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UNORTHODOX PERFORMANCES

FIFTY years ago this title could scarcely have been used, for, although the Central Council had been formed, it was some ten years before it made an attempt to bring order out of the chaos in which ringing found itself. A list of requirements for regular methods was drawn up and two of the main points were that all methods should have the bells in the same coursing order at every lead-end of the plain course and that methods in which fifths place under any bell but the treble were forbidden.

The first requirement was rather revolutionary and no doubt caused an uproar and dire forebodings. To us of later generations it seems strange that our forefathers should have tolerated almost any method so long as the lead-end produced a five lead course (in Minor). Modern conductors would look askance at a method in which each lead of the plain course had a different coursing order, but our forbears had six groups of lead-ends in Minor, only one of which, A, retained the same coursing order throughout:—

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.
23456	23456	23456	23456	23456	23456
42635	52364	42563	62345	62534	52643
64523	65243	54632	56234	46325	45362
56342	46532	65324	45623	54263	64235
35264	34625	36245	34562	35642	36524

The second requirement, I imagine, met with rather less opposition due to the advocacy by that great ringer, Jasper W. Snowdon, of methods which produce extents with all the 5-6's at backstroke.

The advantages which have accrued from the first requirement are that regularity has been introduced into the field of method construction and emphasis given to the usefulness of coursing order on which all modern conductors depend to a greater or lesser degree. In fact, it might be said that the high standard of conducting to-day is owed indirectly to that decision of forty years ago.

Many of the old irregular methods were interesting to ring, and an examination of a collection of them made by the late Rev. A. T. Beeston and preserved in the Beeston

Library of the Chester Guild shows that many of our modern methods have features which were incorporated in these old friends. Many other methods were modernised by changing the place made at mid-lead, e.g. :—

Old Method.	Alteration.	New Method.	Cn. No.
Duke of York.	Thirds instead of firsts. Bob lead for plain lead.	Clarence Delight	(4D. 24)
Woodbine.	Fifths instead of firsts.	Neasden Delight	(4D. 16)
New London.	Thirds instead of firsts.	Nelson T.B.	(T.B. 9)

Those ringers who remember these old methods and are apt to feel that good and useful methods have been sacrificed on the altar of 'Bob Minor lead-ends' might consider how their favourite irregular method has been modernised in the Collection and instead of lamenting its demise try to popularise it in its new modernised form.

The names of some of the irregular methods are picturesque: Noah's Ark, Echo of Tong, Yorkshire Glory, Navigation Delight, Tanner's Pleasure, Queen Bess, Red Rose, Steeple Delight, Symphony, Tinker's Delight, etc. There is even one with a topical note, King's Recovery. These names would not now be approved by the Exercise, but many a pleasant half-hour can be spent in speculating how the methods received such singular names.

To the ringers of unorthodox methods we would suggest a study of the Collection of Minor Methods and the Four Way Table. They will be surprised to find how easy some of the modernised methods are to ring and delighted to find that thirteen are based upon our old friend Woodbine, whose inclusion in a peal has led to the writing of this article.

Warning should be given that the Collection contains two irregular methods, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse College.

Although the major portion of this article has been devoted to Minor, it must be remembered that a similar state of affairs existed in Major, etc., but irregular methods did not have such a vogue on the higher numbers except perhaps Canterbury Pleasure. The development of Major ringing has occurred in the last thirty years.

The Council has no desire to dictate to the ringers what they should ring, but it is felt that it is illogical for it to admit performances to its records which do not conform with its decisions. How such unorthodox performances should be recorded in 'The Ringing World' is a matter for the Editorial Committee to decide. C. K. L.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. Treble	ERIAN G. WARWICK .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 9
G. WM. CRITCHLEY .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 10
JOHN PINFOLD .. 5	*GEORGE E. FEARN .. 11
ALBERT WALKER .. 6	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

*100th peal on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE .. 2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 8
ALIEN MORGAN .. 4	CYRIL TANSELL .. 9
WM. H. A. COMPTON .. 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

A compliment to Miss Betty Spice and the Rev. Peter T. Robbins on their wedding the previous day. First peal on the bells since being rehung.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES .. Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING .. 6
HENRY J. SANGER .. 2	ROGER O. FRY .. 7
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 3	RONALD G. BECK .. 8
EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. 9
THOMAS W. KIMBER .. 5	FREDK. A. TARGETT .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung on the 55th anniversary of A. E. Reeves' first peal, rung at St. Giles's, Reading.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

On Sun., Oct. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER (R.C.).

