cwt.), and the bells here were considered to be the best of the day.

A short walk took us to the grounds of Aldergate, where a magnificent high tea was ready. The view of the sun setting over Romney Marsh from here is an unforgettable sight, and this and the rendering of popular ballads by Mr. and Mrs. J. Stockbridge upon their handbells made a wonderful climax to what had been a perfect day. One more tower was in store for us, that of Lympne (6, 10¼ cwt.), where the bells are rung from the chancel steps. They are a good ring, but the treble is very shrill.

A tired but contented party arrived back in Canterbury at 9.15 p.m.

A. R.

WEDDINGS

Mr. G. S. Deas—Miss M. McCartney

A wedding that attracted many ringers took place at All Saints', Gosforth, on September 20th, when the popular secretary of the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, Mr. George S. Deas, married Miss Margaret McCartney. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. W. Turnbull).

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a ballerina-length dress of white flock nylon with short veil. She was attended by Mrs. Ellen Agnew as matron of honour. The best man was Mr. Brian Gooch.

As the couple left the church under an arch of handbells, the ten bells of All Saints' rang out joyously.

The reception was held at the Heaton Assembly Rooms, with a course on handbells preceding the cutting of the cake. The happy couple left later for their honeymoon at Dunbar.

A peal of Grandsire Triples in celebration of the happy occasion was rung on the Thursday following at St. John's, Newcastle.

Mr. J. A. Ainsworth — Miss M. S. Capey

Two ringers, well known on Tyneside and elsewhere, Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth and Miss Marion S. Capey, were married at St. Margaret's Methodist Church, Whitley Bay, on September 27th. Many ringers were present in the large congregation at the service conducted by the Rev. P. Capey, assisted by the local minister.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a ballerina-length dress of cream lace and was attended by two bridesmaids in azalea pink, the Misses Denise Tilmouth and Helen Capey. The best man was Mr. Eric N. Harrison.

The couple left the church under an arch of handbells held aloft by fellow ringers. At the reception at the Park Hotel, Tynemouth, the handbells came out again to accompany the cutting of the cake.

The bride wore an olive green jumper suit with light brown accessories as the happy couple left by car for a touring honeymoon.

THREE HALF DAYS

Arranged by Mr. Archie Fitch, and with the generous use of Mr. Arthur Rolfe's car and those of other friends, three enjoyable Saturday afternoon excursions were held on August 23rd, September 13th and October 11th, visiting towers in Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire.

Highlights were the charming six bells at Oakley, and the long and almost straight ladder at Shelfanger. A cracked tower and bells in ruin story concerning Wattisfield was found to be incorrect, although the ropes are very bad. The expectation of six bells at Wetheringsett led to the discovery of a five. (Mr. Dove, please note.) Here we were met by a gentleman nearing 90 who could not get up to the tower, but pushed a wheelbarrow-load of handbells from his house to the church. They were a grand set, and we enjoyed them in Grandsire and Bob Major—an honour for the old gentleman, who is proud of his boxful of handbells.

A. A. F.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REPORTING DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—With reference to recent letters about the best way of reporting peals of Doubles, which include variations. In 'The Ringing World' of December 25th, 1955, I suggested the same style as used recently by Mr. Wratten, also suggesting that variations should be classified as 'Pleasure' methods. Thus a peal report would read: 'In two methods and two variations, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob, April Day Pleasure and Eynsham Pleasure.'

Personally, I fail to see the reason for learning these variations. If a band is capable of ringing Plain Bob and St. Simon's, instead of bothering with April Day and Eynsham, they could just as easily learn Candlesby and Rugby Slow Course both simple individual plain course methods. Also, it would be possible to ring extents without bobs, which are unnecessary nuisances in Doubles ringing. If an extent is called 'Plain, Candlesby, Candlesby, Plain three times' it will be seen that the 2nd rings only plain courses of Plain Bob, and with a learner ringing this, the interest of the other three 'inside' ringers is more easily maintained than it would be by calling an extent of Plain Bob, bobs with the 2nd behind.

That variations are slowly dropping out of favour is shown when we consider the 'top ten' Doubles methods rung in peals in recent weeks. These are: Grandsire (48), Plain Bob (38), Reverse Canterbury (24), St. Simon's (16), St. Martin's (15), Stedman (11), Winchendon (11), April Day (10), St. Nicholas' (9), Reverse St. Bartholomew (7). Of these, April Day is the only variation. Reverse St. Bartholomew is an irregular and the rest regular individual plain course methods. The regular methods could easily lead to a peal of Spliced in 21 methods.

The following all have plain courses the same as Plain Bob: Norfolk, Old, April Day, Kennington, Hudibras, Ready Money, Seighford, Dedworth, Blunderbuss, Old Hudibras and Dedworth Supreme.

If the Editor thinks they would be useful and of interest I am willing to write articles on Doubles variations and/or a systematic use of the Doubles Collection, including notes on spliced extents.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

PENTLOW BELLS

Dear Sir,—In closing the series on Pentlow bells, may I thank Miss Seabrook, Urban Wildney and company for the information regarding these bells? I have now had the pleasure of ringing on them, and find, although very loud, the 'go' and tone quite pleasing. Later the same day we visited a pleasant five just north of the Essex border and were welcomed amiably by the local captain. During the course of conversation I was informed that some misguided character had pronounced the bells of Pentlow unringable, which he informed me was utter rubbish, although the bells were much too loud to call bobs. Needless to say, several members of the party found difficulty in concealing their mirth while yours truly, deciding discretion to be the better part of valour, quickly called for the next touch.—Yours sincerely,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Danbury.

'NEW ANGLE ON TEACHING BEGINNERS'

Dear Sir,—I am somewhat puzzled and rather indignant at the letter on 'New angle on teaching beginners' by G. Hodkins, of West End, Southampton, as it implies that there is no one capable of teaching change-ringing in Southampton. This, of course, is not correct; but I should be interested to know at which tower he was given the answer 'You learns it' to all his questions. At my tower we may not be expert teachers of change-ringing, but at least we know how to speak.—Yours truly,

JOHN W. FAITHFULL,
Captain, St. Mary's Tower, Southampton.

BRIGHTWELL BELLS

Dear Sir, — Although on rather unstable ground as I did not visit Brightwell myself but based my report, as was necessary in other cases too, on what my fellow tourists told me, I have been instructed to adhere, in part, to what was written in the account of the Gloucestershire and Oxon tour. The tenor and fifth were very certainly *not* easy to handle after nearly two extents of Minor; and the tenor, at least, had a certain amount of weight and skill on the other end of the rope. My humble apologies, however, to the front four.

With regard to the remainder of the letter on page 659, may I say that Mr. Castell seems unnecessarily savage! He also seems to have a vivid imagination since, though never destined to be 'tip top,' the striking was quite adequate, and the band only rang Plain Bob and Kent—methods which the 'unscientific' Brightwell ladies would do well, in their own interests, to learn.—Yours sincerely,

STELLA HUGHES.

Walsall.

P.S.—*Nota bene*, Mr. Castell: 'S' is not a 'he'!—S. H.

GEORGE PEERS, OF TAMWORTH

Dear Sir,—I would like to offer my congratulations to George Peers, of Tamworth, on the peal rung to commemorate his 30 years in the world of ringing.

