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RINGING TOURS.

This is the period of the year when peal ringing tours attract attention. For those who like this form of holiday these trips among "new" towers can be very delightful, although, to a good many ringers, they savour rather too much of hard work, at any rate when the programme covers two peals a day for a week. But to those with sufficient enthusiasm and energy, who are prepared to devote their vacation to carrying out a pre-arranged excursion of this type, no one will begrudge the entertainment and pleasure which they get out of it. It is surprising, however, that there are not more tours arranged like those which the Cambridge Guild have carried out for many years past, in which peal ringing is really only incidental to the trip. An excursion which covers a visit to several towers in a day for short spells of ringing, with, perhaps, occasional peal attempts, but plenty of fraternal social intercourse, is an ideal way to spend a ringing holiday, as was proved last year by the very considerable party who joined in the "week" organised by the Bristol United Guilds, when, indeed, peal ringing was put entirely in the background. If that experiment could be repeated in other parts of the country many ringers would find a new source of enjoyment in the pursuit of their favoured hobby.

But even tours, it seems, can arouse controversy among ringers. Into the question of Sunday peal ringing we do not propose to enter more than briefly. It is a matter, we feel, for the conscience of the ringers themselves and the incumbent of the church where a peal is rung. Local conditions must also have weight, and the incumbent, surely, is the best judge of a matter of that kind. A Keswick correspondent this week, however, raises another point which, while having something to commend it in principle, would not, we imagine, work out well in practice. He suggests that on these peal-ringing tours the visiting bands should make room for one or two local ringers and ring a method which would give the latter some much needed experience. Would this be fair to, or even a reasonable thing to ask of men, who may have travelled long distances for a set purpose? Local men of established ability are already frequently invited to take part in peals with touring visitors, but these excursions are not "missionary" enterprises, and those who embark on them can hardly be expected to play the part of tutors and reduce the standard of the methods rung and of the striking to the level of any Tom, Dick or Harry who desired peal ringing practice. It may be hard for those who are really keen, to be denied opportunities for peals owing to local circumstances, but we imagine few touring companies could be got together if at each tower visited

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their scope were to be limited to the best that a local ringer could do. This best would be an unknown quantity until the tower was reached, and little enjoyment would be got from a succession of peal attempts marred by the carrying of "lame ducks," as would often be the case. Peal opportunities for men of this type might be provided by the associations if they cared to organise "missionary" effort on these lines, but it is too much, we think, to ask ringers who have come from a distance to undertake such a task. A peal ringing tour is something out of which the participants want to get the best that is possible.

TEN BELL PEAL.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 6
JOHN AUSTIN 2	WILLIAM POSTON ... 7
JOHN J. WEBB 3	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 8
THOMAS NEWMAN 4	ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 9
WILLIAM T. POSTON 5	ALFRED HANNIS ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal on ten bells. T. Newman was on a visit from London.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CLAVERLY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

E. M. ATKINS, St. Cath's. ... Treble	REV. G. G. BENSON,
C. W. WOOLLEY, Selwyn ... 2	St. Cath's 5
REV. E. BANKES JAMES,	W. H. J. HOOTON, Queens' 6
Gonville and Caius 3	F. E. HAINES, St. Cath's ... 7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD, Trinity 4	J. H. FREEBORN, Clare ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

NORMAN HEAPS Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 6
THOMAS JONES 3	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 7
WILFRED J. MOSS 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DORKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	TONY PRICE 6
WILLIAM WHITING 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 7
ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung in celebration of the wedding of Mr. A. R. Pink and Miss E. Cleeve, with the best wishes of the band for their future happiness. Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SWINTON, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.	Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb.
THOMAS JONES Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGON ... 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	*NORMAN HEAPS 6
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 3	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 7
*WILFRED J. MOSS 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

	Tenor 14½ cwt.
RALPH PARTON Treble	REGINALD CHANCE 5
THOMAS HENNING 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	JOHN BASS 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method by all the band, also on the bells and by the association.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

	Tenor 16 cwt.
EDWARD T. BAILEY Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	ALFRED W. HEATH 7
JOHN PHILLIPS 4	EDWIN M. SMITH Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by CHAS. H. PERRY.
Especially arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Albert A. Worthington and Miss Dorothy Muriel James, daughter of one of the local ringers, who were married at the above church on this day. The band wish them every success and happiness in their future life. Also as a compliment to the ringer of the 6th's daughter on having won a State Scholarship.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

	Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.
GEORGE GREEN Treble	PERCY GREEN 5
HENRY WAIN 2	ARTHUR HEAD 6
HERBERT DEVENISH 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
ALBERT E. BARTHOLOMEW 4	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Dr. Spencer Phillips. Percy Green has now completed this circle.

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IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

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

WALTER PERKINS Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 2	AMOS SMART 6
FRANCIS BALL 3	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by Wm. WILLSON.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged for Mr. H. J. Balcombe, who hails from Barwell, Berks.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.	Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.
HENRY HARRISON Treble	JACK BAILEY 5
*ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ... 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY 6
*WILLIAM H. KING 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOBMEER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

	Tenor 19½ cwt.
ALBERT E. WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

The first peal to be rung in the method.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.
WALTER V. WEBB Treble	JAMES S. NAPPER 5
EDGAR HUMFREY 2	*RICHARD G. RICE 6
JONATHAN HONEY 3	PERCY J. DYKE 7
JOHN NOBES 4	WILLIAM CORDEROY Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

* 100th peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. Rung in honour of the 75th birthday of Dr. Richard Rice, who has been for many years churchwarden and choir-master at this church.

HOPE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

	Tenor 14½ cwt.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 6
NORMAN C. LEWIS 3	*JOHN MARSHALL 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG 4	THOMAS E. LEE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 404).

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

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SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	WILLIAM H. SENIOR 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	ERNEST H. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

This composition contains the 6th the extent at home in natural courses and in the minimum number of changes. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. T. B. Kendall and E. H. Simpson.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE Treble	*JOHN COAD 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 2	*ALBERT COAD 6
JAMES H. HAYWOOD 3	FREDERICK CARDWELL 7
MISS DORICE TURNER 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by AMBORN WILSON. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
*JESSE HARRISON 4	FRANK COREE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* 30th peal. A birthday peal for the third man.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST V. CHESTERION ... Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS 6
FRANCIS R. DEACON 3	ERNEST E. PICKERING 7
*WILLIAM NEWTON 4	RONALD H. DOVE Tenor

Composed by N. S. BAGWORTH. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Arthur Waters, a member of the local society since its inauguration, who died on September 7th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob and Double Court, and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES W. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM SMITH 4
FRANK L. FISHER 2	ALFRED H. WATSON 5
THOMAS C. WARD 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

MISS EVELYN STEEL Treble	REGINALD WEST 4
*CHARLES BRAMSON 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
EDWARD FROSSELL 3	HERBERT SHARP Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

* First peal 'inside.'

