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WINDSOR CASTLE BELLS

PROBABLY no bells have a closer connection with the Kings and Queens of England than those in the Curfew Tower of Windsor Castle. Part XVII. of 'The Church Bells of Berkshire,' by Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., is devoted exclusively to this tower, the bells of which hang in a massive oak frame, dating in part from 1497. The five largest bells have swung in the same pits since 1612, and their mediæval predecessors probably did the same. There is a persistent tradition that the tenor bell, now 26 cwt., at some time weighed 36 to 40 cwt. While Mr. Sharpe and other writers can find no documentary evidence to support this theory, which was stoutly upheld by a former towerkeeper, it would have been possible to hang a bell of this size in the space now occupied by the three smallest bells.

The first St. George's Chapel was erected in the 13th century, and a writ issued in 1243 was for the provision of a stone turret at the front of the chapel to house three or four bells. This was erected in probably a similar fashion to those at St. Paul's Cathedral and Salisbury Cathedral, and four bells obtained from Master John de Seynt from surplus metal which remained after the casting of the great bell at Westminster. Of John de Seynt nothing is known.

Accounts for the years 1352-3 reveal that a belfry was erected on the roof of the chapel, but whether bells were hung in this belfry and proved a failure, or whether this scheme was abandoned in favour of another, is not known. Some seven years after the erection of the belfry on the chapel roof, a stone tower, known as 'Belfry Tower,' was erected and bells in it from about 1360 to 1475. These were a ring of four, George, Mary, Jesus and John, and the great clock bell, Edward. In 1378 ten ringers were paid for ringing the bells for three days on and after St. George's Day.

In 1475 King Edward IV. issued a patent for the removal of the bells to the Clewer or Curfew tower. The tenor bell, Jesus, was recast in 1598 by Richard Eldridge, of Wokingham and Horsham, but this bell was short lived, as in 1612 the Dean and Chapter called in John Wallis, the celebrated Salisbury bellfounder, to recast the five bells and to add a larger tenor to them to form a ring of six. The new tenor was to be made out of the large clock bell, Edward. Although Wallis was an exceptionally fine craftsman, five times he melted down and remade the bell, and, according to the Dean and Chapter, each time it 'sounded badly and always became worse.' In spite of all his endeavours, Wallis could not produce a bell to the satisfaction of the Dean and Chapter, and it was sold for £115 6s. 10s., its weight being 29 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. This left the tower with the five smallest bells of an incomplete ring of six. In 1623 the Chapter decreed that a new great bell be made, and this is the present tenor. It bears the date 1614 and the initials of John Wallis, but there is no record of its purchase or the bellfounder's name. The date on the bell, writes Mr. Sharpe, remains a mystery. Some have thought that Wallis kept the old bell and resold, or gave it back to the college after a lapse of ten years. While agreeing that to make the Dean and Chapter a present of it would be consistent with what we know of his character, the writer is sure that Wallis did not keep the old bell.

In the Curfew Tower to-day there are two bells cast by William Whitmore in 1650—Wallis's treble of 1612, which is the third and also the second. Thus in 1650 there was a ring of eight, and no further alterations were made until 1741, when the treble was recast by Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, and four years later he recast the fifth, which was again recast at Whitechapel in 1898. The present ring accordingly is three bells dated 1612, one 1614, two 1650, one 1741 and one 1898.

The bells are chimed for the daily services by means of an Ellacombe apparatus, and are rung on special occasions by a band of ringers appointed by the Dean and Canons. Five peals are recorded on tablets on the walls. The oldest, 5,040 Union 'Trebles,' is dated February 21st, 1748, and was rung with two men on the tenor (Will Cock and Berry Manley). The second is 'a true and complete peal of 5,040 Grandsire Tripples,' rung by the College Youths on April 10th, 1787, called by James Worster from the second. On this occasion there were two men on the seventh and two on the tenor. The other three are contemporary with the present time. On May 6th, 1935, 5,056 Bob Major was rung, conducted by Mr. E. S. T. Farr, with Mr. A. R. Pink on the tenor; on June 8th, 1946, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. N. V. Harding, in commemoration of Victory Day; and on May 9th, 1951, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. L. Stilwell.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	KENNETH PARK	7
JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND	8
PETER WOODWARD	3	JOHN H. KIRBY	9
HOWARD SCOTT	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	10
*RONALD DUCKER	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	11
H. DAVID HOLLAND	6	*DAVID JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal on 12 bells. First peal on the augmented bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF 5075 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	DAVID J. KING	7
ARTHUR H. REED	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	9
WILFRED WILLIAMS	4	DENNIS RANDALL	10
JACQUELINE S. KING	5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	11
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	6	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
Rung for the marriage of Miss Dianne Napier and William Pye, sidesman at the Cathedral.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

ARTHUR GIBBS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	8
MARGARET A. SWANN	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	9
RONALD C. NOON	4	JOHN FREEMAN	10
PETER A. SHARP	5	JAMES R. TAYLOR	11
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

TEN BELL PEAL

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
ALAN J. FROST	2	*GILES C. GALLEY	7
JOHN D. ROCK	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	8
*ANTHONY V. QUEEN	4	PHILIP MEHEW	9
WILLIAM T. COOK	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DORCHESTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21 cwt.

*†WENDY S. BONGARD	*Treble*	*R. JOHN VARDY	5
*†JOHN W. PORTER	2	*BETTY J. DYKE	6
MARGARET M. GODLEY	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7
RICHARD H. DUKE	4	†ERNEST H. AMEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal at first attempt.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn, who was to be inducted as Rector of this parish on September 8th.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*KEITH S. IRELAND	*Treble*	IVOR G. HUGHES	5
†CHARLES H. WEBBER	2	GEOFFREY G. GAMMON	6
STANLEY N. BRISTOW	3	DAVID T. NORTH	7
GEOFFREY M. SALTER	4	‡W. ARTHUR RIDDLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID T. NORTH.
* First peal of Triples. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal.
Rung for the enthronement in Wells Cathedral of the Rt. Rev. Edward Barry Henderson, as the 74th Bishop of Bath and Wells.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

COLIN R. MILNTHORPE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY CHEETHAM	5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	6
HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	3	*JOHN H. FIELDEN	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	NORMAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARRETT (C.C.C. 200). Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* 50th peal. 100th peal in Todmorden.
Rung to mark the 125th anniversary of the consecration of the church. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*†A. BENJAMIN COOPER	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	5
MICHAEL COOPER	2	KENNETH RUTLAND	6
MRS. BESSIE HOLMES	3	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* 25th peal together. † 100th peal.
Rung in honour of the coming-of-age of Helen Cooper, only daughter of the treble ringer, and her engagement to J. S. Thompson, B.Sc., of Almondbury, Huddersfield. Also as a birthday compliment to Alan D. Rooke, elder son of the seventh ringer.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-Part. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*JENNIFER SHIELDS	*Treble*	JOHN A. RUSSELL	5
MRS. NELLIE BRIDGES	2	PERCY PAGE	6
EDWARD MILSTED	3	ARCHIE HINKLEY	7
HERBERT LUCK	4	JOHN TUMBER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. RUSSELL.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to John A. Russell, and also to A. Stone, of the local band.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

ANDREW BECKWITH	*Treble*	ALFRED LITTLE	5
MARION MILLS	2	RONALD SUCKLING	6
HAROLD MOORE	3	PETER WOOD	7
*WILLIAM CHAPMAN	4	GEORGE SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the dedication festival.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN FREEMAN	*Treble*	*DAVID LEWIN	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	†MICHAEL FREEMAN	6
†BARBARA BANGHAM	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
*MICHAEL BANGHAM	4	DAVID VINCENT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.
* First peal. † First of Major.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of the present church.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
CAROL FERNLEY	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEOFFREY UPSTELL	*Treble*	ROGER HARVARD	5
EDWARD HARTLEY	2	THOMAS YEOMANS	6
BRYNLEY TAYLOR	3	MICHAEL J. DAY	7
NIGEL LAMPING	4	TREVOR T. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by TREVOR T. LEWIS.
* First peal.
Rung to welcome Michael Day to the district, and to wish him success in his studies at college.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (Grove's transposition). Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL ..	*Treble*	†ALEC W. FRY	5
WILLIAM T. GODFREY ..	2	†CHRISTOPHER REDWOOD	6
*RON KIDDLE	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7
†A. ROBERT PARGETER ..	4	*JOHN M. LONG..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, containing 2,560 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, with 69 changes of method, and all the bells doing all the work of both methods. Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR GIBBS	*Treble*	BRYAN PATTISON	5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES ..	2	JAMES R. TAYLOR	6
*MICHAEL G. SELBY.. ..	3	GERALD C. HEMMING ..	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.
Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb.

GEORGE W. HUGHES.. ..	*Treble*	BARNABAS G KEY	5
MRS. G. W. HUGHES ..	2	KEITH WILLIAMS	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	KENNETH W. KNOWLES ..	7
E. MARION KEY..	4	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughes on their silver wedding anniversary.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 2, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 25 cwt.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	DAVID T. DARBY ..	5
*CLIFFORD BIRD..	2	*†‡§GEOFFREY R. DREW..	6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT.. ..	3	‡HENRY TOOKE	7
†WILLIAM CLOVER	4	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together. § 75th peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JOHN R. GILDEN	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	5
SHIRLEY HARRIS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY.. ..	6
*EILEEN M. FEARN	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
*CAROL FERNLEY	4	†BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal on the bells and 25th on the tenor. First in the method by all, and for the Guild.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	6
*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT..	3	GERALD C. HEMMING ..	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT ..	4	*CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. First of Surprise as conductor.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.)
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM BUTLER	*Treble*	KENNETH BUCKINGHAM ..	5
E. DENNIS POOLE	2	RICHARD E. DEAN	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	7
HOWARD OGLESBY	4	DEREK STONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
Rung in memoriam George Gilbert, a respected member of this Branch.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

JEAN HORTON	*Treble*	J. RICHARD WILSON	5
HAROLD F. WOOD	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
BASIL W. WHITE	3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
Rung for the dedication festival, and to mark the completion of 16 years as rector by the Rev. G. H. W. Royle. It was also rung on the 56th anniversary of L. Stilwell's first peal on these bells.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

STANLEY E. BENNETT ..	*Treble*	RONALD C. NOON	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT ..	6
*CYRIL R. BURRELL.. ..	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	4	GERALD C. HEMMING ..	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUNNYMEDE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

CELIA F. WHITFELD.. ..	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
WILLIAM S. DEASON.. ..	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	4	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES WILLIAMS	*Treble*	HAROLD PARKINSON ..	5
FRED KENDAL	2	HAROLD HAMER	6
JOHN HILL	3	*GERALD COPPIN	7
JACK BRACEWELL	4	JAMES WALSH	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.
* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'
Rung to commemorate 50 years' service as ringers of the third and fourth; also the birthday of the treble ringer.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ERIC P. WOOLGROVE ..	*Treble*	†DAVID E. HOUSE	5
*JOHN R. FAITHFULL ..	2	*MICHAEL J. THOMAS ..	6
*JANICE E. WILLIAMSON ..	3	ARTHUR W. SAYERS.. ..	7
REGINALD W. REX.. ..	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. † First of Kent Major 'inside.'
Rung for Harvest Festival: also as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. R. O. Stevenson.