To the ordinary reader this may not appear outstanding, but few people know of the rough path they have had to follow at Tamworth, both from ill health, the uncertainty of the tower and other obstacles which would have deterred less loyal men. The devotion of George and his father to their church and bells is most commendable in an age when these things do not seem to matter.

When I was called up to Whittington Barracks in 1940, I was soon made very welcome at the home and church of the Peers family, and I must be one of many who can testify to the wonderful friendliness of the ringers, both at Tamworth and Lichfield, in those dark days.

I always remember the excitement of my first broadcast from Lichfield Cathedral. The bells did not go very well, and I was invited to stand in the following Sunday. I thought I had done fairly well, but imagine my dismay when the next letter from home solemnly declared that both grandfather and father knew which bell I had been ringing!—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leics.

'SALLIES IN MOTHBALLS'

Dear Sir,—Mr. L. W. Stevens' letter, as published in the October 3rd issue, contains some strong points which could easily be classed as 'home truths.'

No one can dispute the sad fact that, generally, service ringing is in a miserable state. Mr. Stevens may well ask what is being done to remedy the situation by those who assume responsibility.

It is all very well for the Central Council to carry out delicate peal analyses and to tabulate peal ringers in their order of merit and to establish that a method is 'so' or is 'not so.'

It would be far better to tabulate the attendances of service ringers. Furthermore, no ringer should be permitted to partake in a peal unless he is a 'registered' member of a service band with a percentage of attendances to his credit.

Bells are provided for service ringing; whether this be 'rounds,' 'call-changes' or even 'method' should be of no concern.

The entire responsibility for ringing, or not ringing, cannot be allocated to the vicar. He is, or should only be, responsible through his tower captain, with whom he should work in close co-operation.

I respectfully suggest that a select committee is established to examine the matter and to make recommendations. An official brochure outlining all aspects of ringing would prove invaluable, especially to those requiring recruits. The brochure should be designed to dispel the generally accepted opinion that ringing is just rope-pulling. It could briefly cover history, Guilds and their activities, the Central Council and its duties, bell mechanism, call-changes, method, the social activities, etc., etc. It could contain a page for local information to be completed by the local tower captain and a 'tear out' for the convenience of the probable recruit.

As a service ringer I thank Mr. Stevens for bringing the matter of service non-ringing to light, and sincerely hope that it will receive further discussion and suggestions for improvement through your columns.—Yours faithfully,

A. H. CROSS.

Old Windsor.

BELLS AT HEYDON, CAMBS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dove's Guide is incorrect concerning Heydon on two counts. Firstly, because it is not in Essex but a mile or two over the border in Cambridgeshire, in a little wooded enclave 450 feet up on the brink of the bare chalk edge of the East Anglian heights near Great Chishill. There is nothing higher eastward from here, by the way, till 400 miles across the North Sea into Germany have been traversed.

It was from that country that a bomber came in the war and jettisoned its load on sleepy Heydon, one bomb destroying the nave and tower of Holy Trinity Church, so that, secondly, the bells are no longer.

I went some years ago to see the ruins and saw fragments of wheels and fittings; but there is a happier conclusion to the story: the church has now been rebuilt in Gothic style as a war memorial, and—good news for ringers—a very plain brick tower added, in modernistic contrast, containing a brand-new, but still unoccupied, steel frame for six bells, and a clock mechanism. So perhaps Heydon may soon qualify for 'The Ringer's Guide' once more. —Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

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THE DRIVE FOR BETTER SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—When the College of Campanology was founded, about two-and-a-half years ago, its aims and objects were shown to include, amongst others, two that have received publicity otherwise in recent months, namely, the specific use of handbells in the teaching of hunting in method ringing, and that particular objective of ringing training which has special reference to service ringing.

In regard to the latter it is encouraging that the Central Council has set up a committee to explore the Sunday service ringing position generally throughout the Exercise.

The object of this letter is to confirm that the College, in wishing the committee all success in its good work, will continue its efforts in this field, especially now by urging all members of the College to assist the committee in every possible way, and by offering the committee such relevant information, gathered in College teaching activities, as the committee may consider to be useful in their investigations.

Experience of College tutors and helpers in the past two years tends to confirm the aptness of the contents of the three lists published on page 577 of 'The Ringing World' for September 5th, 1958, and shows that while these lists, as given, tend to overlap somewhat yet they do, in large measure, fairly present the picture, but that to complete it *additions* may be made, of which the following are but some examples:—

To first list—'Towards Improvement'

1. *Practical* recognition of ringers as church workers. For example: (*a*) Providing optional seating for ringers, who necessarily enter later than other members of congregation. (*b*) Having a 'Ringers' Sunday' annually, with handbell touches in the nave, sermons on ringing activity, ringers reading lessons, etc. (*c*) Admission to membership of the band by intermission in a church service.

2. *Encouragement* of younger members of congregation to make their Church membership vital by a practical Church activity, i.e., taking up ringing and making service ringing their contribution.

3. *Stressing* the need for learners to undertake, even if they leave the parish, to continue with their service in this way, the result being frequently of benefit locally through exchange.

4. *100 per cent. objective* of service ringing attendance—competitive.

5. *Encouraging visitors* who are ringers, through notices of ringing times, especially in the church porch, and/or in 'The Ringing World' occasionally.

To second list—'Success Factors'

1. *Devoting part* (at any rate) of the regular ringing practice (in a way similar to that of choir practice) to practise with the set object of ringing some specific method or touch, or even call-changes, for the following Sunday services. This should apply to all but fully experienced bands of good ringers; and the College advocates the practice with all bands containing learners and/or improvers.

2. *Rigidly keeping* the Sunday service ringing to within the capabilities of good performance by the band attending, and giving all a turn who can ring rounds well.

3. *Setting example*, by more experienced ringers, of regularity of attendance at service ringing, and of aiming at faultless performance and striking, by strict attitude towards these ends, particularly during service ringing.

4. *Payment?* A recommended alternative incentive towards regular attendance is the use of small badges of office (e.g., as worn in buttonhole), made available to ringers becoming eligible, in a tower, for Sunday service ringing, and worn to the church service for which they ring only if the holder has not been absent from the previous service(s). Absences are 'made up' by subsequent equivalent attendances, before the badge can be worn again, as determined by the tower captain. This idea may be found particularly useful among younger ringers who take a pride in their service.

To the third list—

'Full-band Retention Difficulties'

1. *Lack of Training Programme* and of a Ringing Progress Plan. These are two essentials, *all* the time, plus interest.

2. *Neglect of the '150 per cent. Minimum'* objective. This follows from the practical need to get together and maintain a band of twice as many ringers as bells in the tower, with special efforts to raise numbers again as soon as they fall to one-and-a-half times as many ringers; e.g., six bells—nine ringers.

3. *Neglected and therefore repulsive ringing chamber.* Have a rota of ringers to assist the steeplekeeper in keeping it as clean, bright and attractive as possible.

4. *Attitude of senior members to junior ones.* In these times all members must be made to feel welcome, especially by the seniors.

5. *Neglect of Public Relations.* Some ringers tend to drift away from service ringing when they learn that there is local objection to ringing. Often this objection is due to lack of liaison with local residents, whose lack of interest in ringing may turn to objection. Experience has shown that even fierce opposition can be overcome by contact, by compromise and even by an invitation to the ringing chamber!