CROFTON, Nr. WAKEFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of each of the following methods: College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Oxford.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE LORD Treble	ARTHUR GILL 4
WILLIAM GREEN 2	HAROLD CHANT 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. Brewarigg, a much loved and respected Vicar, who had been Vicar of this church for the last 33 years, and who died suddenly while on holiday. He was interred at Crofton Churchyard on August 23rd.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE BLANCHARD ... Treble	ELVIN HOWSAM 4
*WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... 2	JOHN NEVIN 5
FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal in four methods by all. Rung for the centenary of Wilberforce and the abolition of slavery.

WONERSH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of London and Cambridge Surprise, and one each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Treble	GEORGE E. CLODE 4
†KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... 2	TONY PRICE 5
SYDNEY ELTON 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* 200th peal. † First peal in more than one method.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

On Sunday, September 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT 25, WOODFIELD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

GEORGE J. BUTCHER 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
EDWARD J. BEER 3-4	STUART SANDFORD 7-8
RICHARD SMITH 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Witnesses—Mrs. E. J. Beer and Mrs. G. H. Cross.

First peal on ten bells in Gravesend, and also by the ringers of 7-8 and 9-10.

A WORCESTERSHIRE WEEK.

The following peals are the result of a week in the Worcester area. Fourteen peals were arranged, all of which were successful.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Philip and James,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5
KEITH HART 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, September 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of London on the bells.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, September 11, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
KEITH HART 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers for the late Vicar (the Rev. Penous Charles Thomas, M.A., Hon. C.F., T.D.), who was interred in the churchyard on September 5th.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, September 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM J. CARTER Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
JOHN BASS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, September 12, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD CHANCE Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
KEITH HART 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, September 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KEITH HART 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
JOHN BASS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, September 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
KEITH HART 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, September 13, 1933, in Three Hours & Twenty-Four Minutes

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

REGINALD CHANCE Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
KEITH HART 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 8
JOHN BASS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
WILLIAM SHORT 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYB.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, September 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
KEITH HART 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Bristol on the bells and also as conductor in the method.

WORCESTER.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, September 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

KEITH HART Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 8
THOMAS W. LEWIS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, September 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2	FRANK E. PERVIN 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

WORCESTER.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, September 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KEITH HART 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

A WORCESTERSHIRE WEEK—continued.**OROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.****THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. Augustine,***A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

THE VISIT TO LIVERPOOL.**A RINGING WEEK ALONGSIDE THE RIVER MERSEY.**

Seven peals were successfully rung at the various towers mentioned below. The tourists desire the Editor of 'The Ringing World' to express their sincere thanks to the clergymen and belfry captains of the twelve churches visited who so kindly placed the bells at their disposal and rendered personal assistance. Mr. G. R. Newton, on the Lancashire and Mr. W. Bibby on the Cheshire side did much to show the party many local features of feminine interest on sea and ashore, such as She's a fine tenor, or She's a fine boat, neither of which can be handled without a fine rope.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, September 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,**At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
*WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method 'inside,' and hails from Bolton. Some of the visitors were nominated for membership of the Guild previous to the 'go.'

DARESBUY, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, September 4, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,**At the Parish Church of All Saints,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, September 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,**At the Parish Church of St. Wilfred,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 6
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Mr. J. E. Ashcroft, the local captain, believes this to be the first peal in the method at this tower.

WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, September 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,**At the Parish Church of St. Peter,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 2	LESTER L. GRAY 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, September 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,**At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

A birthday peal for the ringer of the treble. Mr. F. Brotherton hails from Wolverhampton.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours,**At Christ Church,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, September 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DISTRICT.**

Another successful meeting took place at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, September 9th. Ringers were present from Sunderland, Darlington, Whickham, Chester-le-Street and West Hartlepool, with the local men. Ringing took place at the beautiful old church until 5 p.m. After tea a short meeting took place, Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president, presiding. Mr. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells. The Rector was always willing to have the ringers at Houghton, and the ringers were always pleased to visit Houghton. The Rev. Dawson Walker apologised for the Rector's absence, and said he was glad to welcome the ringers. He enjoyed the performances on the bells and hoped they would come from time to time. Mr. J. T. Titt proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing a splendid tea, and said it was a great help to ringers' meetings when the ladies gave up their time for them.

Mr. Parker proposed and Mr. Robson seconded that Jarrow be the next place of meeting on Saturday, November 4th. Jarrow has been much neglected of late, and a good attendance would be greatly welcomed to give a helping hand.

Before the close the vice-president took the opportunity of saying 'Au Revoir' to Mr. R. Parkinson, a local ringer and past vice-president, who is leaving the district for Blackpool. He said there was regret on his going away, and he would be specially missed by the Houghton ringers. Mr. Parkinson had done a great amount of spade work, and it was mainly through his efforts that the local ringers were in such a state of perfection. Mr. Patterson then called upon the Rev. Dawson Walker to make a presentation of a silver bell inkstand to Mr. Parkinson of the Houghton ringers in token of esteem. He hoped that it would always be a reminder of his ringing career in Houghton, and wished him all health and happiness.—Mr. Parkinson, in reply, said he was deeply touched by all the kind things expressed about him. He would always remember his 15 years at Houghton.

After the meeting the belfry was again visited and the bells kept going until 8 o'clock, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, September 10th, at St. Thomas' Church for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: D. Tuner, L. W. Turner, C. Wm. Cooper, Ernest Turner, A. Reynolds, J. Wm. Smith (conductor), Arthur E. Whatmore, E. S. Bushell. First as conductor, also first for E. S. Bushell away from the table.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEWBURY BRANCH MEETING.**

A very successful meeting was held at East Ilsley on Saturday, September 9th. Members from the following towers attended: Bucklebury, Beedon, Brightwalton, Compton, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, Peasmore, Slaw, Thatcham and East Ilsley. Visitors were present from Abingdon, Cuddesdon, Overton, Portsea, Reading, Stratley, Wokingham and the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), of High Wycombe. A short service was held, conducted by the Rev. B. S. Spencer, Rector of West Ilsley, the Rector of East Ilsley (the Rev. A. Ogle) being on holiday. Mrs. W. East presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Old Schoolroom by Mrs. W. Hibbert, the company including the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch), the Rev. B. S. Spencer, Mrs. A. Ogle and Mr. R. T. Hibbert.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford presided at the business meeting. The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury on Saturday, November 18th. The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. B. S. Spencer for his address, to Mrs. W. East (the organist), and Mrs. W. Hibbert and her helpers for providing the tea, which was carried with applause.

Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells after the meeting. The tower was again visited and the bells kept going in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Major.

A DAY IN KENT AND SUSSEX.

The Dartford and district ringers' outing took place on Saturday, September 2nd, to Brighton. The party left at 7.45 a.m., and were joined by ringers at Dartford, Erith and Crayford. A pleasant journey was then made to Tunbridge Wells, via the Hop Gardens, Wrotham and Paddock Wood. On arriving at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, a fine peal of eight bells were soon going and several touches brought round. Arriving at Brighton at 12.45 p.m., lunch was partaken of at Ogden's Cafe. At St. Peter's, Brighton, the ringers enjoyed the fine peal of ten. After tea St. Nicholas', Brighton, with a fine peal of ten, was the next stage, but time there was far too short, as a service was held at 6 p.m. So a little handbell music was rung on the green, much to the delight of the residents. Leaving Brighton at 6.45 p.m., the next stop was Buxted Church, which stands in a beautiful park where deer abound. All ringers here had a pull on the fine peal of eight.