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt.

*J. ANTHONY HORNBY .. Treble	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 6
JOHN WOODS .. 2	JAMES E. BURLES .. 7
†RICHARD RAINFORD .. 3	*FRANK HORNBY .. 8
FRANK T. POSTLETHWAITE .. 4	*SYDNEY JEFFERY .. 9
†HERBERT RAINFORD .. 5	*RICHARD HORNBY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal of Caters on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 92nd anniversary of St. Peter's Cathedral.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Tues., Oct. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F. sharp.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	*ERNEST STITCH .. 7
HERBERT KNIGHT .. 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	PETER BERESFORD .. 9
ALAN ELSMORE .. 5	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

*350th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. E. Hortin, for over 40 years a ringer at this church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 HEREFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 6
MAURICE HODGSON .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

This is the first peal in the method.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
PETER LAFLIN .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 6
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. 7
JAMES FEARNLEY .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 12 methods: Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough, Little Bob, Wellington, Little Court and Little Bob; 281 changes of method.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*GEORGE W. CREASEY .. Treble	*RICHARD E. MANTON .. 5
*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 2	JACK BRAY .. 6
*†C. WILLIAM HALL .. 3	*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 4	*ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

*First peal in 12 Major methods. †60th peal. The most Major methods yet rung in a peal for the Guild. A birthday compliment to the Rector's wife, Mrs. A. T. G. Blackmore.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB AND CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in E flat.

*STANLEY M. EVANS .. Treble	*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 5
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 2	*GEORGE KENWARD .. 6
EILEEN S. WYLES .. 3	*GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 7
WILFRID S. PALIN .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD.

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

*First peal in more than one Major method. First peal of Spliced Canterbury and Plain Bob by all the band. The method was changed every lead. Rung for the closing of the festival, also as a thanksgiving for the recovery of H.M. King George from his serious operation.

TADCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

ANNE WORTH .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	RALPH TAYLOR .. 5
DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. 2	HENRY PARKER .. 6
ERIC HORNBY .. 3	CECIL RADDON .. 7
DENIS MADDOCK .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
GEORGE H. HESKETH .. Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 5		
*JOHN ROBERTS .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. 6		
PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON .. 7		
ALLAN CAVE .. 4	FREDK. S. ALMOND .. Tenor		

Conducted by GEORGE H. HESKETH.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. James Robinson, wife of a local ringier.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*STANLEY IRELAND .. Treble	HENRY O. BAKER .. 5
CHARLES WARD .. 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 6
JOHN ORME .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	DENIS MADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

* First peal. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung for the 250th anniversary of the S.P.G. and on the visit of the S.P.G. ship, 'Centurion,' to the town of Runcorn.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

*BRIAN CUTHBERT .. Treble	JACK BRAY .. 5
FRANK LOND .. 2	HAROLD MORWOOD .. 6
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3	HARRY HALL .. 7
FRED LACEY .. 4	GEORGE W. MOODY .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harrison.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK P. WRIGHT .. Treble	*PETER BORDER .. 5
*A. ROBIN GUY .. 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 6
*†M. ELIZABETH ROE .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
*JOHN B. GUY .. 4	JOHN E. SPICE .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Betty Spice and Rev. Peter Robbins at Tunstall on this day.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN .. 5		
JAMES GROUNDS .. 2	*JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 6		
JAMES L. WRIGHT .. 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON .. 7		
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. Tenor		

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method. First peal since 1937 for the conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENSINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON .. 6
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

This is the first peal in the method, which was produced by the late Henry Dains in 1915 and named by him.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 2	JOHN HILL .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 3	ALFRED BALLARD .. 7
*MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 5
JACK BAILEY .. 2	JOHN F. WILKINSON .. 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4	ALFRED MOULD .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