It is emphasised that the foregoing additional items are cited only as examples, others being forthcoming, no doubt, as the result of the survey. Experience shows that Sunday service ringing can be extended and improved by making the necessary co-operative efforts. The College will do all it can to help, especially towards the solution of relevant problems that may be submitted.—Yours faithfully,

S. K. M. KNIGHT,
Registrar, College of Campanology.

STEDMAN CINQUES WITH 'WHITTINGTON'S'

Dear Sir,—The peal of Stedman Cinques on page 664 was not the first containing Whittington's, for the enclosed was rung at Lincoln Cathedral on January 26th, 1931, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James, and again on February 18th, 1933, at Surfleet, conducted by J. A. Freeman. This was the first peal on the 12 bells at Surfleet.

Perhaps Mr. A. Walker can tell us of other Whittington peals?—Yours sincerely,

JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

5,000 STEDMAN CINQUES
By the Rev. H. L. JAMES

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6 1 2 4 3 5		—	
6 1 5 2 3 4		—	

Repeat A four times with bob for single adding 21.22 in last course. Then call 2.21.

START QUICK SIX

* 4 5 6 7 8 9 11 S 14 20

KIRKHEATON, YORKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Smith 1, D. Ingleby 2, Miss C. Dearnley 3, W. Sykes 4, R. Mitchell 5, R. Senior (cond.) 6. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to 1 and 3.

TEACHING RHYTHM

Dear Sir,—To the enthusiastic learner, as to his teacher, your article (October 3rd, page 633) is a challenge, and one of them is moved to make a few observations.

Your contributor writes: 'He should also be taught to listen to and recognise all the bells.' This, obviously, is the only sure road to good striking, but it does not seem to be generally understood how many people have ears so defective for music that they just cannot carry in mind a note to recognise it when next they hear it.

A personal example may be allowed to illustrate the point: the ability to utter the responses less flagrantly out of tune than the petitions offered by many of the clergy—fair evidence of the extent of the defect—but complete inability to decide whether the treble was the bell in thirds or in fifths when listening to a good call-change band ringing each sequence ten times. One has only to listen to bad striking by a band which should be competent to be forced to agree that many ringers are in the same plight, even if not always aware of it.

That ringers generally do not appreciate how common the defect is may be in part because so many of them enter the belfry by way of the choir. Nor do the normally endowed readily imagine the condition of tone-deafness, or the severity of the handicap with which the afflicted have to contend; to draw attention to which is the chief purpose of this letter.

Surely anyone listening to a piece of ringing can tell whether the striking is good? In rounds on not more than eight bells it should be fairly simple for anyone to hear his own striking (not necessarily to strike well!) just by counting. On higher numbers, especially in the middle, it is not so easy, perhaps because the ear receives more overlapping of notes and overtones. The speed at which the notes assail the ear bears greatly on the difficulties of the unmusical.

To alter speed correctly for going up or down, and especially for dodging, is altogether more difficult, requiring, as it does, a break in the *individual* rhythm, and the musically deaf are at a grave disadvantage. They know whether the ringing is going well or ill, but cannot easily tell what the faults are nor with whom they lie. Since they cannot distinguish their own bell, how can they help themselves? The conception of gaps clicking along in the mind certainly may help some, but depends ultimately on recognising the sound of their bell.

On familiar rings, the gauging of rope movement is obviously a tremendous help, and I suppose with enough practice will enable tolerable striking. In learning this, the system suggeted by W. F. M. should be invaluable.

Another aid which one of the afflicted finds as helpful as any is knowing that the bell speaks just before it, and the rope, come to rest. The thought may go thus: Sounds good—good—good—clip (probably my fault, though it might be someone bashing me, note for next blow)—better—good—not so good—right—crash! just as I pulled off, so I wasn't in that; Martin again, I suppose, if only he'd listen to his bell. Where am I now? Keep your mind on what you're doing, ass!

Teachers might exploit the fact that even the profoundly unmusical may be able to hear and appreciate the rhythm of odd-bell ringing, especially when the bells behind are dodging; this, I submit, is why bad strikers can sometimes make a more passable job of the work behind in Stedman than of anything else. On the other hand, Plain Bob, rung so much by the learner, may seem, except at the dodging, a meaningless succession of notes, the open lead an irritating hiatus scarcely to be distinguished from a bad blow, and a little bell behind at backstroke positively silly.

These lines are written, sir, in humility and deference, and in the spirit of the old aphorism 'Set a thief to catch a thief'—Yours faithfully,

B. M. WILLMOTT DOBBIE.

Edgbaston.

Autumn Tour Of Society Of Friends Of The Exercise

A RECENT report in the 'R.W.' gave some account of the 'Friends'' Whitsun tour and concluded as the writer was journeying to Honiton to take part in the ringing weekend which had been planned back in May.

As it turned out, only three people arrived in Honiton on September 26th in time to ring, and since no one met us no ringing was done. 'Ah well,' said the three at Honiton, 'the rest will turn up at Ottery.' And it was so. The mayor-elect of East Budleigh and organiser for S.F.E., Cyril ('Pickles') Savage, was there on the churchyard steps to welcome all and sundry. Brian Bladon and Lesley Howes added respectability to the scene. The tuneful Taylor eight (18 cwt.) at Ottery were rung until 9 p.m. Later, in the King's Arms, East Budleigh, a count of heads revealed only one absentee.

Saturday, September 27th, was fair and bright. 'Leave E. Budleigh 8.15 a.m. sharp' read the programme, so at 8.25 a.m. we left, all in cars. Around the Exeter by-pass and just west of Alphington to the village of Ide (pronounced 'Eede') went the convoy. There we found Bill Carter, safe after his battles with B.R. The six bells (8 cwt.) by Warner were used for sundry methods before we charged into the foothills of Dartmoor, en route for Dunsford.

Call-change ringers' ropes at Dunsford (6, 14 cwt.), and more harvest decorations, set the pattern for the rest of the day. The problem of coping with two or three feet of spare, single rope was solved in various ways.

Crafty roadmanship by the organiser effectively stopped any overtaking on the hill up to Bridford (6, 9 cwt.). Those not ringing admired the 16th century rood screen or chatted with the local captain of ringers. The Harriers Arms was briefly taken by storm and then left to subside whilst we journeyed on to Lustleigh. As the crow flies, this is about five miles from Bridford, and those who pinned their faith to the Ordnance Survey and ignored grass growing in the middle of the roads, went straight up over Kiln Down, past Torquay's reservoirs, and so down into the picture postcard village of Lustleigh. The six tuneful bells at Lustleigh (11 cwt.) were coaxed into giving good music.

BOILING RADIATORS

Late, as ever, we left for Manaton and Dartmoor. Boiling radiators over Trendlebere Hill and no time to admire Becka Falls were our lot. The tower steps were climbed at Manaton (6, 8 cwt.) and the view of Haytor Down from the top was worth the climb.

'Tow ropes will be carried on *all* cars' read the programme, and, en route to North Bovey and lunch, we almost wished that Cyril had taken his own advice. On North Bovey Green, 'A person shall not, upon the ground, beat, shake, sweep, brush or cleanse any carpet, drugget, rug or mat or any other fabric retaining dust or dirt.' So cars were left on the green, uncleaned in deference to the by-law, and we rang Bob Minor, very fast, on the six bells (12 cwt).