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CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Mrs. Bessie Holmes	*Treble*	John S. Seager	5
Dennis A. Smedley	2	George L. Chambers	6
*Linda M. Jones	3	Barry Holland	7
S. Leslie Barlow	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducetd by Richard E. Price.
* First peal 'inside,' aged 12 years.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

Frederick Wigmore	*Treble*	George R. G. Butler	5
Herbert Goakes	2	M. Rowland Reed	6
Sidney Haw	3	Trevor A. Bevis	7
Roy Spencer	4	Thomas Bush	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Trevor A. Bevis.
A compliment to Eddie Boon (72), a ringer at this church, also to John Payne, a ringer at March, both of whom celebrated their birthday this day.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 30 cwt.

James W. Sellen	*Treble*	Alan Wrigley	5
Charles E. J. Norris	2	Ronald E. Norris	6
Thomas Beaumont	3	William A. J. Knight	7
Cyril J. Gould	4	Derek Norris	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. J. Knight.
First peal on the bells since the installation of the new frame.
Rung by the Cathedral band to mark the retirement of the Bishop of Rochester.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edburga.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

Frank R. Barnett	*Treble*	John Clements	4
R. George Morris	2	John C. Slater	5
Derek Price	3	Raymond G. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Clements.
The fifth ringer has now completed Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Elizabeth Anne) to Mr. and Mrs. John Clements. Also as a wedding compliment to Gerald Edwards.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being five callings (fifth observation). Tenor 10½ cwt., approx.

*Raymond A. Ford	*Treble*	John J. Ford	4
Robin I. Ford	2	Eric J. Ford	5
Henry J. Cavill	3	Edward J. Cavill	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric J. Ford.
* First peal, first attempt.
Rung by members of the Spaxton band as a wedding compliment to Ronald D. Short (secretary of the Bridgwater Branch) and Miss Audrey M. Bailey, who were married at Tewin, Hertfordshire, on September 17th.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Rita Gould	*Treble*	Nicholas J. Davies	4
Pauline Fennell	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
Mary S. Taylor	3	Dennis A. Chapman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to Mr. J. T. Hillis (brother of the conductor) and Mrs. Hillis, both honorary members of this Association, home on leave from Aden.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of London Surprise, York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Rachel J. Newstead	*Treble*	George N. Orman	4
Alan R. Andrews	2	Arthur G. Button	5
Roy Duesbury	3	Edward E. Davey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*Stephen J. Perry	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	4
†Leslie L. Willis	2	Derek P. Jones	5
William C. Rhodes	3	Gordon H. Lane	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise.
Rung in honour of the wedding on September 10th at Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, of Patricia R. Tims and D. Keith Lane (brother of the tenor ringer).

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and one each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's. Tenor 16 cwt.

Gerald D. J. Sandwell	*Treble*	Michael J. Hallett	4
*David E. Belcham	2	*Brian Downes	5
*William J. Ellis	3	Alfred J. House	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred J. House.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. G. Hatch, Rector of Rayleigh. A wedding compliment to Brian Howard and June Egglestone; also to Lawrence Beal and Betty Phillips, who were married this day.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being three extents of Plain Bob, one each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 2¼ cwt.

Derek Pardon	*Treble*	Geoffrey M. Brewin	4
Tony Owen	2	Gilbert Larter	5
David T. Darby	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

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SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLNSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

RONALD RUSSELL .. .. *Treble*	EDGAR A. COLE.. 4
DAPHNE P. BROWN 2	ROGER ASHER 5
*ROGER TREVITT 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in two Minor methods .
Rung for the safe gathering in of the harvest.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, consisting of the following extents: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. *Treble*	DAVID T. DARBY 4
THOMAS E. SPIGHT 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5
HENRY TOOKE 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW.. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

First peal in ten methods as conductor.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten callings three times repeated, and one Morris' 240.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

DOROTHY M. RUSHTON.. *Treble*	ROLAND BILLINGS 4
*ALICE M. RUSHTON .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	†GRIFFITH D. THOMAS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and two each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

*PATRICIA LAYCOCK .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 4
JANET E. CLEEVE 2	†STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
ANNE C. GARNETT 3	HAROLD A. MAY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

* First peal. † 25th peal for the Guild.
Rung as a farewell to Miss J. Cleeve, who was leaving for Durham University on October 6th.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

TOM W. CROSSLEY.. .. *Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4
*JOHN L. WHITE 2	KENNETH PARK 5
†TREVOR TARBATT 3	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH PARK.

* First peal 'inside.' † First of Plain Bob Minor. First as conductor.
Rung as a welcome home from Army service in Singapore for Gerald Dale, a member of the Wakefield Cathedral band.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A flat.

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

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung as birthday compliments to Ruth V. Bedford and Stephen J. Bedford.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and one of St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

TOM HARRIS .. .. .. *Treble*	JOHN TICKLE 4
VALERIE LACEY 2	DAVID SWIFT 5
CELIA COWLEY 3	C. WILLIAM HALL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. WILLIAM HALL.

First peal as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Tickle and as a birthday compliment to Tom Harris.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. *Treble*	ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 4
MRS. C. E. COOPER 2	CHARLES E. COOPER .. 5
ROLAND H. COOK 3	*K. JOHN PANTER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

* First peal.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. Ronald Woodcock, of Thorpe Arnold, and Miss Christine Wheeler, bellringer and Sunday School teacher at All Saints'.

CHISLET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of York, Wells, London, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. *Treble*	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
*JOHN R. COOPER 2	RALPH BIRD 5
IAN H. ORAM 3	†A. PATRICK' CANNON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* 250th peal. † First in seven Surprise methods 'inside,' and the 100th tenor in Kent 'turned in' to a peal. First of Surprise and seven methods on the bells.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

RUTH BLACKSHAW .. .. *Treble*	DOREEN ARMSTRONG 4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER.. 2	MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 5
FRANK BRADLEY 3	JOHN HIGGS.. .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.

Rung as a 1st birthday compliment to the son of the tenor ringer.

HILLESDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES LINNELL .. .. *Treble*	CHARLES E. TRUMAN.. .. 4
*RAYMOND A. VICKERS .. 2	WILLIAM A. YATES 5
FREDERICK VICKERS .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

NORMAN LESLIE .. .. *Treble*	†ROY H. JONES.. 4
*PAMELA ROONEY 2	MICHAEL EDNEY 5
DENIS LESLIE 3	EDWARD R. VENN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor, at 11th attempt.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK *Treble*	J. EDWARD BROWN 4
FREDERICK DERRY 2	EDGAR A. COLE.. 5
*PETER A. SLIGHT 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal and first attempt.

SANDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Chester, (2) London, (3) York, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

MARY ROAST .. .. .. *Tenor*	JOE E. G. ROAST 4
PETER J. EVES.. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. 5
*ANDREW HUDSON 3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal.

STOKE DOYLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. RUMBALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising ten six-scores each of April Day and Plain Bob and 22 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

GLADYS A. ASHBY .. .. *Treble*	PERCY AMOS 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 4

GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal on the bells since 1923, which are all by Thomas Eayre, of Kettering, dated 1727.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (Rev. Bryan B. Bell), who is leaving for Poole, Dorset. Also on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, two standard callings. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*MALCOLM PHIPPS .. .. *Treble*	HERBERT T. ROOKE.. .. 4
†MALCOLM FOSTER 2	‡JAMES T. ROOKE 5
GEORGE CHALLANS 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal. First of Surprise as conductor.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

FRANK REED .. .. .. *Treble*	*THOMAS W. WOOD.. .. 4
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 2	REGINALD G. POWELL .. 5
*MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 3	GEORGE S. COUSINS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK REED.

* First peal of Minor. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' to a peal.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Stamford, Rossendale, Hull, Norfolk, Berwick, Hexham and Primrose. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

A. PATRICK CANNON.. .. *Treble*	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4
ANDREW M. MACVE.. .. 2	*IAN H. ORAM 5
JOHN R. COOPER 3	RALPH BIRD .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* 200th peal. First in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

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

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung as a welcome to the newly-inducted Vicar (Rev. J. W. Drew) and Mrs. Drew.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Waterhouse (first quarter) 1, D. H. Paine 2, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 3, J. Forrest 4, Valerie Mepham 5, V. F. Gough 6. Rung to congratulate Pam and Ian McGill on the birth of their first baby, Joanna Elizabeth.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Josephine Hardy 1, Margaret Jones 2, Rita Gould (first 'inside') 3, N. J. Davies (cond.) 4, H. S. Wickens 5, J. R. Cooper 6. For Matins.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: S. Marie Davenport 1, Patricia A. Wardle 2, Sandra E. Chesterton 3, Christine Wakefield 4, P. Martin 5, T. I. Roper 6, R. S. Morris 7, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 8. First of Surprise by local band. For Evensong and with the best wishes of the band to Christine Wakefield, who is leaving for an appointment at High Wycombe.

ASHCHURCH, GLOS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Besthorpe, April Day, Old Bob, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Anne Broxton 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, Albert Halling 3, Arthur Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, R. Key 6. The conductor's 100th quarter peal. For Harvest Festival.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Ann Shiels 2, B. Edwards (first 'inside') 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, R. Broadley 5, M. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwen Reeves 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Ann Shiels 4, R. Broadley 5, M. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Harvest Festival.

BECKFORD, GLOS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Penn 1, A. Pulley 2, Anne Broxton (first 'inside') 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, F. E. Wood 6.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,251 Stedman Caters: Jean Lavender 1, R. W. Hinde 2, J. Schofield 3, F. E. Darby (cond.) 4, Elizabeth Cooper 5, R. J. Cook 6, E. G. Talbot 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, S. F. Kimber 9, L. A. Reece 10. For Evensong.

BRAILLES, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. M. Elliman 1, Miss B. A. Thomson 2, P. S. Bennett 3, R. Winter 4, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 5, G. L. P. Aldhouse 6. First quarter peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Mr. Ray Winter to Miss Beverley Thomson, and Harry Windsor to Miss Joyce Elliman.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1-2 leading): Joan Davey 1, Janet Barker 2, Wanda Harris 3, Sylvia Wood 4, T. Mitchell 5, B. May 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles Plain Bob and Grandsire) with 7, 6, 8 covering: Sylvia Wood 1, B. May 2, E. T. Lee 3, Janet Livingston 4, Doreen Hague (cond.) 5, T. Mitchell 6, D. Livingston 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, W. J. Irving 5, Claude Corderoy (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Patronal Festival. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. L. Bishop 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, Claude Corderoy 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Mills 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, Claude Corderoy 4, A. R. Woodley 5, J. P. Blond (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, P. Corderoy 8. For Harvest Festival.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Church of St. Dunstan, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Phillmore 1, Miss O. Gant (first quarter) 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, A. Butler 6. For Harvest Festival.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: B. Dixon 1, G. Packham 2, R. V. Johnson 3, J. Jeffery 4, J. Herbecque 5, E. Packham 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Boxall 1, Rosemary Stevens 2, F. Godsmark (cond.) 3, G. Packham 4, R. Johnson 5, H. Symonds 6. For the 101st birthday this day of Mrs. Julia Woolven.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. T. Durnford 1, G. Apps 2, B. Dixon 3, Rosemary Stevens 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, R. V. Johnson 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ena Stevens, beloved wife of A. J. Stevens, churchwarden, and mother of Rosemary, ringer of the 4th.