A farewell to John F. Wilkinson, who is joining the Royal Air Force.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.
MRS. DORA EVANS .. Treble	REGINALD W. PERRY .. 5
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 2	JESSE HALLETT .. 6
BETTY SMITH .. 3	*HARRY C. NEWMAN .. 7
EDWARD J. FRY .. 4	KENNETH F. MEDWAY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fry.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*PETER WOOD .. Treble	RONALD SUCKLING .. 5
ALFRED LITTLE .. 2	JOHN WARNER .. 6
RONALD BOYKETT .. 3	CHARLES BURTON .. 7
STANLEY BONES .. 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal of Major (aged 14 years). Rung as an act of thanksgiving for the 956th Dedication Festival of St. Mary's.

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On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 25 lb. in A flat.

A. WARRENTreble	G. CARTER 5
F. BARKER 2	P. BLAKE 6
E. TURNER 3	B. WILLIS 7
T. BEVAN 4	L. TUBBTenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by B. WILLIS.

First peal as conductor. A farewell to P. Blake, who is returning to Bristol after 38 years as a member of the Finchley band.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND INDIVISIBLE TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWISTreble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.. 7
CYRIL TANSSELL 4	HARRY PARKESTenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (15).

Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..Treble	†ERIC NAYLOR 5
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN.. 2	RALPH BIRD 6
JOHN O. WELLER 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
WILLIAM G. COOK 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by GEO. J. BUTCHER.

* 250th peal of Surprise. † First touch of Superlative. To celebrate the 1,200th anniversary of the church's dedication.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

*REX. M. DIXONTreble	JACK S. DEAR 5
WALTER D. POOLEY 2	EDWIN G. BUCK 6
†JOHN F. COLLINGS 3	HORACE E. WERRETT 7
†MAURICE H. COLLINGS.. 4	*L. BENJAMIN SCOOT .. .Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. WERRETT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A wedding compliment to Mr. Ian Garrard and Miss Veronica Frances Kenyon, daughter of the Vicar of Norton and Mrs. Kenyon.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

BERNARD R. MILLWARD ..Treble	GEORGE F. SPERRING 5
FRED EVANS 2	PERCY SWINDLEY 6
*ROGER B. MORRIS 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 7
JOHN W. BEST 4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal on eight bells. A wedding compliment to Richard Edward Evans (son of second ringer) and Miss Rosemary K. Mawr.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST A. HEADTreble	GEORGE GOWER 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON 2	FREDK. W. MUNNINGS .. 6
STANLEY W. COPLING 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	WILLIAM J. FLATTTenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

A birthday compliment to the daughter of the tenor ringer.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN THOMASTreble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD 5
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.. 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	HARRY PARKES 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 9).

Conducted by THOS. J. LOCK.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING ..Treble	JOHN G. AMES 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT 2	THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 6
*FRANK TAYLOR 3	HORACE BENNETT 7
FREDA OLDERSHAW 4	*CYRIL WANDERTenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* 25th peal together. First peal of Kent Major as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Farr on completing 50 years' membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and on his retirement after being captain at this tower for many years.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.

*CYRIL E. LEWINGTON ..Treble	MRS. P. LEWINGTON 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
MRS. A. DISERENS 3	NOEL J. DISERENS 7
RONALD F. DISERENS 4	VINCENT T. CHERILL .. .Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.

* First peal.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

SHIRLEY BURTONTreble	PERCY D. BALDOCK 5
*J. GEOFFREY GEARY 2	RONALD RUSSELL 6
†EDWARD J. CLEMENTS .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	†JOHN BRAMLEYTenor

Composed by SAM WOOD.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Kent Major 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM LOVETreble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
GEORGE SAYER 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING 4	WILLIAM CLOVERTenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Composition contains 6th extent home in natural courses.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

DORIS G. DOBBIETreble	WILFRID S. PALIN 5
EILEEN S. WYLES 2	ERIC NAYLOR 6
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
GEORGE KENWARD 4	GEORGE WOODTenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of the Rev. Peter Tyndal Robbins and Miss Betty Spice. Rung with the best wishes of the band and from all members of the Rochester district to the happy couple.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 BEDFORD DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRIS G. WOODHEAD .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX 4
DAPHNE J. HARE 2	ALAN S. SMITH 5
RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 3	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. A welcome to Captain E. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