'Mountain guides will meet the party at Chagford.' Perhaps our performance on the only ring of eight (18 cwt.) encountered that day deterred the guides, but these Taylor bells went well. On to Gidleigh where the Rev. S. C. M. Scott's father welcomed us to ring on his five bells (8 cwt.), and their minor key was not disagreeable.

Local ringers welcomed us at South Tawton (6, 11 cwt. in E) and stayed to watch some scientific Doubles. No doubt the sight of Cyril climbing the sally of the fourth bell convinced them that their bells were better rung 'off the balance.'

'Tea—half hour' was next on the programme, and most members rang at Spreyton Church (6, 12¼ cwt.) before eating. After recrossing the main road, the large square at Drewsteignton was found to be useful for parking. Ringing on the fine six (18 cwt.) went well, too. Eleven towers gone, two to go.

Choreton Bishop bells (6, 14 cwt.) were rung as darkness descended, and later Tedburn St. Mary's Church was located. As it lay about a mile from the village and off the main road, discovery was difficult in the dark. The bells (6, 10 cwt.) at this tower are rung from a gallery, and a band of ladies performed well at Stedman. Somewhat weary, the Friends 'tanked up' at the King's Arms (Tedburn and East Budleigh) and found strength to hold a 'public meeting' at the village hall, under the chairmanship of the Mayor.

For Matins, the Friends dispersed to ring on Sunday at Otterton and Woodbury as well as East Budleigh. A large bunch of flowers was presented to Mrs. Salway, landlady of the King's Arms, and all hoped she would be fit enough to accommodate ringers once more soon.

Sunday afternoon, and the homeward journey began. By a somewhat roundabout route we called at Thorverton (8, 14 cwt.) and had some good ringing. After tea in Tiverton, we regretfully passed by St. Peter's Church and went on to ring for Evensong at Dulverton (8, 17 cwt.). The party then dispersed.

Those taking part were: Brian Bladon, Lesley Howes (Stamford Hill), Dick and Elisabeth Bowden, Frank, Mary and Shirley Mack, Mary Hall, John Hunt, Reg Hooper and Bryn Shackleton (Bristol), Philip Mehew, Anne Amor and Helen —— (Bedford), John Gilbert (Long Ashton), Don Cobb (Locking), Graham and Ruby Eyles (Box), Eric Hitchins (North Bradley), Bill Carter (Swindon) and Cyril Savage (East Budleigh).

'SUNBEAM.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

The autumn meeting of the Dorchester Branch of ringers was held at Wyke Regis, when the Rector (Rev. F. E. Pratt) gave a most inspiring address and said: 'There are too few people who are true lovers of God, and people who are full of kindness and goodness are not necessarily true lovers of God.'

Following tea, the meeting was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Pratt in the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman. Business transacted included the survey of Sunday service ringing and the Blandford festival for Dorset ringers on October 25th, also the rededication of the bells at Piddletrenthide on October 12th. One new member from Preston was elected.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of the Rector of Upwey (Rev. A. S. Bryant). He had held the living for about 23 years, and always took a keen interest in the ringers and the Guild.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Hayne to the Rector, the ladies who served tea and the Wyke Regis ringers.

Towers represented were Abbotsbury, Buckland Newton, Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Piddletrenthide, Preston, Wyke Regis and a visitor from Burghfield (Berks).

REDEDICATION

St. Margaret's, Ipswich

The bells of St. Margaret's, Ipswich, were rededicated on October 4th by the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

A short Evensong preceded the rededication, conducted by the curate; the address was given by the Lord Bishop. After the service the bells were rung. About 40 ringers attended, including Mr. J. Millhouse.

Thanks to Mr. H. Parks, who did the work in record time, the bells go excellently. The contract was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

E. V. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District Annual

Attended by over 120 members representing 20 towers, the annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Canterbury on October 11th. For the service at St. Dunstan's Church the choir was strengthened by several ringers. The Rev. A. L. Lawler conducted the service and the Rev. S. M. Evans, curate of St. Lawrence's, Thanet, preached. The tea in St. Dunstan's Hall was prepared by ringers and friends of the church.

Mr. J. A. Russell (chairman) presided at the business meeting. The secretary and treasurer (Mr. B. J. Luck) reported a reduction in membership, which he thought would be made up when all subscriptions were received.

Officers renominated were: Mr. Russell, chairman; Mr. Luck, hon. secretary; Messrs. E. T. Eades and D. C. Chatfield, District representatives. Mr. W. S. Palin, who had been Ringing Master for the past six years, would not accept renomination. He was thanked for his services and Mr. D. A. Chapman was elected to the office.

Mr. B. J. Luck said he would not seek re-election next year, but he had found his successor, and with the approval of the meeting proposed Mr. T. C. Phillimore as assistant secretary for the current year, with the view of taking over the District secretaryship. This was approved.

The chairman said that it was a great shock to him, and no doubt the meeting, to hear this. Mr. Phillimore would most certainly have the ways of Mr. Luck engraved into him during the following year.

Seven new members were elected from Goodnestone, St. Alphege's, Canterbury, and St. Peter's, Thanet.

Mr. Luck announced that the annual meeting of the Association would be held in this District at Margate.

Ringing took place in the evening at the Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6) and St. Alphege's (6).

RETIREMENT OF RECTOR OF CHESTER-LE-STREET

Canon C. R. Appleton, who had been Rector of Chester-le-Street since 1940, retired on September 30th. After the lifting of the wartime ban, the bells of Chester-le-Street became freely available, and many successful meetings have been held and peals rung during his ministry, always with his keen interest.

'A stroke in June took him to hospital for three months, but even there he listened to his bells at practice and on Sundays. He has since made a remarkable recovery but was advised by his doctor not to appear at the farewell ceremonies. However, he recorded messages to open a garden party, and to the Western District meeting at Chester-le-Street on September 20th, arranged as a farewell to him. On the latter occasion tributes by Mr. D. A. Bayles, the local Ringing Master, Mr. K. Arthur, president, and Mr. K. W. Cheeseman, vice-president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, were recorded, to be played back at the Rectory.

Canon Appleton's farewell sermon was also delivered by tape-recorder, and these various recordings on tape inspired an idea to make a disc record as a souvenir which could be purchased by the parishioners. The recordings of bells, choir and organ, with the voice of Canon Appleton reading excerpts from the baptism, wedding and funeral services, and St. Paul's farewell to the Philippians, Chapter 4 vv. 4 to 8, were taken after Evensong on October 5th, and the record will be available shortly.

On the last evening that Canon Appleton was in the Rectory the bells rang out with a peal in thanksgiving and farewell. The band included five of the Sunday service band.

D. A. B.

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY J. PARKER

It is with great regret that the death of Mr. Henry J. Parker (better known as 'Harry'), of Buckden, is recorded, having taken place on October 14th.

Harry joined the Ely Association in 1930 whilst living at Great Staughton, and became District secretary in 1933. He looked after the District during the war, after which he worked hard in getting things moving again. During December, 1947, he moved with his work (a gardener) into Bedfordshire, but was often seen at various meetings with his old friends in the Ely Diocese.

In 1952 he again moved back into the diocese and this time came to Buckden, where he joined the local band of ringers, with whom he rang until about six months ago, when his illness struck. He was a regular attender for service ringing and a well-respected member who rang 13 peals for the Association.