DUMBLETON, GLOS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Halling 1, Nadine Price 2, A. Hawkes 3, F. E. Wood 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, H. Lyes 6.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Trples: Hilary Mason 1, D. Gebbett 2, Eliz. Foulk 3, Jennifer Hitchcock 4, F. W. Stone 5, D. Parker 6, D. Shaw (cond.) 7, J. Macarthur 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

EALING, MIDDX.—At Christ the Saviour, on Oct. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Tomsett 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, A. Fulwell 3, H. J. Eldred 4, M. Gathercole 5, F. Ranson 6, D. Theedom 7, E. Everest 8. A compliment to Miss Jean Scrutton, of the local band, married on previous Saturday to Mr. J. Anderson.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Smith 1, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 2, J. A. G. Ball 3, Mrs. D. Bray 4, G. Miles 5, J. Stevenson 6, A. H. Sturgess 7, A. J. Dye 8. For the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

FARNWORTH & KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Smith 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, N. Tompkins 3, D. Lawson 4, G. Fothergill 5, J. Thornley 6, B. A. Tomlinson (cond.) 7, A. Tomlinson 8. Rung to the Glory of God and to celebrate the silver jubilee of the ordination to the priesthood of the Vicar, Rev. Philip Arthur Wrigley.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss P. Adcock (first quarter of Treble Bob) 1, E. Whiting (cond.) 2, A. Head 3, L. J. Mimms 4, G. Gower 5, R. Plummer 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, W. J. Flatt 8. For Harvest Fertival.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,008 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. A. Bailey 1, Mrs. P. A. Simpson 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, J. E. Cook 4, D. A. Frith 5, H. R. Woods 6, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 7, J. R. Holmes 8. First in method for 1, 2, 4 and 7. For Harvest Festival.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cole 1, Joy Munson (first 'inside') 2, F. H. Erith 3, J. Avis 4, P. G. Erith 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Olga L. Critchlow (first quarter) 1, R. Price 2, H. Worrall 3, N. Waite 4, M. Ling (cond.) 5, Catharine Bean (first quarter) 6.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Coker 1, A. Day (cond.) 2, Amy Coburn 3, L. G. Coburn 4, R. Newson 5, F. C. Jacklin 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

HARSTON, OXFORD.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Dunkley 1, R. Jones (200th quarter) 2, N. Ream 3, J. S. Walker 4, A. Gammon (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Milton 1, B. T. Thompson 2, F. Wills 3, C. P. Yates 4, E. Glass 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, F. Rogers 8. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival as a silver wedding compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. E. Royle.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Graham Roobottom (14) 1, George Roobottom 2, C. A. S. Webb 3, G. Davies 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5, David Eames (15) 6. In memory of Sarah Elizabeth Furr.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Nina Pembrey (first quarter) 1, H. W. Brown 2, S. W. Brown (cond.) 3, J. R. Norris 4, M. C. Wooldridge 5, Angela Hood 6, Penelope C. Clark 7, A. Walsh 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

KEMERTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (Little Aston, Costessy, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Besthorpe, Seighford, Old Bob, April Day and Kennington): Christine Halling 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, Nadine Price 3, F. E. Wood 4, E. W. Penn 5, J. Firkins 6. The conductor's 50th quarter peal in that capacity.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss H. Sharp 1, D. F. West 2, M. E. Downs 3, W. Rouse 4, L. E. Sharp 5, D. E. West 6, E. B. Smith (first as cond.) 7, U. W. Wildney 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Tonie Critchley 1, Linda Hughes 2, Ann Fellows (first of Major 'inside') 3, Susan Funnell 4, Alma Greaves 5, J. K. Foot 6, M. Hart 7, R. J. Gay (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the Bishop of Aston to Evensong, and to celebrate the dedication of the new Church of St. Bede, Brandwood End. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Mary Funnell 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Ann E. Fellows 3, Veronica Miles 4, Susan Funnell 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, R. J. Gay (cond.) 7, J. K. Foot 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. M. Jelley (cond.) 1, P. J. Chilton 2, I. Fraser 3, K. B. Townsend 4, R. Elkington 5, V. Pratt 6, S. Harrison 7, A. Cooke 8. For Evensong of the Dedication Festival.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Evelyn Sharpe (first quarter) 1, A. Stenning 2, E. Nixon (cond.) 3, E. Jarrett 4, A. Terry (first 'inside') 5, M. Wall 6.

LLANFAES, BRECON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): E. J. J. Pollard 1, M. Thomas 2, D. G. Owen 3, H. Owen 4, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 5, M. Johns 6. For the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Association.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: L. Mannering 1, T. E. Sone 2, F. Hogan 3, F. Leeson 4, J. T. Mannering 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, B. Groves 7, B. Baker 8, T. Cross 9, F. Thwaites 10. For Evensong.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cook 1, P. R. Dean (first 'inside') 2, E. D. Poole 3, J. Young 4, Mrs. E. Mead 5, E. Silvey 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. For the Dedication Festival.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Lynne J. Banks (first quarter) 1, Jill M. Lane (cond.) 2, Susan A. Bull (most methods 'inside') 3, D. J. Tubbs 4, D. A. R. May 5, K. S. Owen 6.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Brown 1, A. Millward 2, E. Storey 3, W. Cropley 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Cork 1, R. J. Bray 2, N. Mallett (cond.) 3, T. Ridgeman 4, S. Skinner 5, G. Luxton 6, E. G. Cork 7, S. Gardiner 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Martin 1, C. Mew 2, A. Clayton 3, A. Mann 4, B. Coatsworth 5, J. Perrett 6, L. Allen 7, B. Bull 8. Rung with 8, 7 covering. For Matins, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael Bull, cousin of the tenor ringer.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Hanning 1, F. E. Roberts 2, A. Streeter 3, Freda Hankey 4, W. Inwood 5, G. Olliver (cond.) 6, A. T. Shelton 7, K. Game 8. For Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, Patricia A. Wardle 2, M. G. Wood (first of Stedman) 3, E. Morris 4, R. S. Morris 5, B. M. Smith 6, A. J. Poynor 7, D. W. Stenson (first on eight) 8. For Festal Evensong on St. Michael and All Angels' Day, and to welcome the Rev. R. F. Willis, Rector of Bruntingthorpe, who preached.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chacksfield 1, Mrs. Chacksfield 2, R. G. Blackman 3, Jean Horton 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Charman 6. For Harvest Festival, and in honour of Norman Smith, a Sussex ringer, ordained Deacon this day in Gloucester Cathedral.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Cawser (cond.) 1, Wendy E. Rhodes (longest length) 2, Beryl E. Cawser 3, D. C. Oates 4, A. A. Rackham 5, N. W. Attaway 6, B. J. Hodgetts 7, G. H. Peers (jun.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Ann Collier 2, Ann Pryke 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, Mrs. V. Hales 5, I. Cooper 6. For Evensong.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Charman 1, Miss H. Skinner 2, C. B. Skinner 3, J. H. Newell 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Skinner, parents of the 2nd ringer.

TODDINGTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Hawkes 1, A. Pulley 2, D. Penn (first 'inside') 3, A. Halling 4, F. E. Wood (cond.) 5, Anne Broxton 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Doubles (St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. A. Beaumont 1, T. Randle 2, M. King 3, E. P. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, R. West 6. First in four methods by all except 2. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): J. Avis 1, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 2, A. S. Semken 3, A. E. Leggett 4, J. Towler 5, D. Culham 6.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. Mills 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, K. W. Price 3, B. K. Lewis 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, D. Ashton 6. A farewell to K. Price, who is leaving for Nottingham University.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (non-conducted): Lynda Powell (first quarter) 1, P. Cattermole 2, Valerie Powell 3, A. D. Cook 4, J. E. Pullon 5, L. H. G. Gittins 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving service, also a farewell to P. Cattermole, leaving for King's College, London.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Last January Mr. Basil Langton. of New York. visited Barcombe, Sussex, belfry and, with permission. tape recorded a touch of Bob Doubles. Much to the band's surprise, he visited the tower on Sunday, October 9th, and told the company that the recording had interested his friends in America very much. On this occasion he took another tape recording and photographs of the band ringing 120 Grandsire Doubles. He is also taking to America a copy of the Central Council's handbook.

We regret that an error occurred in the serial numbers of publication in the last four issues. These should be 2,579, 2,580, 2,581 and 2,582. The current issue is 2,583.

We regret to hear that Mr. J. W. Parker, who is living with his daughter, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher at Caister-on-Sea, recently had a fall and is now seriously ill.

The repair work in the belfry at Debenham, Suffolk, has resulted in a smart appearance. The bells were heard at their best during a peal of Yorkshire last Saturday.

Pulborough bells have recently been overhauled by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., and a false ceiling put in the ringing chamber. They are now a pleasure to ring.

A pair of black gloves were left in the belfry of Tonbridge church on October 1st on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Tonbridge District and a gentleman's raincoat exchanged for a lady's! Will owners please contact Mr. Walter Dobbie.

Two young ladies of the Guildford Guild are freshers at Durham University—Miss Sally Buchanan, of Chobham, and Miss Janet Cleeve, of Guildford. A farewell peal was rung for Miss Cleeve at St. Mary's, Guildford, who has had a previous acquaintance of Durham with St. Christopher's Guild.

The quarter peals rung at Chelsfield, Kent, appeared under the heading West Wickham, on page 670. The error, on our part, is regretted. It was a case of assuming that the West Wickham address of the sender was the tower where the performances took place. Will senders of quarter peals, please, write reports in accordance with the published style.

In the attempt, in Hampshire and Berkshire, for five peals in a day in five different towers last Saturday, only four were rung. The attempt for Yorkshire at Highclere, reports Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, was lost after two hours through a miscall.

The peal rung at Dickleburgh, on September 27th (see page 685), was for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Presiding at the Conservative Party conference, at Scarborough, was Cclr. Ted Brown, a Tottenham trade unionist, who according to the Press, hoped to ring at St. Mary's Scarborough, before the end of the conference.

Mr. D. E. Griffin informs us that the peal at Oxendon, on September 24th (see page 669), was the 11th peal on the bells. The 10th was rung on May 7th, 1960.

In a Midland Week of peal ringing Mr. G. E. Fearn and Mr. Jack L. Millhouse each scored 10 peals and Mr. John A. Anderson nine.