KENNETH W. MUTTOCK .. Treble	RONALD E. BURT 4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD 2	T. CHARLES BROWNE 5
FRANK PEARSON 3	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung for the patronal festival of the above church.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court. Hereward Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ROBERT D. JOHNSON .. Treble	DAVID HOARE 4
JOHN FOWLER 2	E. JOHN TARGETT 5
RONALD G. BECK 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. CHIVERS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. LOWE 4
ERNEST F. PAYNE 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5
*ROYSTON WILMORE 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung in honour of the marriage of Frederick John Sime and Barbara Mary Hillyard. A birthday peal for the bride. Rung on the Feast of the patron saint of this church.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. (approx.).

JOHN G. AMES Treble	FRANK TAYLOR 4
*FRED A. OLDERSHAW 2	*THOMAS H. CHARLTON 5
CYRIL WANDER 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. Duffy, of Deeping St. Nicholas.

SEAL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

MICHAEL FULLER Treble	LESLIE W. G. SKINNER .. 4
*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. 2	RALPH BIRD 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	JOHN E. CANNELL Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung in honour of the feast of St. Michael and All Angels.



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STOTFOLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb. in G.
JOHN F. COLLINGS (13) .. Treble | R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. 4
*REX M. DIXON (12) .. 2 | JOHN CHURCH .. 5
†MAURICE A. COLLINGS .. 3 | WALTER D. POOLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.
* First peal in method. † First peal of Minor. Rung for the feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

BRAFELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of twelve 120's of Canterbury Pleasure and ten 120's each of April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
PHILIP JONES .. Treble | *ANTHONY BROCKWELL .. 3
ROLAND JONES .. 2 | *CLAUDE BROCKWELL .. 4
CYRIL LONGLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.
* First peal. A wedding compliment to George Care, bellringer and organist at this church, and Miss M. Berridge; also for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Jones.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.
GWENDOLINE D. ROBINSON Treble | AUBREY D. MILLS .. 4
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2 | JOHN G. AMES .. 5
ERNEST BRITAIN .. 3 | FRANK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.
A welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. E. F. Wright, and also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. A. Duffy, one of the local ringers.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, and Reverse Canterbury, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.
LEWIS NEWMAN .. Treble | WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 4
TOM SAUNDERS .. 2 | FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 5
LUTHER J. HONESS .. 3 | PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in more than one method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to Miss Betty Spice.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and 240 Morris's arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9½ lb. in G sharp.
MARJORIE LEGG .. Treble | †TERRY ELLARD .. 4
*HOWARD COLLINGS .. 2 | GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 5
†R. COLEMAN .. 3 | HENRY BUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for the first wedding anniversary of Mr. R. Coleman; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ellard, mother of the ringer of the 4th.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.
*PETER J. THOMAS .. Treble | †MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2 | WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. 5
†WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3 | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor. Rung for the first wedding anniversary of the treble ringer.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.
ERIC C. LUCAS .. Treble | ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. 4
*DOROTHY HICKS (14) .. 2 | ALFRED WM. GLAZZARD .. 5
GERALD L. BOWEN .. 3 | JOHN H. HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED WILLIAM GLAZZARD.
* First peal.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Woodbine Treble Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and three 720's of Grandsire Minor. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.
*FREDERICK SCOTT .. Treble | WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4
†BRIAN TAYLOR .. 2 | DAVID H. PEARCE .. 5
MARY PEMBERTON .. 3 | WILLIAM BUTLER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal. † First peal in three Minor methods. 720's contain no 6-5's at backstroke.

ASHBY-DE-LA-LAUNDE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HYBALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being twenty 120's (ten callings) and eleven 240's (eleven callings). Tenor 7 cwt. in A.
JAMES H. MUSSON .. Treble | *WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 3
*MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2 | HUGH LONGLAND .. 4
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240 and 40 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb.
*HEATHER EVANS .. Treble | *JEAN POWELL .. 4
GLYN WILLIAMS .. 2 | †A. RYAN PRICE .. 5
†MRS. A. R. PRICE .. 3 | *JACK POWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells for 18 years.