To his widow and family we extend our deepest sympathy. The funeral took place at Buckden on October 17th. H. S. P.

MR. R. PARR

Sh. Michael's Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk, Lancs, has lost its oldest ringer by the death of Mr. Richard Parr.

A regular churchgoer, 'Dick,' as he was known to his friends, was always punctual in the belfry and will be greatly missed, although his ringing was limited to the treble.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the funeral service, and in the evening a quarter peal of 1,440 Plain Bob Minor was rung to his memory by the following band: Honor Winter 1, R. Larkey 2, J. Lunham 3, L. Pearson 4, B. Tattersall 5, H. Poyner (conductor) 6.

MR. J. THOMAS

Mr. Louis A. Wilson, Wootton Bassett, Wilts, writes:—

As one of Jack's oldest ringing friends, I was grieved to read of his passing at Painswick, and I am sure he would not have wished to pass in any other way. I became acquainted with him in 1901 when he came to Swindon as a gas fitter. He came to Wootton Bassett and stayed with me on various occasions, and on his returning to Bristol I often stayed the weekend with him and his brother Bill at St. Michael's Hill. We were both interested in handbell ringing, and it was a treat to see Jack and Bill with four handbells each ringing Grandsire Triples. Incidentally, I myself had a go at it and made some progress.

Jack was fond of fresh air and always slept with his window open; he also had a punchball in his bedroom which he practised on when he first got out of bed. I thought I would like to have a go, with the result that the ball came back and hit me on the nose . . . I told him I much preferred ringing.

When he moved to London I still kept contact, and it was a real pleasure to be with him although hard work, as on handbells he often continued until after midnight. As a ringer and conductor he was at the top, and in his married life he was fortunate in having as mates ladies who could enjoy his life.

May he rest in peace.

MR. CHARLES WOOD

St. Paul's, Stalybridge, Cheshire, has lost one of its oldest ringers by the death of Mr. Charles Wood, who passed away on September 23rd, aged 78 years.

Mr. Wood had been a ringer for 58 years and he was an inspiration to all who rang with him. The bells of St. Paul's were muffled on the Sunday following the interment.

At a meeting held at Mottram of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch of the Chester Guild, Mr. Wood's death was referred to by the secretary (Mr. K. Lewis) and the deputy Master (Mr. E. R. Elkins).

SOME AUTUMN OUTINGS

ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH

The Isle of Wight Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild held their annual outing on October 4th, when a party of 53 ringers and friends crossed to the mainland on the first boat. Two coaches took them to Milford-on-Sea, where a ring was had on the eight bells.

A halt for coffee at Barton-on-Sea and then on to Lytchett Minster, where various methods were rung. A run through torrential rain followed to Swanage, where an excellent lunch was served at the Dorothy Café. Ringing on the beautiful octave at the Parish Church was much enjoyed.

That concluded the ringing for the day, and the coaches made their way to Lulworth Cove for the party to look around the renowned beauty spot, to Wimborne for tea, and through the New Forest to Lymington. A short halt for refreshments was made before embarking on the last boat to the island.

The ringers were delighted to have the company of the Vicar of Newport and the Rector of Freshwater and his wife, and their interest in the Guild's affairs is very much appreciated. The organiser, Mr. C. F. Guy, was thanked on behalf of everybody by the Master, Mr. W. Upton.

BROMHAM, BEDS

Although the weather was not kind on October 4th, Bromham ringers and friends set off in high spirits on their second outing this year.

At Roydon (6, 9 cwt.), the first tower, a touch of Bastow Little Court successfully came round and ringing was of a general standard. Although Hoddesdon tower rocks badly, ringing here was enjoyed on the first octave of the day.

After an enjoyable tea, we rang at St. Andrew's, Enfield (8, 20 cwt.), but difficulty was found in striking this nice-toned octave. The last tower was Cheshunt (8, 16 cwt.), and what a lovely set of bells to finish up on, and what a beautiful church to look round!

Once again we thank Mary Tysoe for arranging such an enjoyable outing, and also the incumbents and the people who met us.

K. C. F.

BRISTOL RINGERS IN WILTS AND HANTS

Heavy rain did nothing to damp the spirits of the members of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucestershire and Bristol Association when they set out for their annual outing on October 14th. After a brief stop at Salisbury for coffee we made our way to Romsey, and soon the Abbey bells were going to a variety of methods, Double Norwich being the highlight. Having taken lunch we literally sailed through flooded streets into Southampton, where we were privileged to ring the well-known bells of St. Mary's. We arrived at North Stoneham just in time to ring for a wedding. The light ten, however, proved almost too tricky for us and we were unable to produce the standard of ringing we had enjoyed at previous towers. Tea was taken at Winchester before setting off for our last tower at Everleigh, where a well-rung course of London Minor ended the day's ringing.

Our thanks go to Mr. A. V. Bennett (Branch secretary) and Mr. F. D. Mack (Ringing Master) for all their efforts in organising the tour and ensuring its success. R. J. B.

MR. VICTOR M. SMITH

We regret to announce the death at the age of 68 of Mr. Victor M. Smith, who for 47 years was a ringer at Godalming Parish Church and for a long period captain of the band. For health reasons he retired last November. The funeral was last Tuesday at Godalming, Surrey.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, PLYMOUTH

The ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, had a half day trip on October 4th. The outward journey was via Yelverton and Princetown, and Dartmoor was to be seen in its best autumn tints. Manaton was reached ahead of schedule, and after that our time-table went sadly adrift, as we tried to reach Bridford by the back door, although we had taken the precaution to go via Moreton Hampstead. We reached there eventually, after going through lanes where the coach was brushing the hedge on both sides. At a farm we were told if we could manipulate the next corner we had nothing worse than we had encountered. The menfolk got out to walk up the steep hill, and we reached Bridford. From Bridford to Chagford to a well-earned grand tea, now only 25 minutes behind time! After tea, ringing on the fine eight.

[The name Chagford will bring back to the Misses Vantom and Boulden, of Lydd, and Mr. and Mrs. Cobourn, of Harpenden, memories of a holiday spent in Plymouth, and a little trip by cars with several of Emmanuel ringers on September 5th, when we rang at Buckland Monachorum, Walkhampton, Chagford and Widecombe-in-the-Moor, with a picnic tea on the moors.]

From Chagford to Throwleigh, where we had the best ringing for the afternoon; and after cutting down on our tea break and catching up on the journey we arrived at our last tower, South Tawton, ahead of schedule.

At tea, Mr. Sims (Emmanuel captain), who was in charge of the ringing, expressed pleasure at having friends from Bickleigh and other visitors with us, and thanked the café management for an excellent tea, Mr. H. H. Thomas for making the arrangements, with especial thanks to Mr. Pridham for the wonderful handling of the coach. H. H. T.

PENARTH

On September 27th the Penarth ringers and a few friends had an outing to the Swansea area. At Newton we were met by Mr. Trevor Roderick and found the bells, with their light weight and long draught, not as difficult as we had been led to expect, and only the Kent failed because of the bells.

The 'go' of Aberavon bells was similar to our own, which brought back to the learners some of the confidence which had waned at Newton. Here we were joined by two Baglan ringers who journeyed with us to their home tower with its rather loud six. Mr. Gwyn Lewis met us at Cadoxton and he tried to help us through a course of Cambridge Minor.