Two new trebles have been added to Packworth, Warwicks, church. These were dedicated on September 18th by the Bishop of Aston, and a peal of Plain Bob Triples rung the same day.

The weather caused a disappointment to the ringers of SS. Peter and Paul, Ash, near Sevenoaks, on September 30th, as they intended ringing a quarter peal for the Harvest Festival, the birth of a second daughter to Mr. Guy Jones (a local ringer) and for the first anniversary of the Rector's appointment. There is a silevr lining to every cloud, and success may not long be long delayed.

Just over £200 has been received to provide the Alfred H. Pulling memorial bell at Guildford New Cathedral. The Executive Committee of the Guildford Diocesan Guild have to place an order for the bell in consultation with the architect, Sir Edward Maufe, at an early date, if it is to be in time for the consecration on May 17th in the presence of H.M. the Queen. Considerably more money is, however, required. Donations should be sent to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15 Crondall Lane, Farnham.

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NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

LEICESTER, where the annual meeting and dinner of the National Guild of Police ringers were held on September 24th, has a very special place in the history of the Guild, for it was here that it was formed in 1931, largely through the initiative and enthusiasm of the late Harold J. Poole (ex-Inspector, Leicester City) and ex-Chief Inspector William Bottrill (Metropolitan). So it was with a feeling of being at 'home' that members and friends from Bedford, Bristol, Cornwall, Leicester (City and County), Liverpool, London and Manchester assembled.

The London contingent, because of an early start and a fast run up the M.1, and in spite of some faulty map reading by an ex-R.A.F. navigator, were able to ring on the fine eight at Monks Kirby, Warwickshire, a much-appreciated privilege. Ringing in Leicester was at St. John-the-Divine's, the Cathedral, St. Margaret's and All Saints', some of it good and some indifferent. It was very pleasant to be met at St. John's by Herrick Bowley, Master of the Cathedral band, who was with us for the rest of the day and who at one stage was seen to be standing behind the Master of another quite-well-known Society, reminding the latter when to call the bobs in a touch of Stedman Cinques.

The business meeting was held at Leicester City Police H.Q., with the president, ex.-Sgt. E. C. Turner, in the chair, supported by our indefatigable secretary, P.C. John Smith. The routine business was soon disposed of, and the president then vacated the chair for the election of officers. Regularly each year Mr. Turner says 'The job should go round,' and just as regularly he is re-elected, this year being no exception. John Smith was re-elected secretary/treasurer, with Sgt. Jack Rawson to keep an eye on him in the capacity of auditor, and there were two changes in the committee, which now consists of Messrs. T. R. Butler, G. Amor, C. E. Willmington, N. S. Bagworth, H. R. Woods, B. Walshaw and A. Pearce.

Several new members were elected, and it was decided that if possible the 1961 meeting would be held in Grantham on September 23rd.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

A most pleasing feature of the business meeting was the election of ex-Chief Inspector Bottrill as an honorary life member, an honour which he richly deserves. Mr. Bottrill, who retired from the Metropolitan Police over 20 years ago and who now lives in Luton, has done much for police ringing. In 1912 he took part in the first peal by a band of police officers, which was conducted by P.C. Charge, better known to the Exercise as the late Cornelius Charge, a brilliant composer. Mr. Bottrill also took part in the first peals of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Major by police officers. On the formation of the National Police Guild in 1931, he was elected the first president, subsequently served as vice-president, and conducted the first tower bell peal by the Guild.

The members heard with regret of the death of ex-P.C. Fred Digby, first secretary of the Metropolitan Police Guild and a founder member of the National Guild, who also took part in the first tower bell peal by the Guild.

Under the genial chairmanship of the president, a company of about 60 members and friends assembled at dinner, at which the guests were the Archdeacon of Leicester, the Chief Constable of Leicester and Rutland and the Chief Constable of Leicester City, and their ladies. So ended a most enjoyable day.

It is felt that there must be many ringers in the Police Service, or who have been associated with it, who have had no contact with the Guild. There are two classes of members: (*a*) Full members, i.e., those who are serving or have served in the Police Service as regular officers or full-time auxiliaries (Special Constabulary or War Reserve), and (*b*) Associate members, i.e., past or present members of the Special Constabulary or cadets. Any ringers who are so qualified will be warmly welcomed to the Guild, be they 'scientific' or call-change ringers. The secretary, P.C. John A. Smith, 17, Glen Way, Oadby, Leicester, will be glad to hear from prospective new members. J. P.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 43

MR. BURLEY P. MORRIS
Secretary, Derbyshire Association

Mr. Burley Morris, the popular secretary of the Derbyshire Association, had no easy task when he succeeded Mr. Ben Cooper, of Bolsover, for Ben had served the Association during its formative years, and was very conscientious in carrying out his duties. It is always a big job to follow a good man, but Burley has taken up the task in a very enthusiastic way, and is already proving himself worthy of the trust placed in him.

He had not been in office long before he discovered that a very nice ring of six bells at Bradbourne had not been rung for several years; so, roping in a few helpers, he went there and cleaned the place up, got the bells going again, and they proved to be very pleasant to ring upon. At present he is putting in many hours of really hard work, instructing a band at Chelmorton, where recently a new ring of five bells was installed. Such is the enthusiasm there that they are already raising funds to install another bell, and the local ringers may be sure that they have the support and goodwill of the Derbyshire Association.

Burley Morris was born at Warkton, Northants, in 1912, and was educated at Warkton and Kettering Grammar School. He learned to ring at Warkton when he was 14, and rang his first peal there in 1928. At this time the famous Irthlingborough band was making ringing history, under the late A. Y. Tyler and Walter Perkins. Burley soon found his way there, and rang a good number of peals with them. He also did a lot of ringing at Kettering with David Nichols, another Northants enthusiast, and also such celebrities as C. W. Clarke and Miss Evelyn Steele. He always remained loyal to his own tower at Warkton, ringing regularly for Sunday services, and he called his first peal (Grandsire Doubles) at Weldon in 1930. He is postmaster of Ashbourne, Derbyshire, where he very soon made his presence felt, and soon got the ring of eight bells going regularly for Sunday services. He gets on very well with the clergy, too—a good point for a secretary.

When he was in Northants he served the Peterborough Guild, first as a committee man, then as Central Council representative, then as auditor and finally as Master, from 1955 to 1958. His peals total to date is 181, of which he has conducted 44. Burley is very proud of his membership of the College Youths, and was frequently to be seen in London before he moved to Ashbourne. During his service with the Royal Signals in the 1939 war, his duties took him to Barnet, and he married Miss Mary Swift. Whilst in the district he rang his first peal of Bristol at Barnet, and also a peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods with the famous Bushey band. Burley is of a very friendly nature, and there is no doubt that under his enthusiastic leadership the Derbyshire Association will continue to make good progress.

JAFUS.

LEICESTER GOLDEN WEDDING

Sixty years ago the late Mr. Josiah Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, said to his son Ernest: 'It's about time you learned to ring; come to the practice and bring a friend.' Ernest brought his school pal Fred Staniforth, and they both were taught together at St. Mark's (8) and St. George's (6), Leicester.

A few years later the Staniforth family migrated to Kibworth, and Fred attached himself to the local band, becoming their leader. The two 'pals' kept in touch, and in due course Ernest Morris called the first peals at Kibworth on the six and later the eight bells after augmentation. He also became Fred's best man in 1910, and conducted the wedding ringing.

To mark the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Staniforth, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung by W. A. Bolton 1, Ernest Morris (conductor) 3, A. Martin 4, L. W. Allen 5, N. W. Bolton 6, A. S. Bolton 7, A. Behagg 8. It is noteworthy that besides E. Morris, A. Martin also took part in the original wedding peal 50 years ago!

Apart from being captain of the ringers, Mr. Staniforth is also people's warden, and was a former treasurer of the church. He was formerly a textile manufacturer at Leicester.

SILENT BELLS RING OUT AGAIN

On Sunday morning, October 2nd, the church bells in the tiny Hampshire village of Sydmonton, near Newbury, were heard for the first time for many months when they were rung by a band of ten ringers from Reading, Overton, Kingsclere and Baughurst. The occasion was the harvest thanksgiving, at which the preacher was the Bishop of Southampton.

The church, dedicated to St. Mary-the-Virgin, is beautifully situated in the grounds of Sydmonton Court, and from the tower there is a fine view towards the Hampshire Downs. The bells are six in number (tenor about 8 cwt.), and this is believed to be only the fifth occasion this century they have been rung, the village being too small and too isolated to support a band of ringers of its own.

As is only to be expected, the bells go badly, although they are by no means unringable. They are very noisy inside the ringing chamber, but when heard from outside they have quite a pleasing tone. Grandsire Doubles was the only method rung, but the striking was good taking all things into consideration, and the three young beginners from Kingsclere, in particular, handled these difficult bells extremely well. During the service, both the Vicar and the Bishop expressed their appreciation of the ringing. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to refreshments by Lt.-Col. Kingsmill, of Sydmonton Court, a gesture which was much appreciated.

One young resident of Sydmonton, seeing ringers in action for the first time, has expressed a keen interest in learning the art of change-ringing, and may be able to persuade friends to learn also. With some attention to the bells, and the promise of help from outside, there is every prospect that the bells, even if not rung every Sunday, may at least be heard more often in the future than they have been in the past.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): D. C. Hall 1, I. Knox 2, O. J. J. Rogers 3, K. C. Fleming 4, R. Churchill (cond.) 5, Ann Fisher 6, I. N. Pett 7, G. Jackson 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG IN 1959

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Maximus 4, Cinques 4, Royal 3, Caters 5, Major 10, Minor 1. Total 27.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 10, Triples 5, Minor 11, Doubles 19. Total 49.

Bedfordshire Association.—Royal 4, Major 11, Minor 8 (1). Totals 23 (1).

Cambridge University Guild.—Maximus 1 (1), Royal 2 (4), Caters 2, Major 10 (2), Triples 2, Minor 2 (1). Totals 19 (8).

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 2, Royal 8, Caters 1, Major 60 (1), Triples 1, Minor 32 (2), Doubles 3. Totals 107 (3).

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—Nil.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 10, Minor 2, Doubles 2. Total 16.

Cumberland and N. Westmorland Association.—Major 1. Total 1.

Derbyshire Association.—Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 27, Triples 2, Minor 19, Doubles 1. Total 53.

Devonshire Guild.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Caters 1, Major 17, Triples 7, Minor 5 (1), Doubles 4. Totals 36 (1).

Dudley and District Guild.—Royal 1, Triples 1. Total 2.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Caters 2, Major 23, Triples 8, Minor 18 (1). Totals 51 (1).

East Derbyshire and Notts Association.—Nil.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Major 1, Triples 1, Doubles 1. Total 3.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Maximus 1, Major 15, Triples 2, Minor 22 (4), Doubles 4. Totals 44 (4).

Essex Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 24, Triples 1, Minor 33 (2), Doubles 4. Totals 67 (2).