The ringers wish to thank all ringers of the churches and the Vicars of each for the use of the bells, as the success of the outing depended on their co-operation. They also wish to thank Mr. A. Stevens, who made the arrangements for lunch and tea.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, who, first as hon. secretary and then as president, held office for 20 years in the Devon Guild, has been inducted to the living of Staverton, near Daventry, where he took up residence this week.

'The Ringers' Handbook,' of which he and Mrs. Powell are joint authors, can now be obtained from Mr. Powell at Staverton.

Mr. Stephen Plummer, whose letter on Pinner bells appears in another column, has just completed his jubilee as an organist. The Rector, churchwardens and choir of his present church have presented him with a handsome silver-mounted Indian picamento walking stick.

Will ringers please note that the date of meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association, Archdeaconry of Ely, at Chippenham, should have been Saturday next, September 23rd, and not the 16th.

WEDDING BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Southover, Lewes, on September 6th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Marsh and Miss Uridge, the bride being a daughter of one of the vice-presidents of Southover Ringers' Guild. The ringers were: J. Wilmshurst 1, G. P. Elphick (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, C. J. Rugg 3, O. Wood (Seaford) 4, A. J. Turner 5, R. J. Dawe 6, R. W. E. Dawe (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Ward 8.

BRIDGEND RINGER'S DAUGHTER MARRIED.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Iltyd's Church, Bridgend, on Sunday, September 10th, the contracting parties being Mr. Albert A. Worthington, of Bryn Mill, Swansea, and Miss Dorothy Muriel James, daughter of Mr. Rees James, the oldest and much respected member of the Bridgend band. The bride wore a gown of Chantilly lace, with embroidered veil held in place with a coronet of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of red roses. The bridesmaids (Miss Olga James and Miss May Thornton) wore floral organdie dresses, with hats to match, and carried bouquets of sweet peas. As the happy couple left the church the bells were rung by the local men to a touch of Oxford and Grandsire Triples, firing, etc. In the afternoon a peal was rung in their honour. The band take this opportunity of thanking the parents of the bride for their kind hospitality after the peal.

MARRIAGE OF MR. A. R. PINK.

WEDDING CEREMONY AT DORKING.

At St. Martin's Church, Dorking, Surrey, on September 10th, the marriage took place of Mr. Alan R. Pink, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pink, of St. Columh Major, Cornwall, and Miss Elsie A. Cleeve, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cleeve, of Dorking.

Mr. Pink, who is on the staff of the Westminster Bank, at Eton, has been for some years an active ringer in the various districts of Surrey, Hants and Berks, where his duties have taken him. In the Windsor district his enterprise, coupled with the enthusiasm of ringers from various towers in the district, have led to the ringing of peals in a considerable variety of methods. The bride, too, has been an honorary member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild for a number of years.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. E. Robins, who is himself a ringer at Dorking Parish Church, and the bride, who was given in marriage by her father, had as her matron of honour her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Storer. Her youngest brother, Mr. Stanley Cleeve, was the best man.

The bells rang out merrily after the ceremony, which was attended by about 35 guests, and later Mr. and Mrs. Pink left for the Lake District, where the honeymoon was spent.

A large number of presents were received, among them being a cut-glass flower bowl and stand from the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which the bridegroom was formerly secretary.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ASH.

A meeting of the Farnham District was held at Ash on Saturday. Ringing on the peal of six commenced at 3 p.m., and the Guild service was conducted by the Rector of Ash (the Rev. B. J. Scott) at half-past four. The choir were in attendance under the leadership of the choir-master (Mr. L. Mansfield). Miss I. Gillians presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Church Room by Mrs. Bailey, a company numbering 34 (including choir) enjoying a splendid meal.

The Rector was in the chair for the short business meeting, and, following this, Mr. W. H. Viggers proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, Mr. C. D. Mansfield and the local ringers, Mr. L. Mansfield and the choir, Miss Gillians, and Mrs. Bailey and her helpers. This was carried with acclamation, the Rector briefly replying. The tower was then revisited and good practice was put in until 8.30 p.m. Towers represented during the afternoon and evening were Aldershot, Ash, Farnborough, Farnham, Chiddingfold and Worplesdon.

AMONG WORCESTERSHIRE TOWERS.

A 100 PER CENT. WEEK.

After the successful tour in South Wales of September last year, it was unanimously decided to organise a similar ringing tour this year, Worcestershire being selected for the venue, and this summer Mr. Sid Holt was asked if he would arrange the towers and very readily consented. There were originally 12 possibilities for the tour, but only seven were able to make the trip, and six of them met at Paddington on Saturday, September 8th, for the Worcester express. We all regretted the absence of Wilfred Williams, who was the prime mover, but he found himself unable to get away from his business. Worcester was reached at 3.30 p.m., and the first attempt at 5 o'clock was at Hallow, about three miles out of the city. Here we found a fine Taylor eight, tenor 21½ cwt. hung in a tower with a very high pointed steeple. London was selected for the kick-off, and a good peal was brought round in 3 hours 11 minutes, our massive tenorman ably conducting.

On Sunday morning the opportunity was taken for a pull on the Cathedral bells, Stedman Cinques being rung with the local men. These are undoubtedly a magnificent peal, and we took the opportunity of inspecting the bells and the 82 cwt. Bourdon. It was decided to risk the wrath of 'Observer' and attempt a peal on Sunday afternoon at Claines, a village about two miles along the Birmingham Road. The Rector met us and wished us the very best of luck. We were unable to commence ringing until 5.33, but a peal of London was successfully brought round at exactly half-past six. It was a very near thing, as the organ commenced playing immediately we stopped. Here the ringing chamber is open to the church. After the service the bells were lowered.

The larger programme commenced on Monday, and we were up very early to Foregate Street for the train to Hagley. Our morning attempt was at Clent, where we met the Worcestershire veteran, Mr. William Short, and he welcomed us to his tower. He agreed to stand in the peal, the clappers being half-muffled in honour of the late Rector, who had passed away a few days previously. We found a very tuneful peal of eight, tenor 11 cwt., and an ideal belfry for ringing peals, and a splendid peal of London was rung in 3 hours, the third in succession. After a quick lunch, we moved to Hagley and a change of method. We found the church situated in ideal surroundings on the edge of Lord Cobham's park. Here there is a light peal, tenor 8½ cwt., and we decided on Bristol. However, after ringing two courses, the second rope slipped wheel, and as Bristol would not go, Cambridge was put on. The frame here is an old wooden one and very loose, and the bells do not go too well, but Cambridge was successfully rung in 2 hours 59 minutes. We were naturally very pleased at the fourth success.