HORBURY, WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four different extents of Kent Treble Bob and three different extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.
*ARNOLD BOWERS .. Treble | JOHN W. MILNER .. 4
*ROGER AXFORD .. 2 | *EDWARD ATKINSON .. 5
*MICHAEL HUNT .. 3 | GEORGE CUTTS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CUTTS.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Rowley, captain of the local band, on his 83rd birthday.

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven extents in 15 methods, viz.: (1) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, and Old Oxford Delight; (3) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (4) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.
*NEVILLE A. BROWN .. Treble | *DEREK OGDEN .. 4
*JEAN C. BROWN .. 2 | *RONALD BARLOW .. 5
*M. JULIAN BRIERLEY .. 3 | DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in 15 methods. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. K. F. Parsons, and for the celebration of harvesttide. Average age of the band is 19 years.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 COURT MINOR

Being four extents of Double Court and three of Single Court.

Tenor 8 cwt 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

HUGH LONGLAND Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN 4
DONALD H. METTAM 2	FRANK R. MITCHELL 5
DENIS A. FRITH 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A birthday compliment to Denis A. Frith and Frank R. Mitchell.
Also a farewell peal for Frank R. Mitchell, who is joining H.M. Forces.

WINWICK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED WILKINSON Treble	CECIL RADDON 4
HAROLD WORRALL 2	HENRY PARKER 5
ERIC HORNEY 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. Taylor and Miss M. Ralphs.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

O. MICHAEL SLANEY 1-2	R. T. BARLOW 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT 3-4	FREDK. E. WILSHAW 7-8

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.
Composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and all the 7648's and 7468's.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 26 extents of Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE 3-4

*B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5-6

Conducted by F. KEVON THOMPSON.

* 25th peal this year.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

*FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 1-2 | *O. MICHAEL SLANEY .. 5-6

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3-4 | *R. T. BARLOW 7-8

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.' First peal in the method
'in hand' for the Association. Tenor size 15 in C.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

MICHAEL J. E. BEST 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS 7-8

EDWIN BARNETT 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES. Tenor size 15 in C.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 4½ Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,472 Plain Bob, 1,392 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 448 Reverse Bob, 320 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 224 Crayford Little Bob, with 399 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

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'My patience is exhausted,' said a well-known statesman on a memorable occasion. Ours is not exhausted but economic necessity prevents us from sending 'Ringing Worlds' to the postal subscribers who have not forwarded their quarterly subscriptions (6s.) to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent. Last week we had 12 new postal subscribers. Why not help the 'Ringing World' by joining them?

Ringing took place last Saturday at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in connection with the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' annual dinner. It is interesting to recall that 19 years ago that Saturday on these bells, Mrs. G. H. Cross, the wife of the Master, rang her first peal of Stedman Cinques on these bells. Those present at the dinner included two others who stood in the peal—Mr. G. H. Cross, the conductor, and Dr. E. L. Taylor, who joined the Cumberlands in 1902.

Mr. R. H. McDonald, at one time captain of St. Mary's Basilica Society, Sydney, who has recently turned 95, still enjoys a touch of Triples on handbells.

The famous Spliced Surprise handbell band from Bushey hope to demonstrate their skill at the social evening at Hillingdon to-morrow (Saturday).

Mr. H. Miles writes re the touch of Stedman Triples on page 656 that the six opposite the word Whittington's should be plain, not bobbed as printed.

The New South Wales Association of Change Ringers are asking, through 'Ringing Towers,' other ringers in Australia their opinion of forming a federation of Change Ringers in Australia.