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 1 (1), Caters 7, Major 12 (1), Triples 9, Minor 20, Doubles 22. Totals 73 (2).

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 14, Triples 5, Minor 12, Doubles 3. Total 36.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Major 2, Minor 1, Doubles 7. Total 10.

Hertford County Association.—Royal 5 (3), Caters 2, Major 42 (8), Triples 1, Minor 28 (4). Totals 78 (15).

Irish Association.—Cinques 1, Royal 6, Major 22, Triples 3. Total 32.

Kent County Association.—Cinques 1, Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 45, Triples 16, Minor 37, Doubles 3. Total 106.

Ladies' Guild.—Major 1, Doubles 1. Total 2.

Lancashire Association.—Maximus 4, Cinques 1, Royal 5, Caters 2, Major 57, Triples 15, Minor 23, Doubles 2. Total 109.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 4, Cinques 1, Royal 20 (1), Caters 4 (1), Major 56 (20), Triples 15 (3), Minor 45 (7), Doubles 8 (3). Totals 153 (35).

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 1 (1), Cinques 4, Royal 3 (3), Caters 1, Major 44 (3), Triples 5, Minor 61, Doubles 6. Totals 125 (7).

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 12, Triples 10, Minor 5, Doubles 5. Total 37.

London County Association.—Royal 4, Caters 1. Total 5.

Midland Counties Guild.—Royal 1, Major 24, Triples 3, Minor 5, Doubles 3. Total 36.

Middlesex County Association.—Royal 1 (2), Caters 1 (1), Major 28 (6), Minor 11, Doubles 2. Totals 43 (9).

National Police Guild.—Nil.

New South Wales Association.—Triples 1 (1). Total 1 (1).

North Staffs Association.—Royal 1, Major 9, Triples 4, Minor 6 (1), Doubles 6. Totals 26 (1).

North Wales Association.—Major 4, Minor 2. Total 6.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Maximus 1, Caters 3, Major 29, Triples 5, Minor 43, Doubles 4. Total 85.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 2, Cinques 1, Royal 4, Caters 2, Major 42, Triples 24, Minor 12, Doubles 15. Total 102.

Oxford Society.—Caters 1, Major 5, Triples 1, Minor 1, Doubles 2. Total 10.

Oxford University.—Cinques 1, Caters 1, Major 15 (2), Triples 1, Minor 3, Doubles 1. Totals 22 (2).

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Caters 1, Major 14, Triples 1, Minor 34, Doubles 18. Total 68.

St. David's Diocesan Association.—Nil.

St. Martin's Guild.—Maximus 3, Cinques 2, Royal 12, Major 26, Triples 1, Minor 2, Doubles 2. Total 48.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Major 4, Triples 2, Minor 5, Doubles 3. Total 14.

Scottish Association.—Royal 1. Total 1.

Sheffield and District Association.—Major 3, Triples 1. Total 4.

Shropshire Association.—Cinques 1, Major 7, Triples 1, Minor 2, Doubles 1. Total 12.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Cinques 1, Caters 1, Major 1, Triples 1. Total 4.

Archdeaconry of Stafford Association.—Royal 4, Caters 13, Major 13, Triples 5, Minor 11 (2), Doubles 6 (4). Totals 52 (6).

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Royal 1, Major 4, Triples 4, Minor 40, Doubles 4. Total 53.

Suffolk Guild.—Maximus 1, Royal 5, Caters 3, Major 25 (2), Triples 3, Minor 36, Doubles 1 (4). Totals 74 (6).

Surrey Association.—Royal 2, Caters 3, Major 12, Triples 3, Minor 10, Doubles 1. Total 31.

Sussex County Association.—Royal 3, Caters 3, Major 28, Triples 2, Minor 17 (1), Doubles 3. Totals 56 (1).

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Major 3, Triples 1, Minor 2, Doubles 2. Total 8.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Major 2, Triples 5, Minor 2. Total 9.

Universities Association.—Major 2, Minor 2 (1). Totals 4 (1).

University of London.—Major 7, Minor 8. Total 15.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Royal 4, Caters 3, Major 16 (2), Triples 4, Minor 6, Doubles 4. Totals 37 (2).

Worcester and Districts Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Caters 2 (1), Major 19, Triples 5, Minor 18, Doubles 8. Totals 55 (1).

Yorkshire Association.—Maximus 4, Cinques 1, Royal 10, Caters 3, Major 55 (2), Triples 3, Minor 37 (10), Doubles (6). Totals 113 (18).

Other Societies and Unattached.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Major 7, Triples 2, Minor 17, Doubles 2. Total 30.

Miscellaneous Performances.—Bob Caters on nine 1. Bob Minimus 1.

Figures in brackets denote handbell peals included in the totals.

ST. MARY'S, EWELL, RINGERS' OUTING

The annual outing of St. Mary's, Ewell, ringers took place on September 17th and no rain marred the enjoyment of the excursion into Sussex and Hampshire, where we were scheduled to visit seven towers. Unfortunately, one of these, at Midhurst, had to be cancelled owing to the funeral of the verger.

Our destination was St. Mary's, Petworth, where the 14th century tower has had two steeples, the first said to have had a perilous list before being removed in 1800 and the second, condemned as being dangerous, was demolished in 1947. This tower has a ring of 8 (tenor 18 cwt.) and the bells were soon ringing merrily to rounds and touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob, by our mixed company, whose experience ranges from 5 months to over 50 years. Those of our numbers most junior in years and stature were somewhat handicapped here by the lack of boxes on which to stand but perhaps these had been used to send the pigeons' eggs to market! Certainly the carpet of pigeon feathers on the steps to the ringing chamber deadened the sound of our footsteps.

On then to the delightful village of Easebourne, to visit another church of St. Mary, with its 8 bells (tenor 11 cwt.). Ringing here from ground level allowed our friends an unimpeded view of operations which they fully appreciated. Our organist, whilst enjoying his own 'touch' on the organ, had to be asked to modify his efforts as they made it difficult for the ringers to hear the results of their own!

Continuing our journey through Sussex on into Hampshire, brought us to Portsmouth, where we all enjoyed an excellent lunch before visiting the Cathedral. Here, the heaviest ring of the day (tenor 25¼ cwt.), augmented to 10 in 1957, caused not a little difficulty to at least one of our learners who had previously not rung on more than 8. An attempt at Double Norwich Court Bob also proved too ambitious, but a most enjoyable session was held before moving on to our third church, dedicated to St Mary at Portsea, where calamity overtook us. The stay of the third of this fine ring of 8 fractured, causing a shock to the ringer and so affecting two timid members of the party that we crept from the tower and calmed our nerves by joining those of our friends who were being conducted round this imposing church by the kindly and informative resident organist.

Back now into Sussex and the town of Arundel where we all partook of an adequate and welcome tea, followed by a leisurely walk up the hill, past the castle, to the Church of St. Nicholas with its ring of 8 (tenor 13½ cwt.), where two of the local ringers joined us for a while. This church would appear to be unique in that access to the tower is from a stairway behind the altar.

Our last tower was yet another church of St. Mary, at Billingshurst, and here we found an indication that winter is nearly upon us for the church was already heated. The bells (8, tenor 12 cwt.) did not go as easily as those in most of the towers we had visited and some of our learners were again grateful for timely assistance and advice from the more experienced. Here too, one of our lady members was observed at one time to be gallantly coping with the second in a touch of Grandsire from what appeared to be a most uncomfortable perch on a very small block of wood!

A total of 50 people were carried in two coaches on the outing, of whom 21 were ringers and learners, and we say a really hearty thanks to those behind the scenes who organised the trip. Although it was a rather lengthy trip (from 7.15 a.m. to 10.30 p.m.) so well was everything organised that we were only 15 minutes late on arriving home. We would like to express our gratitude to all incumbents and tower captains for the use of their bells.

F. W.

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'FIRING AT WINCHESTER'

Dear Sir,—Could I be allowed a further brief comment on this subject, and at the same time rectify a slight inaccuracy contained in Mr. Noice's letter published in a recent issue.

First, I was only a member and a very junior member at that of the party which visited Winchester when the firing under discussion took place. I have no doubt that Mr. Lampard made all the necessary arrangements quoted with our organiser, but I was not personally involved in any way. I wish to stress this point, because the implication could be drawn as a criticism of local arrangements from the leader of a visiting band, which in this instance is mistaken.

Secondly, my opinion on firing is a purely personal one, and is directed at its practice generally. The fact that this particular incident took place at Winchester is irrelevant; I used it merely to illustrate my point.

I respect the right of every tower to do as it pleases to accord with local custom, but I see no reason to withdraw dispassionate criticism of the practice of prolonged firing, whether it takes place at Winchester or anywhere else.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

TOUR REPORTING

Dear Sir,—May I make a plea for a better standard of tour reporting? Generally these are well written and interesting. A few are not worth the space occupied. The almost exclusive use of Christian names in the text reduces the interest of the article immediately. The reporter uses a pseudonym or just his initials often. Humorous asides are inserted, meaning nothing to the majority of readers. If a genuinely amusing incident occurs, let it be reported in full. These faults are tiresome and irritating, as reports of tours and outings should be made to interest the Exercise in general and not only that the few participants can see their exploits in print.

Perhaps, sir, some cutting at editorial level may improve the standard.—Yours faithfully,

Sheffield. RICHARD E. PRICE.

COMMENT ON PEAL TOURS

Dear Sir,—I find it very difficult to understand how ringers can send in a whole page of peals without something to accompany it appearing under 'Gratefully Acknowledged.' To those who are complacent regarding the finances of the 'R.W.', I would say that it will be next January when we shall see the real effect of the rise in price!—Yours faithfully,

Beaminster. JOSEPH T. BARRETT.

RINGING AT WALBERTON

Dear Sir,—The unwelcome publicity given in the national Press to our tower at Walberton gives a completely wrong impression of our relations with the Vicar. The peal which was rung earlier this year was arranged by Mr. Booker with an imported band, without the knowledge or permission of the Vicar, and without informing residents living near the church, who rightly object to three hours' ringing without warning. No one objects to the bells being rung under normal circumstances. We had a 'home' division meeting two days after the Vicar's induction last March: there has been one peal attempt since, and numerous visiting parties. No one is 'locked out of the tower,' and visiting parties and peal attempts through normal channels are welcomed.—Yours, etc.,

B. D. PRICE,
Tower Captain.

Bognor Regis.

Golly, girls, if any of our dairymen join that lot we are in for a rough time!

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On October 8th, members of the Biggleswade District went to the 5-bell tower of Great Barford for their monthly meeting. Ten towers were represented. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until tea, which had been kindly prepared by some of the lady ringers.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. B. Sims taking the chair. The service was conducted by Canon A. J. W. Pym, who is shortly retiring after 40 years, and who has himself been a ringer at this church. One of the ringers, Miss J. Harding, played the organ for the service.