On Tuesday morning an early train had to be caught for Stourbridge, where Reg. Chance was waiting to guide us for our first visit to Staffordshire. A splendid peal of Bristol was brought round at Brierley Hill, and the band very much enjoyed the peal on these tuneful well going bells and a nice airy belfry. After lunch a move was made to Kinver under the guidance of Mr. John Bass. The church here is situated on a very high hill several hundred feet above the village and possesses a light peal of eight, tenor about 12½ cwt., but long draught of rope. An almost perfect peal of London was successfully rung in 3 hours 6 minutes. No failures so far and the company full of enthusiasm.

Our first attempt on Wednesday was at Hanbury, right in the heart of the countryside, 10 miles from Worcester and well away from any bus route, but Mr. Percy Thomas very ably came to our rescue by loaning us his Lanchester complete with chauffeur. While waiting for the car some of the band had the opportunity of inspecting Mr. Thomas' windmill and pump works, and everything was much admired. On arrival at the church, Mr. Robert Knowles made up our band. It was originally decided to try Bristol, but one whole pull and Cambridge was selected. A new rope had a few days previously been procured for the tenor, but it would equally have done duty for a bell ten times the weight instead of a tenor of 16 cwt. A start was made and the peal of Cambridge rung in 3 hours 3 minutes. The bells did not go too well, especially the treble and two, which hadn't been pulled up for over eight months, but the band stuck to each bell very well and a decent peal resulted. Our next tower was at Bromsgrove. Here Cambridge Royal was successfully accomplished on the mixed peal of ten, with tenor about 18 cwt., in 3 hours 24 minutes, rather longer than the usual peal on these bells, but we did not intend to hurry them unduly. The church is undoubtedly a fine building with a splendid high spire. Mr. Harry Price and other local ringers were waiting to offer us congratulations, and our eighth peal in successive attempts was duly celebrated. We enjoyed Harry's hospitality very much.

Malvern Link, about eight miles out of Worcester and in the shadow of the Malvern hills, was our tower for Thursday morning. Here Mr. Knowles welcomed us to his tower and rang the treble for us. Sidney was enabled to call the first peal of Bristol on the bells and incidentally his first in the method as conductor. He performed very ably without any help from our tenor man, who also knew the peal. These are a splendid octave, tenor 16½ cwt., which sound under ideal conditions in the belfry, and the bells absolutely talk to each other in this very musical method, and the peal, which was practically free

of trips, was rung in 3 hours 18 minutes. The afternoon attempt, at All Saints', Worcester, was not so ideal. Here we found a nice peal of ten, with tenor a ton, but as the tower twists and rocks they are rather a handful to ring, especially for the back enders. However, a very good peal of Stedman Caters was rung in 3 hours 16 minutes.

Our first tower on Friday was at Northfields, on the outskirts of Birmingham. Here we had the assistance of Mr. Pervin, from Coventry, and an excellent peal of London was rung in 3 hours 5 minutes. The belfry and bells here are ideal, the tenor being about 14½ cwt., and the band very much enjoyed the peal. Our afternoon attempt was at St. John's Church, Worcester, just across the river from the Cathedral, and here Bristol was the order. However, three home bolts brought the attempt to a premature end after two courses had been rung, but a second attempt met with success, and our twelfth in succession. This was incidentally the first peal of Bristol on the bells, and the peal was well worthy of the fine bells, with tenor 15½ cwt. After the peal the band enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Lewis, high tea being provided at their home.

On Saturday morning we said farewell to the father of the party, Keith, who departed leaving the bachelors to take care of themselves. Having stood in two attempts daily on four successive days, he was entitled to a rest, and he always prefers to ring at his home tower at Brighton St. Peter's for Sunday service. An eight mile bus ride into the country took the party to Sidney's home place, Crowle, a very peaceful place. However, it was our intention to disturb the peace, and Sidney conducted us to the tower. The bells are a light peal of eight, with tenor 10 cwt., and Cambridge was rung here in 2 hours 48 minutes. The third is very liable to slip wheel, but in Sid's capable hands was successfully rung, although it almost beat him two courses from home. Our tenor man was seen at the light end for the first time on the tour, and performed very ably, whilst Jack and Alf rung the tenors very well in quick time, a very good peal. Back to Worcester and thence by bus to Droitwich Spa for our final attempt at Dodderhill, on the hill opposite the town, with the band fully determined to give of their best so as to obtain all the possibilities. These are undoubtedly a very fine peal, having been recast and rehung in a new frame by Taylor's in October last, the tenor being 18½ cwt., and the whole peal splendid in tone. Yorkshire Major was perfectly rung and this musical method sounded well on these bells. After 3 hours 8 minutes our conductor was able to say 'This is all,' and we had successfully accomplished all the 14 peals arranged.

Although only seven made the trip from the South, with the capable assistance of various Worcestershire ringers we were enabled to carry out our programme without a hitch. Everywhere we went we were made very welcome and everyone was very interested in our performances. The company are especially grateful to Mr. Sidney T. Holt for his untiring efforts in obtaining towers and ringers to fill the gaps, also the other ringers who came along to help us at short notice. Every peal was excellently struck, and 13 out of the 14 were Surprise peals. The company were a happy, sociable band. We were made very comfortable by our landlord and his wife. Incidentally the two Saturday peals were rung by all bachelors, also one or two during the week. The whole band voted the week a complete success, both as regards ringing and socially. C. E. S.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A happy gathering of the Central Branch took place at Sutton on Saturday, September 16th. About 27 members and friends were present, including Mr. Harry Chapman and Kate(?) Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., breaking off with Cambridge Surprise. Touches were rung in London, Cambridge, Norwich Surprise, Spliced Treble Bob, Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles. Tea was very kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Woodard) and Church Council. Among the ladies present were Mrs. Woodard, Mrs. G. Few, Mrs. R. Knights and Mrs. C. Gimbert (ringers' wives). A thanksgiving service was held in church at 7 p.m., conducted by Canon Woodard. The Rector gave a very inspiring sermon based on I. Epistle St. Paul to Corinthians, x., 30: 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.'

At a meeting later, a special practice meeting was fixed to take place at Somersham on September 27th, and it was agreed to hold these meetings every third week. The next meeting (general) will be at Longstanton on October 21st, and will be held in conjunction with the Ely Archdeaconry. Watch notice columns in this paper, please.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Stratton St. Margaret on Saturday, September 16th. This handy peal of eight were kept busy from 3 o'clock until about 8.30 p.m., with an interval for refreshments. The hon. secretary was requested to convey the sympathy of the branch members to Mr. Alfred Lawrence on the death of his wife. The older generation of ringers would remember Mr. Lawrence, who was a member of the Swindon Parish Church band for over 50 years. Members and visitors were present from Swindon (Christ Church and St. Mark's), Rodbourne Cheney, Fairford, Wootton Bassett, Colehill and members of the local band. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Major.

WESTMORLAND AND CUMBERLAND.

By W. H. F.

(Continued from page 587.)

THE ROUGH WITH THE SMOOTH

At Carlisle we were involved in two unusual predicaments on Friday night. In the first place, our headquarters were being rebuilt whilst carrying on business as usual. One building in a block of valuable frontages was devoted to bedrooms, approached by back yards, several stairs and landings, that led to discussion on 'pairing off.' The meals were taken in another block, with scaffolding and workmen about and dust and noise enough to destroy all sleep and appetite.