Mr. Patrick I. Chapman informs us that the weight of St. Neots tenor is 29 cwt, 2 qr, 14 lb. in D. This was not the tower visited by the Society of Rambling Ringers; the six-bell tower with a 14 cwt. tenor was Eynesbury, Hunts, a tower situated within a stone's throw of the magnificent tower and bells of St. Neots. Mr. John W. Blythe adds a correction to his letter last week stating that St. Neots tenor is 30 cwt. in D. and not 20 cwt. as printed. 'I expect it was due to my bad writing,' he adds.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Good progress with Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples, is the welcome news to hand this week from St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, where Mr. C. R. H. Stickley has joined the band. Two quarter peals are recorded this week. Unfortunately a peal attempt on September 29th came to grief owing to the fifth rope coming off the wheel after 80 minutes' ringing. A word of praise is due to Mr. J. Wood, who has kept ringing alive here for 40 years. Unfortunately he was on sick leave when the two quarter peals were rung. Woodstock is the only tower in South Africa where change ringing is exercised twice on a Sunday and also on Tuesday evenings.

Mr. Eric Naylor, of Rainham, Kent, has rung a peal in 25 different towers this year.

Mr. Harry Dobell rang his first quarter peal for 18 years at Marden, Kent, on October 5th.

Mr. W. Cope, at one time secretary of the Guildford District, has returned to this country after seven years in Australia. A welcome-home quarter peal, in which he participated, was rung at St. Mary's Church, Lichfield, on October 7th. Mr. Cope is to make his home at Bath.

In the first peal on the augmented ten of St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, Lancaster, on October 7th, were three brothers, all first-pealers. Also a father and son and an uncle and nephew, all of them regular Sunday service ringers at the Cathedral.

Eighty-three year old Mr. Herbert Rowley had a birthday compliment paid him by a peal on Horbury (near Wakefield) bells. For 63 years he has been a regular ringer at this tower where he does almost all the conducting. He is a veteran of the last century, having rung his first peal—one of Minor in seven methods—on January 7th, 1894. His last peal was rung on September 13th, 1932.

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Master Asks For Ruling On Non-Conducted Peals

TRADITION was fully maintained at the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at the 'Old Bell' Restaurant, Holborn, last Saturday. The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) presided over a very happy gathering. With him on the top table were Mrs. Cross, the Rev. Meredith Davies (Vicar of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch), and Mrs. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winterton, the Rev. T. C. Kerne (who is temporarily attached to St. Martin's before returning to Australia) and Mr. J. Frank Smallwood (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths).

The company present included Dr. E. L. Taylor, Dr. S. Poole, Dr. W. Leese, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Ling, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Page, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. M. Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. R. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. B. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill, Mesdames J. D. Matthews, E. E. Davis, Kitchen, Colgate and A. Diserens.

The Misses M. F. Jackson, J. Smales, L. Porter, M. Barker, H. Harley, M. Salt, N. Shorter, P. Kitchen, Steel, D. Colgate, M. Prosser, J. Green, K. Reade, E. Watson, M. Skeetan, P. Steere and Golding.

Messrs. F. J. Matthews, R. Glover, H. Sandon, H. Paul, J. Hawkins, J. Millhouse, T. Clarke, A. Mason, C. Hughes, P. N. Bond, J. A. C. King, H. D. Buckingham, R. Currie, V. S. Harrington, F. W. Vernon, J. W. Raithby, R. J. Clarke, L. H. Bywater, R. Newman, N. J. Diserens, F. and E. W. Russell, D. Layton, G. F. Carter, A. Sinfield, C. H. Harding, R. Sharpe, A. E. Chilton, W. S. Chandler, E. C. Thrale, E. Palmer, A. Patten, J. Hill and T. W. White.

DUTY TO THE CHURCH

After the Master had proposed the loyal toast, Mr. W. R. Winterton, F.R.C.S., submitted 'The Church.' As ringers, they were dependent, he said, on the Church and the goodwill of the Church to provide them with their bells. Years ago the Church was a wealthy concern: things were different to-day and he admired the way the Church succeeded in providing new rings, rehanging bells and augmenting rings from six to eight. It was, therefore, up to them to see that the bells were rung regularly Sunday by Sunday and ringing not confined to wandering bands of peal ringers. In welcoming the Rev. Meredith Davies, Dr. Winterton said Mr. Davies' first job was as a curate to his father-in-law.