Ringing continued until 8.15 p.m. Next meeting: November 12th, at Southill.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen towers were represented at the Barnsley and District Society's meeting at Hemsworth, near Pontefract, on October 8th. Mr. Noel F. Moxon presided at the business meeting, when it was agreed that the next meeting would be at Horbury, near Wakefield. The local company were thanked for making the arrangements by Mr. Harry Mortemore, and Mr. Charles Moxon responded.

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Methods rung at the Mansfield District Branch meeting at Greasley on September 24th, attended by 35 ringers, ranged from rounds and call-changes to Yorkshire Surprise. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. A. W. Pegler) and tea was served by local ladies.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, Messrs. G. Beaumont and N. Spencer, of Greasley, were elected members. The next meeting will be at Edwinstowe on November 19th. The customary votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Despite the bad weather, some 30 members attended the Devizes Branch meeting at Westbury on October 1st. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Galloway). Tea followed in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. T. Marlow, of Warminster, and Mr. H. Prout, of Melksham, who later went to live and ring at Corsham. Future meetings were arranged for Warminster and Market Lavington, and it was decided to hold practice meetings during the coming months, the first to be held at Westbury. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and also to the ladies who prepared tea.

AN ASFORDBY WEDDING

Miss Christine Wheeler, a ringer and Sunday School teacher at All Saints' Church, Asfordby, Leics, was married at this church on October 2nd to Mr. Ronald Woodcock, of Thorpe Arnold. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. T. H. Pearce).

As the happy couple left the church, to the accompaniment of the bells, the 3rd Melton Mowbray Girl Guides, of which the bride is captain, formed a guard of honour. The reception was followed by a peal on Asfordby bells, rung by the bride's ringing friends of Asfordby, Kirby-Bellars and Great Dalby.

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Reading & Southampton Universities' Tour Of Kent

A FRUITLESS tower grab by a few Reading ringers based on Holmbury youth hostel started off this year's tour on Thursday, June 28th. By Friday evening our numbers had increased by the arrival of some of the Southampton crowd, so we managed call-changes on Ockley's pleasant six. Great plans were made with the help of 'Dove' for some ringing on Saturday during the cycle ride from Holmbury to Kemsing youth hostel. Not all our plans came to fruition but we did ring at Buckland, Limpsfield and Brasted.

Sunday was the official beginning of the tour. We were all to meet at Canterbury Cathedral at 2 p.m. This meant a long, hot and dusty cycle ride for the advance party and also most of the others. It was on this morning that Adrian found a large and beautiful map of Kent lying in the middle of the road and this was used throughout the whole week.

With great enthusiasm we set off on Monday morning to St. Stephen's, Canterbury, where we rang some Duffield by unpopular request. St. Alphege's bells were enjoyable, rung well to London Minor, and also their handbells. In glorious sunshine we ate our picnic lunch before hurrying off to Whitstable where we were given a very pleasant welcome. Sturry was the next tower and here some Undershaft Doubles came round.

MASTER 'ATTACKED'

An unusual evening was spent at Canterbury youth hostel. The warden had kindly borrowed some Beethoven, Chopin and Tchaikowsky records and we listened to these while cooking sausages for the next day's lunch. It seems that a tour never passes without the S.U.G. master being attacked in some way. This year Adrian found his sleeping bag tied up with string and, jumping to the wrong conclusion about the culprit, woke up Fred from his peaceful sleep to get his own back.

Tuesday was dull and drizzly. One bright spot was the sight of Geoff, climbing down from his dormitory on the second floor by means of a rope fire escape. We arrived at Quex Park feeling rather wet and cold so consequently we didn't do justice to the bells. Grandsire Doubles sounded quite impressive rung on the front and back six simultaneously. We were fortunate in being joined by the Rev. Stanley Evans at Birchington and rang some worthwhile Kent. At Margate some Stedman came round after two bobs. The ride to Ash-next-Sandwich was a very rough one but the fine heavy six were worth visiting.

Owing to a slight mix-up over youth hostel accommodation we found that we had to cycle to Doddington before ten o'clock, stopping at Canterbury for a meal on the way. We were so hungry after the gruelling cycling that when we found a café we ordered three to four different meals each. It was quite a task for the proprietor to produce them all with two gas rings. Doddington youth hostel was reached at last just after ten o'clock. The men were amused by their dormitory, a shed in the garden, and a notice saying, 'Leave door open for extra ventilation.'

Wednesday was much brighter. Cambridge went well on the light eight at Hernhill. The Waterloo-tower church of Faversham and Teynham were also visited before lunch. Sittingbourne's magnificent ring sounded well to Yorkshire. Borden's we found rough and difficult to manage, and a plaque in Tunstall belfry aroused interest: "To the glory of God, and in commemoration of his having resided in this parish since his birth here, the chiming clock was placed in this tower by Charles Edward . . ."

A COLLISION

Lenham, Harrietsham and Leeds were visited on Thursday morning. Lenham's newly-rehung eight being particularly enjoyable. While cycling towards Maidstone, Helen and Brian collided and came off their bikes, scattering lunch all around them. Fortunately it was the only accident of the week. We split into two parties to make sure we all got a ring in the full programme of sixes in the afternoon—East Farleigh, Wateringbury and Mereworth. We finished the day well at Wrotham with good ringing on good bells.

It was once more pouring with rain on Friday as we worked our way through Seal, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and by the time Rotherfield was reached a thunderstorm was raging. It began to clear up as we approached Mayfield, the last tower. Brian jumped off his bicycle to run up a hill when we were about 4½ miles away from Blackboys youth hostel. Someone promised him a pint of best bitter if he should run the whole way and before long this offer was increased to 2½ pints of bitter, lunch the next day and a packet of crisps. With such a prize available he managed the run easily but was not too bright the next morning!

Four people joined us on Saturday for our ring at Waldron, Hailsham and the Eastbourne towers. The tour had come to a close at last and we said goodbye to several of the party at tea-time. The few that were left made their way to Alfriston youth hostel and were fortunate enough in getting a ring on Alfriston's pleasant light six after supper.

Our thanks are due to all who made the tour successful; the local ringers for their welcomes and the Southampton Guild for their careful arrangements. It is rumoured that next year's tour will be on four wheels, not two, but whatever form it takes, we look forward to it being as happy and enjoyable as the 1960 tour.

J. M. D. and R. A. B.

WEDDING AT MARKET HARBOROUGH

The wedding took place at St. Dionysius' Church, Market Harborough, on October 8th, between two of the local ringers — Robert Bindley and Gillian Coates. The bridegroom is a committee member of the Market Harborough Branch of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and the bride a member of the Parish Church choir and also a Sunday School teacher.

As the couple left the church, 120 Grandsire Doubles with 7, 6, 8 covering was rung, in which two of the younger members of the band (R. Carr and R. Martin) took part. This was immediately followed by a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples, by the following: N. Spencer (first on eight) 1, A. Martin 2, F. Wallington 3, D. Griffin 4, R. March 5, E. Martin (first of Triples) 6, G. Hollick (conductor) 7, A. Millward 8.

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NEWS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA

On July 30th Dr. Alan Batten, who was a ringer at his father's parish church, St. Mary's, Swynnerton, Staffs, was married to Miss Lois Dewis in St. Philip's Church, Victoria, B.C. Dr. Batten is on the staff of the Astrophysical Observatory, and has been a regular ringer at Christ Church Cathedral since coming to Victoria a year or so ago. The parents of both the bride and bridegroom travelled by air from England to be present at the wedding, and the Rev. G. C. Batten, of St. Mary's, Swynnerton, took part in the marriage service.

After the wedding reception Dr. and Mrs. Batten left by the afternoon steamer for Vancouver, and thence by rail to Banff; as they boarded the steamer they could hear the ringing of the Cathedral bells. It was a unique occasion, as the bells of St. Mary's, Swynnerton, over 6,000 miles away, were also being specially rung for the occasion of the wedding. Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, and his daughter, Mrs. Paine, who were then visiting Victoria, took part in the ringing and also rang again for the morning and evening services the next day, July 31st.

On Sunday, September 18th, Wing-Commander and Mrs. J. S. Mason arrived in Victoria. The wing-commander, a previous Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, rang at Christ Church Cathedral for the evening service, and those of Victoria ringers who had the pleasure of meeting and ringing with him were the Misses Patricia and Margaret Horne, Margaret Izard, Mrs. Barlow, Dr. Batten, Arthur Izard and E. W. Izard.

On Wednesday, September 28th, Mr. W. B. Cartwright visited Victoria and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples at Christ Church Cathedral with Miss Margaret Horne, Miss Margaret Izard, Dr. Longridge, Dr. Batten, D. Boniface, J. V. Donaldson and E. W. Izard. The Victoria ringers very much appreciated having the opportunity of meeting and ringing with Mr. Cartwright, a member of the Central Council. Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright were on a tour with other members of the British Law Society attending conventions in the U.S.A. and Canada, and were only able to spend Wednesday night and Thursday morning in Victoria before continuing their journey.

E. W. I.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Bristol was the venue for this year's autumn meeting, held on September 24th. It was a tremendous success, as about 50 members and friends sat down to tea after their ringing activities. Letters from 26 other members were received, explaining their inability to attend. Mr. O. Whittaker, the joint secretary of the Staff Association, and Mr. Bastin, the president of the Bristol Branch, also apologised for non-attendance.

Ringing commenced at 11 a.m. at St. James' (10), the oldest church in Bristol, and continued for an hour, under the guidance of the Master, Mr. Bert Kynaston. After a short break for lunch, Christ Church (10) was on the programme, and Mr. Fidler popped in here to join in a course of Bob Royal. The next on the list was the lively ring of ten at St. Stephen's, and afterwards the grand 12 at St. Mary Redcliffe, where Kent T.B. Maximus was brought round.

During tea, which was held in the Staff Association Institute, Temple Meads Station, Mr. Truman, the president and acting Master of Gloucester and Bristol Association, welcomed the Guild to Bristol, and expressed a wish that everyone had enjoyed the ringing in the city.

Mr. Arthur Bennett, who made the excellent arrangements for the day, was thanked by the Master, who was supported by Mr. Sid Foskett.

Two new members were elected. Members and friends were then reminded by the Master of the 1961 annual general meeting at Darlington on April 29th. After more ringing at St. Philip's (8), all made their separate ways home.

J. A. H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

A year with an improvement in almost every aspect of the District's activities was noticeable, reported Mr. C. T. Hillis at the annual meeting of the Ashford District, held at Ashford on October 1st. Compared with last year, 42 more practising members had subscribed (38 new members), 28 towers had subscribed, including Lympne, Great Chart and Mersham, which had rejoined, nine meetings had been held, and two more annual meetings were held for the first time by the Association, at Lympne and Wittersham. Service ringing had been well maintained. Twenty-three peals had been rung in 19 different towers, compared with ten in seven different towers. Five members rang their first peal—an increase of three.

All the officers were re-elected, as follows: Mr. C. T. Hillis, secretary: Messrs. J. J. Batchelor and A. Berry, District representatives; Mr. J. R. Cooper, Ringing Master. Mr. J. Willis thanked them for their past services. Twelve new members joined the Association.