The Very Rev. Cecil Cooper, Dean of Carlisle, had regretfully to refuse a full peal, but kindly sanctioned a half-peal on Saturday. This was altered to an hour's ringing on Friday evening, 8 to 9, when the vergers and the keys were not at home. Another key was procured, and then the mystery of Carlisle tower became acute. Half an hour in finding the key of the stair-door, only to discover that one key answered for both. Arrived in the tower, one member, in the growing gloom, walked round the entire tower in the narrow passage formed in the solid walls, another found the bell loft and saw the bells, but no ringing room was discovered until an electric pocket torch revealed the secret chamber, and at last eight men were within. Stedman Triples was rung with the oldest tenor ringer, 1853, on the oldest ringing bell, 1402. The bells were lowered, clock hammers carefully reinstated and all doors locked, ending what was, to me, an experience of a lifetime. Here the ringing room is beneath the belfry, yet not too noisy, as the old bells are a poor lot and preserved for their historical value. There is little hum note to be heard when ringing, and, like some of the older clergy, their voices are worn by long service to the Church, yet beloved by all who have the privilege to hear them. I was greatly impressed by the fine view of the Cathedral from the north-west; in proportion and outline it is almost a duplicate of Brecon Cathedral as seen from the same angle. These bells were restored in 1925, two trebles by Mears and Stainbank being added to the six old bells of 1658, cast at the charge of Lord Howard and other gentry of the county and city. An excellent report of the dedication and history has already appeared in these columns. There have been two peals rung here, Stedman and Bristol, but there does not appear to be early prospects of a local band scoring a peal, as surrounding offices and business premises deny long peals.

CARLISLE ST. STEPHEN'S.

Our final day together was Saturday, August 11th, and there was much to do before leaving for Penrith by the 12.40 train. A team was selected for Cambridge Major at St. Stephen's Church at 9 a.m. It only went three or four courses and the wise decision made then to look over the dear old Cathedral. The first peal in the county of Cumberland was achieved in this tower on May 18th, 1890, conducted by W. Gregson. The bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1865, tenor 15 cwt., the late Baroness Burdett Coutts being the chief subscriber. She was a lover of church bells and gave the octave to St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, at a total cost of £867 in 1861, as well as helping in the Chertsey restoration of 1859 with three new bells. Speaking from memory, I believe the Baroness, also in 1861, presented the bells to Vancouver, B.C., thus indirectly helping the first peal in the Dominion, 1911, a jubilee peal. Thanks were given to the Vicar and steeplekeeper with apology for not making better use of the opportunity. The band regretted they were unable to come again next Saturday.

'I set the bell a-ringing,
When the bride to the altar was led,
And I lov'd to hear it swinging
So merrily over my head.'

'The Bellringer.'

Gretna Green, the well-known matrimonial village, is situated a few miles out of Carlisle, on the Scottish border. It was visited by a quartette of our party—two married ladies and two bachelors, for safety—the famous blacksmith's shop was sedately inspected, and to the relief of the male members Kate was not present. The smith struck the anvil with his hammer and quoted the old formula, 'Will you,' etc., to a number of tourists gathered round him, but there was nothing doing and no wedding bells. John Linton's portrait is to be seen, priest 1825; and John Murray's chair, 1845-65, and many curios, but the 'tying of knots' has fallen off. The Registry Office is now supplanting the blacksmith.

Carlisle City was left behind us at 12.30 with a yearning to see more of its surroundings and probe into its stirring history of five centuries. Its Cathedral bells were restored in 1825 in memory of her husband, Canon Rashdale, by Mrs. Rashdale, another instance of the affection for bells shown by the women of England.

PENRITH.

'And a-hunting we will go.'—John Peel.

This handsome and important old sporting town is but a few miles from Shap, and we arrived here for lunch after having completed a circular tour of the two counties of some 170 miles by road, rail and bus, with such brilliant sunshine the whole week that doubts arose as to whether Great Britain was off the gold standard? By kind per-

mission of Canon Byard, we were allowed to attempt an afternoon peal, and our team, reduced to eight, were met at St. Andrew's Church by Mr. Harriman, and found all in readiness. We had the pleasure also of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Spice, of Canterbury, on holiday in the Lake district. At 3 p.m. a start for Superlative, the tenor asking to be 'turned in' and reputed to be 25 cwt., was short lived, the rope coming untucked. This was remedied and the second try ended well.

In 1763, Lester, Pack and Chapman cast a ring of six bells for this tower, tenor 12 cwt., and in 1902 they were increased to eight by Taylor and Co., tenor 10 cwt., when a new iron frame was installed. The belfry is very broad and is rather noisy, with a good circle and draught, and the windows can be opened, so there was no serious distress of any of the band when the happy 'That's all' came to the last peal of the tour.

About the year 1625 a bellfoundry existed in Penrith carried on by Thomas Stafford, whose bells are to be found in several neighbouring parishes. The 'great bell' at Cartmel Priory was cast in 1630 by him at a cost of £7, the founder 'agreeing to make it tuneable with the others.' No work dealing with the church bells of Cumberland has been published, excepting a few odd pieces of information collected by the Rev. H. Whitehead, of Lancaster, issued in 1886. Near Penrith is the home of that notable sportsman Lord Lonsdale, and in the churchyard is buried John Peel, the world-famous 'luntingsman.' If any reader would like instruction in this art I would recommend Troyte's 'Change Ringing,' see page 13. Our party found it most useful climbing the towers of Cumberland for a week. Messrs. Chapman and Jenkins will remember this tower in 1925, when, after barricading the stair door, four or five of the local hands came up and sat on a form stolidly watching the two tenor men until they set up. The bellhanger has been here since that eventful visit.

At 7.31 p.m. we bid farewell to Cumberland, and, our number reduced to six, slept at Kendal for the night. I should now like to thank the Vicar of Broughton for his kind offer of his bells for a Sunday peal. The party having broken up before it came, I fear the parishioners as well as ourselves were a little disappointed. The return journey to London in the afternoon was most restful, a first-class compartment (reserved, but unclaimed) was allotted to us all the way to Euston. We all felt truly grateful for the many kindnesses shown us by the authorities at the respective churches, and fully endorse the sentiments expressed by Canon Rawsley, the first president of the Cumberland Association, in the following lines:—

'Long may the bells of merry Cumberland,
Ring out to call the people unto prayer,
And skill and pious purpose hand in hand,
Week in, week out, climb up the belfry stair.'

W. H. F.

PRESENTATION TO STAINES VETERAN.

On Saturday, September 9th, a meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Staines. The weather was glorious. St. Peter's Church was the venue, and ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., several methods being rung, including Cambridge and London Surprise Major. Shortened evensong was held at 5 p.m., at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Flecker) delivered an address full of inspiration and of obvious sincerity, touching on the duties of bellringers. The local organist (Mr. Willard) attended. Tea was served in the Church Hall, where the large attendance (over 40) taxed the resources of the caterers. Miss Riggs and her assistants proved equal to the task.