The Duffryn bells seemed heavy going. Nevertheless, we had some well-struck Plain Bob before moving on to Neath where, watched by Mr. Harry Boyce, we completed a course of Cambridge Minor.

From Neath we went to Sketty, where we were met by Mr. Arthur Hoare and two of his local band. With eight bells again, we rang Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, and it was a similar story in Gorseinon, where Mr. W. Dobbins was very helpful.

Our last tower was Llanelly, and here we spoilt the local practice night and really 'blotted our copy-books' by breaking a stay and fusing the lights.

Home was reached at 11 p.m. E. J. R. H.

LAVENHAM

On Saturday, October 11th, the Lavenham ringers held their annual half-day outing, ringing at St. Andrew-the-Great and St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge; and after partaking of tea at the Dorothy Café finished the day's ringing at Trumpington. Many thanks to Miss K. Willers and Mr. T. R. Dennis, who helped to put these towers at the disposal of the ringers. F. S. M.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting on October 11th at St. Michael's, Thornhill, was a special occasion for the Barnsley District Society, when gratitude was expressed to Mr. Daniel Smith who, owing to ill health, has resigned the secretaryship after 25 years in office. On behalf of the District, Canon Coney presented Mr. Smith with an electric blanket and a bedside tea-making outfit.

The Canon recalled that when he came to Felkirk, Mr. Smith and Mr. Harold Chart were amongst the first people he met.

Mr. John R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, also spoke of Mr. Smith's good work as secretary and the help he gave to young ringers. Mr. Smith thanked the members for their gift and said he had not expected anything for his services.

The vote of thanks to the Canon and wardens for the use of the bells, to Mr. Dyson, Scargill, and the local company for the arrangements, and Savile Arms for the excellent tea, was proposed by Mr. Noel F. Moxon. Fourteen towers were represented at the meeting.

The next meeting will be at Wath-on-Dearne on November 8th.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The meeting of the Saxmundham District at Tunstall and Blaxhall on September 20th was well attended, and many methods were rung. The Rector of Tunstall took the service and also organised the tea, for which all were grateful.

At the business meeting a rough outline was given of reducing the number of districts in the Suffolk Guild. It is hoped that a full attendance of members will be present at Leiston on November 15th when this will be discussed fully. New members elected were Mr. W. Wells, Saxmundham, ringing member, Mr. Thomas Cooke, Mrs. Thomas Cooke and Miss Brenda Cooke, of Darlington, Yorkshire, non-resident life members. A. R. B.

THE LATE MR. JOHN L. MORRIS' PEALS

Below is appended the list of peals rung by the late John L. Morris, of Orpington, Kent. His peals were rung in 111 towers and 15 counties, for 15 Associations (143 peals rung for the Kent County) and with 307 ringers.

TOWER BELL PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 3, 2 methods 1 (conducted 1), and one each in 3, 4, 5, 11 and 13 methods.

Minor.—Plain Bob 9 (3), Cambridge Surprise 2, 3 methods 4 (1), 4 methods 6 (2), 5 methods 2, 7 methods 13 (1), 10 and 13 methods two each, one each in 8, 9, 12 and 15 methods, 7 Surprise 2 (1), 9 Surprise 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 8, Oxford Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 21 (4), Kent Treble Bob 2, Little Bob 2, Double Norwich 14 (1), one each of Double Oxford, Ashbourne College and Spliced Kent, Oxford and Plain.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 10 (2), Yorkshire 12 (3), New Cambridge 4 (1), Lincolnshire 4, Rutland 3 (1), Bristol 12 (1), London 5, Ealing 2, one each (conducted) of Aldenham, Dorchester and Fordcombe, one each of Belgrave, Branston, Cornwall, Erith, Hallam, Pudsey, Richmond, Suffolk, Superlative and Teddington, Spliced in 2 methods 1 (1), 3 methods 2 (2), 4 methods 6 (1), and one each in 5, 7 and 10 methods.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3 (including 12,740), Kent Treble Bob 2, Pontefract Surprise 1.

Cinques: Stedman 2.

Tower bell total: 199 (29).

HANDBELL PEALS—3: Plain Bob Minor, Plain Bob Major, Little Bob Major.

Combined total: 202 (29). I. H. O.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Many young ringers took part in the autumn festival of the Mid-Cornwall Branch held at St. Erme on October 4th. About 90 ringers were present, representing the towers of St. Mewan, St. Stephen-in-Brannel, St. Erme, St. Ewe, Tywardreath, St. Dennis, St. Columb Minor, St. Gorran, St. Newlyn East, Perranzabuloe and Truro Cathedral.

A service was conducted by Canon R. O. Oatey (rector), who also preached. The organist was Mr. N. J. Trethewey, and among those attending were Mr. W. H. Southeard and the Rev. A. S. Roberts (vice-presidents).

The judges for the test ringing were Messrs. J. Keatt and A. Lock. The standard was above average, and 18 first-class certificates were awarded. The ladies of St. Erme Church provided a splendid tea and refreshments in the evening.

An invitation to hold the spring festival at St. Columb Major was accepted.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

The Chertsey District meeting at Send on October 11th got away to a slow start, mainly due to ringers being kept in their own towers by weddings. However, the younger members had plenty of Grandsire Doubles before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. Sylvester). A thought-provoking sermon was preached by the curate of Chobham (Rev. B. T. Thompson).

The usual sumptuous Send tea was laid on in the school by Mr. Strudwick and his helpers. It was agreed that a gift of glassware be given to Miss Hazel Hancock as a wedding present.

Ringing continued till 8.30 in methods up to Cambridge Minor. Altogether 34 ringers attended, most of them being District members.

R. C.

THE CONDUCTOR'S LAMENT

'Twas October 1st, six ringers arrived,
A peal to attempt, the method Grandsire.
Bell raised, ropes adjusted, off we go;
To lose this peal would be a blow.

Been ringing for one hour, nearly two,
One hour more then we'll be through.
The striking's depreciated, let's give a shout.
'Come on now—do better than that!'

The fifth is the culprit, our John helps him out.
'Under and over me, pass treble, go down,
Lead this time, Percy, keep your bell up.
Stretch up higher and don't let it drop.'

Something is wrong, I can sense it somehow.
Oh, Percy! What have you done now?
The shock is too great, our Kath she calls
'Stand,'
For one pair of trousers lay flat on the ground.

Sunday morning, 10.30, our Percy arrived,
Despite lots of leg-pulling, well he survived.
'Don't do it again, Percy, or you'll get reported.'
'Not me,' says he, for BRACES he'd sported.

K. M. YEO.

[High Halden, Kent, October 1st.]