Thanks were expressed to Canon N. G. M. Sharp for conducting the service, Mr. J. R. Cooper, the organist, to the Ashford ringers and the Mothers' Union for their kindness in providing and serving the tea, and to Miss Margaret Jones, secretary of the Ashford band, for her excellent local arrangements.

Maidstone District

The annual meeting of the Maidstone District was held at All Saints', Maidstone, on October 8th. During the service, which preceded the meeting, Canon Bennett mentioned that this would be the last time he would be able to officiate as he was leaving Maidstone to take up an appointment near Minehead. He would welcome any visitors to his new living, the church of which has a ring of ten bells. After a sumptuous tea, provided by the band of All Saints', Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher took the chair for the meeting.

The District secretary (Mr. R. L. Sills) presented his report for the past year. Particular note was made of the visit to Frinsted, this being the first meeting there for 25 years.

Two new practising members were elected, one for All Saints' and one for St. Michael's, recently reopened under the captaincy of Mr. Martin Howe. Also welcomed as a non-resident life member was Mr. C. C. Clarke, of Deddington, Oxford, who recently spent a week's tour amongst Kent towers.

Mr. R. L. Sills, Mr. P. Carter and Mr. A. Waddington were re-elected as District secretary and District representatives respectively, Mr. P. Town being asked to carry on as 'Ringing World' representative.

A suggestion that too many meetings were held during the year caused discussion. Mr. Waddington pointed out that three years elapsed between visits to each tower, and that any reduction in meetings would extend the time required to complete the roster; but he would prefer that the February meeting be transferred to June, when better weather should be enjoyed. This was carried.

Dr. Hatcher announced that the annual general meeting of the K.C.A. would be held next Easter at Maidstone. The following provisional programme of District meetings was agreed to: January, Harrietsham; March, Staplehurst; May, Ulcombe; June, Yalding and Nettlestead; July, Headcorn; September, Hollingbourne; October, Maidstone; November, Bearsted.

Proposals for the July coach tour were Surrey, Bucks, East Essex, or a mystery tour to county X. Voting gave Bucks 11 votes to mystery tour 10. It was decided to hold a District party next Eastertide, following the successful venture during March this year.

The meeting closed with Mr. P. Carter proposing thanks to Canon Bennett, the organist, and All Saints' ringers for their welcome and lovely tea. P. M. T.

Tonbridge District

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tonbridge on October 1st. Ringing began in the afternoon and was followed by a service, conducted by Canon Bewes, who has recently come to Tonbridge. Canon Bewes welcomed the District and kindly provided tea at the Rectory for the whole company, with the assistance of members of the Tonbridge band.

The annual meeting followed tea, with Canon Bewes taking the chair. Miss Colgate told members that she did not wish to stand for re-election as secretary, and Mr. P. Corby expressed the feelings of all present by thanking Miss Colgate for her devoted service over the past seven years to the District. Members were then asked to put forth suggestions for the secretaryship, and Mr. Walter Dobbie was elected. Miss Colgate and Mr. B. V. Collison were elected District representatives and Mr. Stanley Jenner Ringing Master. Mr. Collison thanked Canon Bewes and all concerned with arranging the tea and meeting. Members then returned to the tower, and ringing continued in various methods until later in the evening. M. L.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The standard of ringing at some practice meetings, unfortunately perhaps, is not always very high, and the solution to the problem does not appear readily to be apparent, but I feel sure anyone who attended the combined meeting of the Western and Southern Divisions of the Sussex County Association at Steyning on October 8th will agree that the standard of ringing, taken as a whole, was exceptionally good. The Ringing Master had splendid control, and if any attempted method appeared to be heading for disaster a halt was called and a fresh start made.

Here every kind of ringer was catered for, from the learner to the more experienced, and the programme included rounds, call-changes, Grandsire Triples, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative.

A combined meeting of this nature certainly appears to attract the more experienced ringer, whose presence is so lacking at most ordinary practice meetings. If, then, this is a solution to better ringing, then let us by all means have more combined meetings and enjoy the presence and services of the experienced ringer in helping to solve the problem of bad striking. Congratulations to the organisers for an enjoyable meeting. G. N.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentations of a dressing table set to each of the two lady treasurers (the Misses Hazel and Cherry White), who at the end of the year retire from office, consequent upon their removal to South London, were made at the meeting of the Andover District at Longparish on September 24th. The presentations took them completely by surprise, and were in appreciation of their services.

A good crowd of members enjoyed ringing on the pretty six bells until service time. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Agg Lage) and this was followed by the good Longparish tea. Mr. A. W. Alliston presided at the meeting, and a long discussion took place over the annual report, members feeling there was much room for improvement —too many peals and too little of interest to the average ringer.

In the evening ringing took place at Hurstbourne Priors and St. Mary Bourne.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Mr. W. Pratt, the president, and Mrs. Pratt attended the summer meeting of the Eastern District held at Drogheda on September 17th. The bells of St. Peter's Church were put to very good use for change-ringing, with only three spells of call-changes.

A welcome break at 5 p.m. was for tea, kindly provided by the wives and lady ringers of Drogheda. Of necessity, primus stoves had to be used to boil water. In this sphere Walter Bovenizer and Billy Graham gave Trojan service. At tea the visitors were welcomed by the ringing rector of St. Peter's, the Rev. J. E. McKeon, who mentioned his pleasure at the regular attendance of the ringers and his delight in seeing grammar school pupils back again in the tower.

Mr. Pratt replied for the visitors, and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody also expressed his pleasure at being present. After tea touches of Plain Bob Major were rung on handbells by Messrs. W. Pratt, J. T. Dunwoody, H. Brown and F. E. Dukes.

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HORSEMAN.—Please note that the address of Monica and Michael Horseman is now Upper Barrow Hill Farm, Farmborough, Bath, Somerset. Telephone Timsbury 439. 6799

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Fees for all peals rung for the GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION should be sent without delay to the peal secretary, F. Wilton, Manor Cottage, Court Hill, Potterne, Devizes, Wiltshire. Will conductors, please, make a note of this new address. For inclusion in the 1960 report all details must be in before January 5th, 1961. Peals received after that date may be held over to the next report.—Charles Rouse, Gen. Sec. 6807

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—Practice night has now been altered from Tuesday to Thursday. Practices will continue to be held on this night until the end of March, 1961, when they will revert to Tuesday. 6802

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice recommences on Tuesday, October 25th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers and potential ringers welcome. 6823

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CANCELLATION

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—The monthly meeting fixed for October 22nd is **cancelled**.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 6818

MEETINGS

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Lydford (6), October 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 6770

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Downham Market, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by 21st please.—J. Fox Dis. Sec. 6784

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting and six bell contest will be held at Kirkburton, on October 22nd.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6728

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 22nd, at Steep (6). Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. M. Harbott. 6734

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Ewelme, October 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 6767

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Penn, Saturday, October 22nd. Ringing from 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6792

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division—Practice meeting at Hailsham on October 22nd. Tea 5 p.m. 6786

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Hants, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Village Hall.—F. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 6785

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting, Arksey, October 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 27th, to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.—R. J. Sanderson. 6819

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL
BLANDFORD FORUM PARISH CHURCH
Saturday, October 29th
Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.
Tea in Town Hall 5.15 p.m.
All Dorset ringers welcome.
6800

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Yorktown (8) and Hawley (8), on Saturday, October 29th. Ringing at Yorktown 2.30-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Ringing at Hawley 6-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, October 26th, to Mr. F. J. Farr, 1 Bristow Road, Camberley, Surrey. 6809

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Annual meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey (12), on Saturday, October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea by October 27th, to the Sacristan, Tewkesbury Abbey.—Nadine Price, Branch Sec. 6812

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Rural Branch. — Monthly meeting at Westerleigh (6), Saturday, October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Teas to be ordered.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol 5. 6814

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at Dilwyn, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business after. Names early, please, to J. Reece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow. 6801

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Stretton Grandison, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 6815

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at All Saints', Hastings, on October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by October 26th, to Mrs. A. Levett, 151, London Road, Hastings.—L. M. Beeney, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD (North Western District) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with Bolton Branch, at St. Peter's, Smithills, Saturday, October 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. St. Peter's afternoon only. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. John F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Bolton, by previous Wednesday. Please comply with this request. Business follows tea. Evening ringing at All Souls' 6.15 p.m.—Stella P. Wain, Dis. Sec.: J. Thornley, Branch Sec. 6796

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants District.—Meeting Saturday, October 29th, at Silsoe. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Further ringing after tea. All welcome.—Kathleen A. Rivett. 6719

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). —Joint meeting, October 29th, at St. John's, Hillingdon. Bells (10) from 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30, St. John's Hall, with social evening to follow. Names, please, to F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.—Mrs. S. Bullock, E. R. Gotham and Miss D. Hague, Hon. Secs. 6776

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hunslet (8), Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available 2.45 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. 6798

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, October 29th. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from undersigned by October 24th, at latest. Dinner 6 for 6.30 p.m. Guests include the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Ample parking. Buses L1 and L12 (frequent service) from Newarke Street, Leicester. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 2.30-4 p.m., St. John's (10) 3.30-5 p.m.—B. G. Warwick (Hon. Gen. Sec.), 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 6747

LINCOLN and PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Meeting, Stamford, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells, All Saints' and St. Martin's, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Castor and Wansford also available after tea. Names for tea to J. H. Bluff, 81, New Cross Road, Stamford. 6803

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Pitsford (5), Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 6804

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (1672). — Meeting, Hucknall, October 29th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall, by previous Thursday. Service 7, followed by ringing until 9. 6772

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rayleigh, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 6822

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Blackmoor (6), Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by 25th to C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Warsash, Southampton.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS. — Saturday, October 29th, re-opening and rededication of newly-restored historical organ, built by Christopher Schrider. Service at 6.15 p.m. Ringing commencing at 4 p.m. for service, and afterwards until 9 p.m. All ringers are warmly invited to attend. 6825

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 323rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available.

Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner:—St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand (10), 12 noon-1 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 2-3 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry (8), 2.30-3.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill (12), 3-4 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 4-5 p.m. — John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 6775

DEVON ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting will be held in the Board Room, Diocesan House, Palace Gate, Exeter, on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 2.30 p.m., to which each affiliated tower should send a representative. 6793

DEVON GUILD.—The annual meeting of the N.W. Branch will be held at Bridgerule (8) on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service 4.15 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow.—R. Pearce, Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, Stevenage, Saturday, Nov. 5th, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6805

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Warminster (8), on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 6811

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, West Bridgford (8), Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Nov. 2nd to Miss R. Whitehouse, 62, Priory Road, West Bridgford, Notts.—S. Adams. 6820

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Boreham, Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 6821

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner to be held at 'The Black Horse,' Thompsons Avenue, Wolverhampton, Saturday, November 12th, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m., price 12s. 6d. Bells available:—St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Penn, Coseley, Bradley during the afternoon. Tickets from Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, nr. Walsall. 6681

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Preliminary notice. The nomination meeting at Streatham on Saturday, Nov. 26th, will be followed in the evening by ringing at St. John's, Croydon, and at 8 p.m. by a performance in the Church of 'Son et Lumière,' i.e., 1,000 years of Croydon history in sound and light. Make a note in your diary now so that you do not miss this spectacle.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6813

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The East Grinstead and District Guild held a most enjoyable meeting at Capel on October 8th. This had been arranged with doubts on the part of the secretary, with the usual lack of post cards for tea, and with a very wet and windy day the outlook was not very promising. However, 22 turned up to enjoy this handy six until tea time.