Before the usual business meeting, a pleasing little ceremony took place. The Vicar, in a few well-chosen words, said that Staines' oldest ringer, Mr. John Phillips, had just attained his 75th year, of which 60 years had been connected with ringing. To show with what respect and affection they of Staines regarded him, a sum of £8 had been collected to present to him. An illuminated testimonial would be presented later. He personally congratulated Mr. Phillips on his record, and then called on Miss Riggs and Mr. Jackson (both members of the St. Peter's band) to make the presentation, which also included a miniature bell-medal. Mr. Phillips briefly replied.

The business meeting dealt with routine matters. The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) announced that the next meeting would be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th. It was hoped to arrange a social evening on that occasion. Permission had been granted to hold a meeting at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, November 18th. Reference to the second annual supper on Saturday, January 13th, 1934, was also made. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who had contributed towards the success and arranging of the meeting.

After some handbell ringing, St. Peter's tower was revisited. Later the tower of St. Mary's was visited and the bells utilised for an hour. Some delay was experienced by the hon. secretary on his homeward journey through tyre deflections, but, having a well-trained ringer's wife, his excuse was accepted without demur! Morn, marry a ringer!

THE PINNER PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have just read Mr. Hibbert's criticism of my letter to you, re the Pinner half-muffled peal. I am sorry that his zeal as a campanologist should have led him to adopt such a discourteous tone (publicly) to a musician of equal zeal, who was expressing admiration at what seemed to him a most pathetic and beautiful effect.

Had Mr. Hibbert read my letter carefully, he would have seen that my hearing of the peal was of the shortest duration, as I went with my friends from our car to the tea table, and, with the conviviality all around me, could pay no more attention. It was only some days after when my imagination, evidently at fault, conjured up an impression such as I have stated.

I really think that Mr. Hibbert should withdraw his (I almost should say) gibes at my remarks, and not try to make an enemy of (up to that time) an admiring critic.

I only regret that my great friend, the late Mr. William Wooding Starnier, whom you must have known of, as the greatest authority on bells, is not alive to champion my musical instincts, however much they may differ from those of a campanologist.

You might be interested to know that the Phrygian Mode is the most pathetic and beautiful of all the ecclesiastical modes. The greatest musician who ever lived, John Sebastian Bach, has used it to harmonise the first Chorale in his Christmas Oratorio to the words, 'How shall I fitly meet Thee?' the melody of which is the same as that of the tune to the words of No. 111, Hymns Ancient and Modern, the Passion Chorale, 'O Sacred Head,' though there there is another setting of Bach's harmonies to the same melody.

The full scale in the Phrygian Mode will be found on a peal of ten bells, from the highest note downwards, but omitting the tenor and the bell above it, thus: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Note the minor 2nd, the characteristic interval of the scale between the two lowest notes, which gives the desolating effect.

The six bells I imagined would be in a peal of eight bells, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, rung slowly, with an accent on 2, 5, 6. Of course, I understood that the bells were ringing changes, always letting the two characteristic bottom notes end the scale. These six notes might be vocalised, 'Another soul has flown.'

I think you will acknowledge that variations on these six notes, always preserving the position of the last two notes at the end, would constitute a most perfect funeral dirge, and one I should like to feel might be rung for myself, were I thought worthy of it.

Here are two variations I might suggest: 2, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 1, 3, 2, 4, 5, 6.

The tonic-sol-fa names of the six notes of my quotation are, doh, te, lah, soh, fah, me. Each of the ecclesiastical modes has its beginning on a white key of the pianoforte, consisting of eight notes, omitting the black keys. They are Dorian, Phrygian, Lydian, Mixolydian, Aeolian, Sorian and Ionian.

STEPHEN PLUMMER.

September 2nd.

MR. MAURICE HIBBERT EXPLAINS.

Dear Sir.—My letter in 'The Ringing World' of August 25th was not intended for publication, being comments (as one of the band) sent for the editor's perusal. Still, on re-reading both letters, it holds good. I see a Mr. A. Howkins enters the lists on behalf of Mr. Plummer. If Mr. Howkins will kindly read my letter again he will find that I emphasised Mr. Plummer's musical training. What I attacked was his ear, a very different thing. If Mr. Plummer had written as an ordinary individual, I should merely have been amused, but, coming from an organist, it implied, quite unintentionally I have no doubt, a slur on the peal. I emphasise again that he sat for a considerable time under a very resonant peal, ringing half-muffled Stedman Triples in the slow time of 3 hours and 21 minutes.

Then he says he thought there were only six bells ringing, 7-8 being missing. What is the inference most people would draw on reading this, from an organist? They would assume that the bells were in a continual jumble and couldn't be picked out, when, as a matter of fact, it was an excellent peal. I suppose we must grant Mr. Plummer an ear, as a choirmaster, but it was most emphatically absent at Pinner. We have plenty of people in this village who don't know a note, but they know (and comment) when we ring six or seven instead of eight. I am pleased to hear Mr. Plummer is interested in bells, and am very sorry if I have hurt his feelings. I should like to point out to Mr. Howkins that the band who rang the peal are also interested, and ring all the year round, and, unlike most organists, are unpaid.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Bushey, Herts.

SUNDAY PEAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reading 'The Ringing World' of September 8th I was very much interested by the remarks made by Mr. Jennings with regard to Sunday peal ringing and the Lake District tour. I understand from those remarks that the peal was arranged for the benefit of the parishioners and youth of Orton on that particular Sunday, but I am sure if a vote were taken as to who enjoyed the peal most, the people outside, who were having their day of rest spoiled by three hours' pealing of bells, or the party who were ringing them, I think the voting would be obvious.

Mr. Jennings would have been better advised if he had arranged the peal on a night during the week, when he could have been outside the tower and explained to the crowd gathered there the attraction and fascination that change ringing has for himself and the party ringing the bells. He probably would have converted all the youth of Orton to the view that to be a change ringer was something worth while.

Sunday peal ringing should not be allowed by the Church authorities or recognised by the Exercise. All church bells are dedicated to the service of God, and, Sunday being our Lord's day, service ringing of not more than one hour in duration should be the object of every church bellringer. I agree with 'Observer' that Sunday peals are arranged for peal grabbing and not for the good of change ringing.

I compliment the party who took part in the tour of the Lake District, but I also condemn them for the way they chose their methods in the respective towers—perhaps I ought not to condemn all the party, but only those who had the arrangements in hand.

The following was the order of the day: On arrival at the tower inquiry was made from the local man who was there as to what method had not yet been rung through a peal on the bells. The method having been discovered, a peal was registered as the first peal in the tower of that method. These tactics are those of tower grabbers, without fear of argument.

In this district, where the towers are so scattered and enthusiasm has to be kept at the highest pitch to keep change ringing from dying out, would it not have been for the good of the district to ask the local captain if he had a man who would stand in for a peal. His striking, perhaps, would not be all that could be desired, but before he got through a peal with seven experts who would be in the team his striking would be as good as the rest of them, and he would have learned more in the three hours than all the practising he could ever get with his local band. A party who would tour this district with that object in view would be the pioneers of peal ringing in the Lake District, and their names would be honoured for a generation, whereas the peals recently accomplished by the experts will be regarded as a matter of form to such men and forgotten by the local tower in twelve months.