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: K. Hainsworth 1, Miss M. V. Copping 2, Miss S. M. Taylor 3, R. E. Moulds 4, D. S. Hollas 5, V. Bottomley 6, G. F. Bryant 7, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 8. For harvest festival. The band would like to associate this with the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Thurmott.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ward is 581, Middleton Road, Chadderton, Oldham. They desire to thank those who rang for their wedding, and also Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sangwin, and ringing friends in Plymouth, Stratton and Bude for a happy holiday. 3215

The address of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alan Ainsworth is now 35, Denhill Park, West Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, 5. 3214

The home address of Mr. F. Eric Roberts is now Link's Field, Peterstow, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire. Tel. Ross-on-Wye 2673. 3231

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HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED for the Derwen Cripples' Training College, Oswestry, a set of handbells, two octaves diatonic. Please reply to H. Higgs, Highbury, Havelock Road, Shrewsbury. 3174

MISCELLANEOUS

BROMLEY, KENT.—There will be no practice on November 4th.—D. Martin, Sec. 3154

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—First of a series of monthly practices is on Friday, Oct. 31st, at Geddington. Five bells available, 7 to 8.30 p.m. 3221

ST. MARY'S, HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—Will our many ringing friends please note that in future, practice will be held on Tuesday, 7.30 to 9 p.m., and not on Monday. 3230

TO CONDUCTORS.—Make a point of presenting a copy of 'The Ringing World' to those who ring their first peal or quarter peal. Send 6d. with report.

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting at South Cadbury, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. Badman, Evercreech. 3183

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting at Ilkeston on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) 3 to 5 p.m. and 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Fletcher, 30, Margaret Avenue, Ilkeston.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 3202

DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Bentley, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. November meeting, Campsall. 3227

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Dumbleton, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 3237

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North East Branch.—Saturday, Oct. 25th, practice meeting, Silverton (8), 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 3176

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting with Sussex County at Rotherfield, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Names for tea to W. Rogers, Vine Cottage. Look up Yorkshire.—C. A. Bassett. 3205

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3195

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting at Much Wenlock, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea.—H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock. 3162

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Shepshed, Leics, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Own tea arrangements. Bells 3 p.m.—P. C. Clarke, Sec. 3206

WEST SUFFOLK.—A practice meeting at Barrow (5) on Saturday, Oct. 25th, 2.45 to 4.30 p.m., and Horringer (8), 5.30 to 9 p.m.—L. Wright, Organiser. 3194

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 321st anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on November 1st, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Applications for tickets (18s. 6d.) by Oct. 27th, please. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 11 to 12.15; St. Lawrence Jewry, 2 to 3; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3 to 4.15; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5.15. — John Chilcott, Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 3211

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Hatton on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 29th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warwicks. 3244

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith (6), Saturday, Nov. 1st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. Train 1.5 p.m., Derby, all stations; return 8.38 p.m. from Chapel. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 3233

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. A. Ainsworth, 35, Denhill Park, Newcastle, 5. 3241

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6) on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3223

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Maldon, All Saints', Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3131

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City and Bristol Rural Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st, St. Stephen's (10), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., St. James' Church House, Whitson Street. Meeting follows. 3229

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Newton St. Cyres, 7 to 9 p.m. 3238

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting at Worthen, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 3218

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Royston, Saturday, Nov. 1st, 5.30 p.m. Special method, Lincolnshire Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3216

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Rickmansworth, on Saturday, Nov. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 29th.—K. R. Dunstan, 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley, Herts. 3224

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Rishton, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. A café near the tower.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3234

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Whittington-in-Lonsdale, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea provided.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 3240

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st, Hindley. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 3243

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Co-operative Café, High Street, Leicester, 7 for 7.15 p.m. New first-class entertainment. Tickets (price 11s.) from undersigned by Oct. 30th. Ringing arrangements: South Wigston (8) 2 to 4, Belgrave (8) 2 to 4, Humberstone (6) 2.30 to 4.30, Aylestone (8) 3 to 5, Birstall (8) 3 to 5, St. Margaret's (12) 4 to 6, St. Mary's (8) 4 to 5, St. John's (10) 5 to 7, All Saints' (8) 5 to 7 p.m. Please note that the Cathedral bells (12) will be available for general ringing from 5 to 6.10 p.m. *only*. Visitors welcomed.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (Wigston 3244). 3165

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bring own food—cups of tea provided. Deeping St. James' not available.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3201

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st. All Saints', Burton (6), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Modwen's, Burton (8), available following tea in St. Modwen's Schoolroom at 5 p.m. All welcome. 3222

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Bucknall on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 29th, to R. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 3239

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Linslade, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) 5 to 6 and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 3225

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Sibbertoft, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 3236

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Rowell (6), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 3228

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 1st, West Bridgford. St. Giles' (8) available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements—local cafés.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 3187

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Preston St. Mary, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Hunt, Manor Cottage, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury, Suffolk. 3200

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tea at Hartfield 5.15 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. 3226

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Bournemouth, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available: St. Peter's, 3 to 4.45 p.m.; St. John's, 6 to 7.30 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday previous, to W. T. Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 3219

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting, Waltham Abbey, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in nearby hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Austin, 33, Sun Street, Waltham Abbey. 3217

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Berkhamsted, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 5th, to Mr. Porritt, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted.—J. Good. 3213

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Banham, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 4th, to Mr. J. Rout, The Nilgiris, Banham, Norwich.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Branch Sec. 3220

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Tea only for those who notify me by previous Monday.—F. W. Hancock. 3235

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Shifnal, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday to J. Vaughan, 15, Park Street, Shifnal. Important business—a good attendance is requested. 3232

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Nov. 15th, at Handsworth. Please note the change of date. Details later.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 3242

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
DINNER
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, 6.15 for 7
at
CHIESMANS GEORGIAN RESTAURANT,
MAIDSTONE
Tickets (12s. 6d.) from District Secretaries or direct from Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham, Maidstone.
Ringing on Maidstone's new bells during afternoon. 3137

QUARTER PEALS

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 5th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 552 Kent): N. Buckland 1, M. Hill 2, Joan Gray 3, J. Laver 4, W. Naylor 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 11th, at the Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Devereux 1, M. Sprackling 2, Miss P. Sprackling 3, E. Penn 4, A. Smith (cond.) 5, N. Sprackling 6. To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Sprackling.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Chase, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Issitt 1, Miss P. Lumbers 2, Mrs. D. Porter 3, L. J. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. For harvest thanksgiving.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Howe 1, G. Cutts 2, G. R. Hiner 3, F. Brunt 4, J. I. Nuthrown 5, B. Heppenstall 6, M. O'Gram 7, T. Cutts (first as cond.) 8. First of Plain Bob Major for 1, 5 and 7.

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

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THE following is believed to be a complete schedule of Principles rung to peals. It is a very short list, and apart from Stedman, none of the methods can be called standard. Peals in new Principles are very rare indeed. Several reasons probably contribute to this lack of interest in Principles, such as the difficulty of ringing without a fixed hunt bell and lack of musical compositions. Also, of far more importance, the production of the methods themselves has one great difficulty. For although hunt-controlled methods can be written down and require no proof of truth in the plain course, it is necessary to check the plain course of any Principle to ensure that it is true within itself. Now that the composition of peals for hunt-controlled methods has almost become an automatic art, our leading composers may have to turn to Principles for fresh fields of composition.

Stedman Triples.—5,040 at St. Peter Mancroft on October 25th, 1731, and at St. Michael Coslany on December 6th, 1731, by local bands of Norwich Scholars.

Stedman Caters.—5,076 at St. John's, Horsleydown, Southwark, on May 28th, 1787, by the College Youths.

Stedman Cinques.—6,204 at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Westminster, on October 6th, 1788, by the College Youths.