A bountiful meal, arranged by Mrs. Penfold, was served in the Capel Laundry canteen, and this was followed by the business meeting. Members stood in silence to the memory of Luther Honess, and later congratulated the Guild chairman (Mr. E. Brunger) on his marriage to Miss Jenny Langston on the previous Saturday.

After the usual votes of thanks, most of the company made their way round the lanes to Newdigate, where they were welcomed by the Vicar (Rev. D. Bruce-Walker). Mr. Harman had kindly oiled the bells, which were put to good use until 8 o'clock.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

About 50 members attended the quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch at Stockland on September 17th. The Vicar (Rev. Mr. Drury) conducted the service. At the business meeting Preb. E. V. Cox presented six certificates; two new members were elected. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Buckerell-with-Feniton on January 14th. Monthly practice meetings have started.

A PEAL AT STOKE DOYLE

Of more than passing interest is the peal at Stoke Doyle, near Oundle, Northants, as the bells are one of the few remaining complete rings cast by Thomas Eayre, sen., a bell-founder at Kettering from 1717 to 1757. None of the bells has been recast since they were installed in the church, then a new edifice, in 1727. They are a sweet-toned ring, but now begin to require the attention of the bell-hanger. Stoke is a small village of just over 100 souls, and the last time the bells were rehung was in 1896.

Several attempts to ring a peal on the bells during the last three years have failed, but a half peal was brought round in March. The peal, recorded in our columns, was the first on the bells since 1923. In the 1920–30 period the belfry was a hive of ringing activity, a family named Hankin, with others, being the main inspiration. But death and removals robbed it, and ever since very little has been heard of Stoke Doyle. P. A.

OBITUARY

THE REV. R. A. AGG

The sudden death of the Rev. R. A. Agg, Rector of Crayford, on October 7th, at the early age of 52, has deprived ringers in general and those of Crayford in particular of a very good friend. He himself had not gone beyond learning to handle a bell and ringing rounds, but his father had been a ringer in their native county of Gloucestershire and his son and two daughters had learned to ring soon after he became rector not quite two years ago.

Mr. Agg was keenly interested in all that went on in the belfry, which contributed in no small way to the advent of a large number of young people to the band, now about 20 strong, and we had hoped and believed he would be there to encourage us for many years to come. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Agg, Elizabeth, Margaret and Christopher in the grievous loss. E. A. B.

MR. CHRISTOPHER H. HAWKINS

Not only the ringers of St. Ellyw's Church, Llanelly, but many other friends will miss a great character in Mr. Chris. Hawkins, who at the age of 60 passed away suddenly whilst working in the greenhouse at his home on October 4th.

'Chris.', as he was known to everyone, was a 'live wire' where ringing was concerned. He had been captain of the ringers at St. Ellyw's for many years, a teacher of change-ringing and a member of the Central Council. Chris. had an endless store of energy, and in the early post-war years became a founder member and the first general secretary of St. David's Diocesan Guild.

At the inaugural meeting held at Carmarthen, I well remember Mr. Pat Cannon saying that to succeed first there must be a spirit of unity and secondly plenty of hard work. If it was hard work then Chris. did his share, and in the end obtained the support and goodwill of the Bishop and clergy of the diocese. Mr. Hawkins was a regular Sunday service ringer, and encouraged others to do the same. He had many peals to his credit, and was always willing to pilot a 'first timer' through to the end.

The funeral service took place at the Parish Church of Llanelly on October 7th and was well attended. To his memory and to pay a last tribute to a faithful friend, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob) was rung, half-muffled, on St. Ellyw's bells by Gwyn Thomas 1, J. Arthur Hoare 2, Ralph Skudamore 3, David J. Lewis 4, Trevor Roderick 5, Gwyn I. Lewis (conductor) 6. J. A. H.

THE REV. C. E. WARD

The older ringers of East Sussex have lost a good friend by the death of the Rev. C. E. Ward, who held the living of Salehurst from 1912 to 1953. Mr. Ward learnt to handle a bell and could ring rounds and call-changes, but could never master the intricacies of change-ringing. He rarely refused an application for visitors to ring on this tuneful octave, and for years Salehurst has been a popular tower. A peal for his 90th birthday was rung on August 22nd, which he heard and enjoyed.

After his funeral on September 29th the bells were rung half-muffled to his memory.

CANON E. H. F. CAMPBELL

Canon E. H. F. Campbell, Rector of Bray and a past-president, died on August 18th, reports 'Irish Bell News.' He was responsible for the rehanging of Bray bells on ball-bearings and on a steel frame shortly after he became rector some 17 years ago. He always had a short chat and a few jokes with the ringers before they started to ring on Sunday mornings. The bells of Bray Parish Church were rung muffled on the Sunday morning following the Canon's death.

OUTINGS

HANBURY, WORCS

Some good rings among glorious scenery were found by Hanbury ringers during their outing to the Forest of Dean. The first tower visited, St. Catherine's, Leigh, contained heavy bells. These were certainly not ladies' bells, as several of the fair sex found as they tried the fourth. The lighter six of St. Mary-de-Lode, Gloucester, 'go' quite well, but were of poor tone. After lunch several of the party explored the Cathedral and admired the splendour of the cloisters. Afterwards came Little Dean bells, which do not go too easily but were enjoyed.

A ride of great beauty took the party beside the Severn to Lydney, where Grandsire Triples was rung on easy-going bells. During tea at Lydney the Rector expressed the thanks of the visitors to Miss Margaret Eachus for arranging the outing. Narrow byways took the party to Ruardean, having a good ring of eight, and then in the dark to Linton, where candles had to be borrowed from the pulpit before the lovely new six could be tapped round. All agreed that these bells, in a church without electricity, were the best of the day. Home was reached at 10.45 p.m. PAUL.

SAWLEY and LONG EATON, NOTTS

On October 1st, 12 ringers from Sawley and Long Eaton spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening in Leicestershire, in spite of bad weather.

The first tower was Breedon-on-the-Hill, where a course of Cambridge was among the methods rung. At Market Bosworth the bells had been rung up before our arrival, and one of the local ringers helped us in ringing rounds, Bob Major and Grandsire and Stedman Triples. This easy-going ring was enjoyed.

After tea Kirkby Mallory was visited, and some slight difficulty was experienced with the long draught, although Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor were successfully brought round. Anstey was the last tower of the day, and several local ringers were waiting here to join us in ringing methods ranging from rounds to Spliced Little and Plain Bob Major.

Thanks are expressed to incumbents, tower captains and our organiser, Ringing Master and bus driver, David Marshall. J. M.

FRAMSDEN AND DISTRICT

An enjoyable half-day's outing was that arranged by Framsden and District ringers on October 8th. At Soham (10) there was a long delay in finding the key. Some 25 of the party went sight-seeing at Ely, while the others visited Littleport. The quietness of the bells caused 'comedian Fred' to remark that they ought to be crossed with Wilby. After a bounteous tea at Ely, the journey was continued to St. John's, Peterborough. Ringing ranged from call-changes to Spliced Surprise and Cambridge Royal. Many thanks to all who helped to make this one of the best half-days (14 hours). L. G. B.

A LEARNERS' TOUR

For the third year running, a youthful band set out on a week's cycling, youth hostelling and bell-ringing in Suffolk and Norfolk, most of the towers being miles away from towns. We felt the true hostelling spirit at Thetford, where we cooked our meals in the converted railway station, slept in the waiting room and ate in the booking office. As with all Y.H.A. members, the bad weather was only part of the game.

The method rung was Plain Bob, starting with Minimus and ending with Minor. We also practised raising and lowering in peal, but it may well be that this is better done on tied bells until proficiency is achieved. Most of all our thanks are due to A. J. Hebley, V. A. Perry, L. Melton, P. Newing and H. Clayton, who gave much time and even more patience. H. B. M.

STAFFORD.—On Oct. 9th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Robert J. Warrilow 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, R. K. Mowforth 3, B. J. Wylde 4, R. Barlow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, Richard J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, F. Eley 8. For Harvest Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

CURRY MALLETT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Holway 1, W. H. Tarr 2, P. Cox 3, R. Shepherd 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Lewis 6.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,392 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Harrison 1, W. G. Paul 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, J. Stannard 5, H. Moss (cond.) 6, J. Paul 7, E. A. Cook 8. Rung to welcome the new Lord Bishop of Norwich, Dr. Lancelot Fleming, on his first visit to Diss, and a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Moss, Ringing Master at Diss.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Weatherley 1, F. Bowden 2, Miss M. Rowland 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, J. P. McDermott 5, C. Johnstone 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, A. Rowland 8. For Evensong.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. J. Perry 1, L. L. Willis 2, W. C. Rhodes 3, N. Attaway 4, J. W. Cotton 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. For the wedding this day at Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, of D. Keith Lane.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. S. Powell 1, Miss B. J. Stevens 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, C. J. Stevens 4, Miss P. Stevens 5, W. Stevens 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, N. Taylor 8. Rung for Mrs. Mary Cridland and the band would like to add their congratulations to the many she has received on this her 103rd birthday.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Jennifer M. Burford 1, M. D. Fellows 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 4, G. Westwood 5, Gillian M. Harmshaw 6, C. R. Tandy 7, J. A. Tandy 8. First quarter 1, 6, 7, 8. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Gillian M. Harmshaw 1 M. D. Fellows (cond.) 2, P. J. Brown (first 'inside') 3, Barbara Stephens 4, M. J. Fellows 5, Jennifer M. Burford 6, D. Curry (first quarter) 7, J. A. Tandy 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

TOTNES, DEVON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Garbett 1, T. G. Myers (cond.) 2, W. G. Lavers 3, P. A. Lock 4, F. E. Day 5, D. R. Bould 6, W. J. Harvey 7, W. Simmonds 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Hayes 1, F. C. Maynard 2, F. W. Sykes 3, C. A. Diggins (first in method) 4, P. D. Chapman 5, D. Hewitt 6, A. J. Boyack 7, B. Downes (cond.) 8. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: C. A. Diggins 1, F. C. Maynard 2, P. Chapman 3, B. R. Downes (cond.) 4, D. Hewitt 5, F. W. Sykes 6, A. J. Boyack 7, F. Taylor 8. For Evensong, and to mark the occasion of the retirement of Mr. R. Erskine, organist since 1919 and choir member since 1898.

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