I must apologise, sir, if I have taken up too much of your valuable space, but I could have said more, and I sign myself, not by a noble plume, but

TYSON HOGARTH.

Keswick, Cumberland.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A VISIT TO THE HOME OF JASPER W. SNOWDEN.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Ilkley on Saturday, September 9th. Members were present from the following towers: Armley, Burley, Bradford, Brighouse, Batley, Brantley, Guiseley, Headingley, St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Keighley, Holbeck, Low Moor, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Ripon, Sheffield, Shipton and Shipley, with the local members. Although the bells were not of the easiest going, various methods were rung throughout the day.

Ten was served in Oddy's Cafe, and, through the generosity of Mr. Crawshaw, of Ilkley, a good tea was enjoyed at a reduced cost. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson), the business meeting was presided over by Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A., the president of the association. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted. The following new members were elected on the motion of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. J. W. Baxendall: Messrs. G. W. Debenham (St. Albans), Wilfred Hellwell (Bolton, Lancs), C. Renton (Armley).

Canon C. C. Marshall, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, said that it was always a pleasure to visit the home of our founder and first president, Jasper W. Snowden. Mr. J. Cotterell seconded the motion.

Mr. J. Cotterell proposed that the best thanks be accorded to the local company, especially to Mr. Crawshaw for his generosity in the reduced cost of the tea. Mr. J. W. Baxendall seconded the motion. Mr. Crawshaw responded on behalf of the local company and promised to convey to the Vicar the vote of thanks accorded him.

Mr. J. Cotterell proposed, and Mr. F. G. Sherwood seconded, that the December meeting be held at Armley. The question of organised ringing at these meetings was discussed, and the committee are to report at the next meeting. This concluded the meeting, and some adjourned to the tower for further ringing, others to view the beauties of the moors and river.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT.

The first meeting ever held at Middleton-on-the-Wolds took place on Saturday, September 9th, when the quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held. A choral service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Wilson, M.A.), who preached a very good sermon on the various uses of bells in calling people to prayer.

Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, a native of Middleton, who learnt to handle a bell on this musical ring of six bells, on learning of this meeting at Middleton, wired the secretary and asked to be allowed the pleasure of bearing the cost of the tea. He also sent some copies of 'The Ringers' Handbook' and 'Village Bells,' several copies of the current issue of 'The Ringing World' and cigarettes to be handed round after tea. He expressed the wish that the various towers in the district who received the books would make good use of them. He also wrote the tower secretary at Middleton asking what state the ropes were in. On receiving this report, he instructed Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, to supply a new set of ropes and six new mats for the belfry. He instructed the local secretary to have the old ropes sent away to be repaired, and said he wished everything to be in perfect order for the comfort of the visitors. Before commencing tea, the Rector sent, on behalf of all the guests, a telegram of grateful thanks and best wishes to Mr. Wood for his generosity. This action of the Rector's was received with loud applause. A bountiful tea was supplied to the 36 ringers present.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector presided. Mr. F. Cryer, in moving a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make such a successful meeting, referred to Mr. Wood's extreme kindness. He remembered corresponding with him in his (Mr. Wood's) early days as a ringer, and impressed upon the local ringers the necessity of reading the books over and over again, advising them to obtain a set of handbells to practise on. He asked them to act on Mr. Wood's advice and have combined practices with other towers in the vicinity. This being seconded by Mr. Middleton, of Beverley, was carried with acclamation. Two new members were elected. Messrs. F. Braithwaite, of St. Mary's, Beverley, and L. G. Marritt, of Patrington.

Beverley was chosen as the next place of meeting in December. Further ringing on tower and handbells closed one of the most successful and enthusiastic meetings ever held in the Eastern District. The towers represented were Beverley Minster and St. Mary's, Goole, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Selby and Withernsea, and the local company were in full force.

NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION (Hinckley District) AND WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Members please note that the meeting fixed for Stoney Stanton on Saturday, September 23rd, has been postponed.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Rhyl on Saturday, September 30th. A service will be held at St. Thomas' Church at 3 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know as soon as possible?—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Crowe, Town End, Hatfield, near Thorne, not later than the 28th? Method for special practice, Superlative Surprise.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. Other arrangements as usual.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

CHULMLEIGH CHURCH BELLS. A FINE DEVON TOWER.

The ancient town of Chulmleigh was formerly a borough, but it does not appear that it ever sent burgesses to Parliament. The original Charter of Chulmleigh was granted to John de Courtenay, the then lord of the manor, authorising him to hold a market every Thursday and a fair once a year, on the feast of St. Mary Magdalene (to whom the church is dedicated). The Charter was signed by Henry III. in 1242. The church and tower are magnificent buildings, the tower itself being about 100ft. high.

The collegiate or prebendal church is certainly worthy of being reckoned among the many other fine churches in North Devon, standing as it does on the top of a hill, over 500ft. above sea level, overlooking the valleys of the Rivers Taw and Little Dart, over which the beautiful peal echoes and re-echoes.

Chulmleigh bells are well known for their sound and sweetness. Until 1924 they were a ring of six bells. Then two more were added, which were given by Mr. W. P. Martin, of Colleton Manor, and Mr. T. Sanders. The tenor weighs 28 cwt. The inscriptions on the trebles are:—

1.—In memory of Old Comrades N.D. Hussars who fought in the war 1914-18. Given by Thomas Sanders, Chulmleigh, 1924. Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Note E flat. Dia. 30in. Weight 6 cwt. 3 qr.)

2.—To the Glory of God. In memory of the men of Chulmleigh who fell in the Great War 1914-18. Presented by W. P. Martin and M. C. Martin. Colleton, 1924. Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. (Note D. Dia. 21in. Weight 7 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.)

The inscriptions on the original six bells are:—

Treble.—M. for Omnes. Pax. Lewes. Huins. Ecclesiae. Rectore, E.E. W.E.

2nd.—Apud Fratres Caritas. E.E. W.E.

3rd.—Erga. Deum. Pietas. Iohn Foss. Gent. E.E. W.E.

4th.—Thio. Tannar. Wm. Marker. Chw. EE. In. Ecclesia Episcopatus.

5th.—Iohn Chaunt. Simon Harris. Gent. E.E. W.E. Floreat Regno Monerchia.

Tenor.—Thoma. Bury. Armigero. Guardiano. E. W.E. Gloria Deo In Excelsis.