Stedman Major.—5,037 at Aston on February 17th, 1856, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Stedman Royal.—5,184 at Aston on October 21st, 1876, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Bob Major Triples.—5,040 at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on May 20th, 1738, by the Union Scholars, 'containing the Treble Leads and Bobs of ye compleat peal of 40320 Bob Major, Eight In.' The method is Original with bobs made on the front (thirds instead of lead) and the composition is believed to have had all the bells affected by bobs.

Original Triples.—5,040 at Bushey on October 16th, 1926, by the Hertford County Association. The composition had the seventh acting as a plain hunt bell throughout.

Original Major.—5,000 at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on August 26th, 1908, by the Yorkshire Association.

Maidstone Major.—5,760 at St. John's, Wakefield, on August 18th, 1809, by the St. John's Youths. Also two peals at Borden, Kent, in 1813 by the Borden Youths.

Shipway Major.—5,120 at St. John's, Manchester, on March 31st, 1840, by the St. John's Youths. Also 5,002 at Kidderminster on January 31st, 1900, by the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Cox's Caters.—Rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on December 7th, 1845, probably by the Surrey Youths of Camberwell, with John Cox as conductor.

Duffield Major.—5,000 at Duffield on October 8th, 1887, by the Midland Counties Association.

Duffield Royal.—5,040 at Duffield on March 19th, 1888, by the Midland Counties Association.

Duffield Maximus.—5,040 at Birmingham on March 17th, 1891, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Forward Major.—5,088 at Deritend on February 8th, 1889, by the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Association.

Forward Royal.—5,000 at Loughborough on January 3rd, 1890, by the Midland Counties Association.

Forward Maximus.—5,040 at Birmingham on January 13th, 1903, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Erin Triples.—5,040 at Gateshead on June 5th, 1909, by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild.

Erin Caters.—5,076 at North Shields on July 12th, 1909, by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild.

Erin Cinques.—5,063 at West Bromwich on September 23rd, 1911, by the Stafford Archdeaconry Society.

Aston Major.—5,008 at Handsworth on September 18th, 1909, by the Midland Counties Association.

Aston Royal.—5,120 at Aston on December 11th, 1909, by the Midland Counties Association.

Handsworth Major.—5,056 at Handsworth on June 11th, 1910, by the Midland Counties Association.

Handsworth Royal.—5,120 at Aston on November 26th, 1910, by the Aston Youths.

Shilton Major.—5,184 at Earl Shilton on April 9th, 1932, by the Midland Counties Association.

Spliced Erin and Stedman Triples.—5,040 at Bushey on August 26th, 1939, by the Hertford County Association.

Spliced Erin and Stedman Caters.—5,133 at Newcastle upon Tyne on January 27th, 1925, by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild.

Scientific Triples.—5,040 at Hampton-on-Thames on July 5th, 1958, by the Middlesex County Association.

Of the above methods, Maidstone Major and Cox's Caters are not known.

Stedman Major and Royal as rung by the St. Martin's Youths were in Johnson's variation and not that given in Shipway.

Aston is believed to be the same as Handsworth, but with the Double Kent places in 3-4 instead of 5-6.

Scientific Triples can be found in 'The Ringing World' of July 18th, 1958.

Forward is a treble bob hunt for all the bells, with Kent places in 3-4.

The following methods might arouse some interest in the field of Principles:—

Shipway	Shilton	Handsworth	Stedman
12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21346587	21435687	21354768
24135678	12435678	21346578	23145678
42316587	21436587	12436587	32416587
24361857	24163857	21345678	23461857
23468175	42618375	12435687	24316587
32641857	42163857	12346578	42361857
36248175	24618375	21436587	43216587
63421857			34261857
64328175	26481735	24163857	43628175
46231857			46382715
42638175			64328175
24683715			
42867351			63482715
48263715			
84627351			
86423715			

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REVIEW

'A Handbook of Grandsire Caters.' Edgar C. Shepherd. (1s. post free, from Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Four Winds, School Lane, Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Rugby.)

One pleasing feature of the present day is the work of a few expert ringers in publishing, usually at a loss it must be admitted, pamphlets and handbooks on a variety of topics. Within the last year we have had made available to us through the efforts of individuals, belfry prayers, beginners' helps and collections of Doubles and Triples methods. Certainly Mr. Shepherd is to be thanked for having filled yet another need of the interested ringer.

At a time when the music of ringing appears to take second place to the intricacy of method construction, it is refreshing to find Mr. Shepherd, through his latest contribution to the study of change-ringing, reminding us of the attractions of Grandsire Caters, generally accepted as the most musical of methods.

Here we have, in ten pages of typescript, all that a conductor needs to be told about the subject. After a prefatory note—not quite so complete as one would wish—there follow 70 touches of various lengths from 269 to 593 and six excellent quarter peals. Next we are presented with a 'utility' peal in three almost equal parts, which the average conductor could learn in a quarter of an hour. We are then given a table with 12 opening courses in the tittums, 12 in the 'inverted' tittums and 12 courses to turn the bells from tittums to the handstroke-home position. A most useful transposition table shows us the callings that leave the three back bells undisturbed. The handbook concludes with brief but adequate notes on the proof of Grandsire Caters.

A minor criticism is that the terms '8—2,' '9—2,' '89' and '98' are not explained in the text, and experience has shown that these are not usually understood by beginners. A further point is the unwieldy format of '7 x 8½,' but the use of the typewriter and the need to keep down the cost of production have dictated this. NOLAN GOLDEN.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Aston Parish Church on October 4th.

Before commencing the ordinary business of the meeting, the Master (Mr. Frank E. Haynes) referred to the sudden death of Mr. John Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green. An accomplished ringer, both on handbells and tower bells, John Thomas had been a frequent and welcome visitor to Birmingham and, by his quiet and unassuming manner, had endeared himself to all those members of the Guild who had been privileged to ring with him. The members stood in silence as a token of respect to his memory.

Mr. M. F. Hall and Mr. R. Bond, both ringers at Handsworth, and Mr. P. Faulks, of Warwick, were elected members, and the tower election of Miss P. Bourn, of Welwyn Garden City, was duly ratified.

The next meeting, the annual, will be held in the City as customary, but as the St. Martin's Hotel is no longer available permission will be sought for the use of the new Church Hall at St. Martin's. The Master reminded the members that, on this same day, January 3rd, the Universities' Association hold their annual meeting and dinner in Birmingham, and that it may be necessary to hold the Guild meeting early in the evening. Several towers will be available for ringing on this occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ainsworth, of Newcastle upon Tyne, were very welcome visitors to the meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Aston (Canon Guy Warman) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Brian Downie, who had made arrangements for tea immediately prior to joining H.M. Forces.

5,184 DEBENHAM COURT

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F	I	H	6ths	O	4ths	2 3 4 5 6
—				—		3 2 6 5 4
				S		3 6 2 5 4
				—		6 2 3 5 4
—			—		—	5 3 2 6 4
				—		3 2 5 6 4
				—		2 5 3 6 4
—		—				2 4 3 5 6
	—			—		5 3 4 2 6
				—		3 4 5 2 6
				—		4 5 3 2 6
	S			—		5 3 2 4 6
				—		3 2 5 4 6

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3 2 4 6 5	—	X	—	—
4 3 2 6 5	—	X	—	—
2 3 5 6 4	—			

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