The date of the bells is 1718. Last August a visit was paid by a band of the Devonshire Guild, and the 'first peal of scientific ringing' was accomplished on the eight bells. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples. It greatly interested the listeners, but the Rector was away on holiday, and so was not able to give the expert campanologists the welcome he would have liked. Two of them (formerly parishioners) were on holiday from High Wycombe. Mr. Percy Newton, who was the conductor of the peal, and his brother Arthur, their father, Mr. Hyla Newton, and their brother, Mr. Levi Newton, reside at Chulmleigh. It is hoped that some day Chulmleigh, with the population of over 1,200, will be able to provide a full band of change ringers affiliated to the Devon Guild.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.—At Christ Church on Sunday, August 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,222 changes) in 42 mins. by the following from Trowbridge: J. Bilby 1, W. Loud 2, J. Francis 3, C. Raison 4, N. Andrews 5, W. Baxter 6, S. Hector (conductor) 7, C. Andrews 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, September 17th, at Christ Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Austin (first quarter-peal) 1, R. W. Hyner 2, R. G. Townsend 3, C. J. Gardiner 4, J. Berry 5, S. Palmer 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, A. E. W. Smith 8. Rung as a compliment to the tenor man on attaining his 65th birthday and on completion of 47 years' service with the G.W.R.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 28th; at 7.30 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tickhill, near Rotherham, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at 9d. per head. Business meeting in the Parish Room after tea. Subscriptions for 1933 should be paid at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The dedication of the memorial (including the retuned ring of 8 bells with recast sixth) to the late Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (first hon. treasurer of the Guild), will take place at Woking Parish Church at 7.15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22nd. On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, members of the Guild are invited to take part in a special service at 3 p.m. at Old Woking, after which the bells will be open to all ringers. Tea (1s. each) at the Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six bell contest at New Mill on September 23rd. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brightwell, Berks, on Saturday, September 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queens Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Northern District).—A joint meeting of the above will be held by invitation of the Rector at St. Matthew's Church, Stretford (new ring of 8) on Saturday, September 23rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (free) 4.45 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Buses for Stretford leave Parker Street bus station, Piccadilly, Manchester, every few minutes.—L. Noel Cawthorne and Donald Brown, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Elkstone on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. S. Tonkinson). A bus will leave Portland Street at 2.30. P.S.—Bishop's Cleeve bells will be dedicated on the 30th inst. at 7 p.m. by the Venerable Archdeacon of Gloucester.—Walter Yeend, Mellford, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. I should be glad to receive annual subscriptions. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Oakham on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Robert G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westbourne on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Homey Cafe (1s. 3d.) each. Tower 1 mile north from Emsworth Station.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Kilndown on Saturday, September 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, after the service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Amersham (six bells) on Saturday, September 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The autumn meeting will be held at Guisborough on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6, tenor 9 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at Wear's Cafe, Church Street, at 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Cadbury (six bells) on Saturday, September 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Please note that the joint meeting with the W.G. at Claybrook is unavoidably postponed. Instead a meeting will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, September 23rd, to which Warwickshire Guild members are cordially invited. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at moderate charge.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Chippenham on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chawton, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6), available from 2.30, also at Bentworth (5), about three miles distant. Service at S. Nicolas', Chawton, 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall. Will those requiring tea kindly send in their names by Thursday, 28th?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A joint meeting with the East Grinstead Guild will be held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, September 30th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Amended Notice. Meeting at Great Totham (6 bells) on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those notifying Mr. P. G. Sayer, Great Totham, Maldon, Essex, not later than September 27th.—A. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at Crown Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. A game of skittles has been arranged for during the evening. Kindly let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, the 27th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoodleigh, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be at tea notify me certain by Monday, September 25th, or arrangement will be difficult?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Lancaster on Saturday, September 30th. Service at 4 p.m., when the address will be given by Rev. Canon Pollard, Vicar of Lancaster. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, September 30th. Ringing at Bradfield from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Guild members 6d., non-members 9d. Englefield and Theale bells available after tea. Please notify Mr. J. Butler, Marriners, Bradfield, for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 30th, at Ripley (eight bells). Committee meet in Parish Room 3.30 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. (1s. 6d. per head) only to those who advise Mr. A. Hutchinson, Market Place Cafe, Ripley, Derby, before September 28th. General meeting follows tea.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Moorside on Saturday afternoon, September 30th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stutton (six bells) and Holbrook (six bells) on Saturday, September 30th. Tea at Holbrook Compasses at 4.30 p.m. (1s. each). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Festival at Durham, Saturday, September 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 5, with address by the Dean of Durham. Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel at 6 o'clock, followed by the annual meeting, and concluding with a social evening. Will those requiring dinner (members 2s. 6d., non-members 3s. 6d.) please notify me by the 28th? Admission to Cathedral belfry at 2, 2.30, 3.30, 4 and 4.30 only. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The 6th cup contest will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, September 30th, commencing 3 p.m. Bells open to visitors after tea. Please notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop, if you require tea. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, NEAR CHELTENHAM.—The dedication will take place on Saturday, September 30th, at 7 p.m., of the heavy ring of six bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Carshalton on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., tea and meeting following. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned by Wednesday, September 27th. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Mears Ashby (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Will all requiring tea please let me know by September 27th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (five bells) on Saturday, September 30th.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tortworth on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Nearest station, Charfield.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting will be held at 8.15 p.m. on Monday, October 2nd, following a practice at 6.30 p.m. at St. Clement Danes', Strand. All members should attend.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than October 4th.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Piddington on Saturday, October 7th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. Bells available 2.30 to 3.30 and after meeting. Please notify me if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Willesden, Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me without fail by October 4th. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at St. Peter's Church, Glasbury. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (in Church Hall) to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please advise me? These bells have recently been recast and rehung in modern fittings.—E. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting to be held at Bampton on Saturday, October 7th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Talbot Hotel. All those wishing to attend let me know by first post Thursday, October 5th.—W. Evetts, jun., Branch Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 7th. Service at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Gaywood's Rooms, at 5.15 p.m. Canterbury Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (6) and St. Alphege (6) bells available. Tea provided only for those who notify me on or before Thursday, October 5th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A bye-meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. Tickets for Jubilee Dinner (3s. 6d.) are available, early application necessary.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham, Sussex.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOUCESTER.—New treble added to complete ring of six (tenor 14 cwt.). Frame repaired and new fittings supplied by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication by Right Rev. E. J. Palmer, Assistant Bishop of Gloucester, on Sunday, October 8th, at 11 a.m. Bells available during the afternoon. All ringers welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, October 14th. The chair will be taken by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, at 6 p.m. All applications for tickets (4s. each) to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, not later than the first post on Tuesday, October 10th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and visitors staying at York over the week-end will be welcomed in the Minster belfry on the Sunday morning.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 14th. Full particulars next week.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. T. Jesson) a joint meeting of the Tewkesbury and Cheltenham Branches will be held at Bishop's Cleeve on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.30. All ringers welcome. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by the 10th?—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—Bicentenary Celebration, Saturday, October 21st. Ringing in afternoon. Magdalen (10 bells) 2 to 3 p.m., St. Giles' (8), All Saints' (8), St. Ebbe's (8), 3 to 4 p.m., Christ Church (12) 4 to 5, followed by service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Reception by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Oxford at the Town Hall 5.45 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Social evening afterwards. Tickets, 5s. each, to be obtained not later than October 14th, from V. Bennett, Hon. Sec., 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 296th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 11th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Preliminary Notice.—The second annual supper will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934, at the Red Lion Hotel, High Street, Hounslow.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. Williams has removed to 3, Belgrave Street, Brighton; Mr. Geo. L. Joyce (of Leytonstone) has removed to Hilltop, Ravenscourt Grove, Hornchurch, Essex.

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