The Rev. Meredith Davies gave a witty reply interspersed with anecdotes associated with his long life as a prison chaplain. He admitted his interest in bell-ringing and said when he was a chaplain at Wakefield Prison, the Governor had the idea of having a party of handbell ringers early on Christmas morning. As they played 'Christians Awake,' there were cries from the cells, 'I am not a Christian and I don't want to be awakened.' (Laughter.)

He was so pleased that the Society was taking an interest in Shoreditch Church. It was a tough job and the narsen needed all the help he could get from the laity.

The Rev. T. C. Kerne also responded and said for 15 years he used to ring at Marborough, Queensland, where they had nine bells with a tenor weighing 21 cwt. It was the only ring in Queensland. There were bells at Brisbane but they were waiting for the western tower of the Cathedral to be built.

There was one thing that struck him very forcibly in England. It was that either the laity were afraid of the clergy or the clergy of

the laity. He suggested that they form a friendship league with their clergy.

The toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' was given by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne who said he did not propose to go back to the distant past but to speak about things in living memory of most of those present and of the future. Many of the older members would remember Mr. Harry Dains, who died in 1916, and was a composer of some note. He did much to carry the Society along the path it had gone. They had another industrious Master in Mr. J. D. Matthews, who came along at a period when the Society was at rather a low ebb. It was largely due to his forethought and help—he was Master from 1912 to 1933—that the Society matured to what it was to-day. Then came their present Master—Mr. George Cross—who was a Master in whom they could all be proud.

LIKE HIS GRANDFATHER

The future of the Society was in the hands of the younger members and it was a pleasure to see so many of them present that night. A great deal of organising of that dinner was the work of one of their younger members (Mr. F. J. Matthews). He was, indeed, following in the steps of his grandfather, in putting the best of his spare time at the disposal of the Society.

Replying, the Master congratulated Mr. Frank Matthews on the excellent arrangements for the dinner and said he was sure his grandmother must be very proud of him. Since the beginning of the year the Society had rung peals of Cambridge Major, Bob Major, Yorkshire Reval, Yorkshire Major, Double Norwich, Bristol and Stedman Triples. Two of these had been farewell peals to Leonard Baybutt and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray.

Meetings had been held at Reading, Guildford and Barnet. The meeting at Reading was first class but at Guildford they did not have many people. Since the last dinner they had suffered losses by death of George Steere, George Radley, Charles Tyler, William Dye, Harry Kilby and Harry Warnett. Charles Tyler had a great work at Henfield raising a band to ring Surprise. An enterprising band from London, however, rang the first peal of Superlative on the bells, the first Surprise peal on the bells, which caused the band to lose interest.

He would like to refer to non-conducted peals, especially those rung in Leicestershire. He had always understood that a non-conducted peal was a silent peal. In these Leicestershire peals everybody was allowed to say something except 'Bob.' This was not his interpretation of a non-conducted peal and he thought the matter should be brought up at the Central Council meeting. In his opinion a non-conducted peal should be a silent peal.

TRANSPPOSITIONS DURING PEAL

The leading article of 'The Ringing World' of the week before stated that 'the art of transposition is becoming widely understood and practised. The result is that many conductors are now able to pick up trips that a few years ago would have meant the breakdown of the peal.' He hoped that such peals would not be published in 'The Ringing World.' The space could be better used by publishing articles of value to the Exercise.

Mr. F. J. Matthews, who proposed 'Visitors and Kindred Societies,' confessed that this was his first after-dinner speech. They welcomed visitors to their ringing at St. Martin's and Shoreditch that day. They were particularly pleased to have with them Mr. Raithby, of Newark. The Vicar of St. Martin's came from there and he was afraid Newark people always thought they had 'pinched' him. They were also pleased to have with them Miss Steel, who had been a member of the Society since 1912. They also accorded a very warm welcome to their friends of the College Youths

because whether they were Cumberlands of College Youths they were all ringers and were 'pulling together' towards the unity of the Exercise. In coupling the name of Mr. F. J. Smallwood, the Master of the College Youths, with the toast, Mr. Matthews recalled that he rang a handbell peal with his grandfather at Leamington.

Mr. Smallwood, in response, congratulated Mr. Matthews on his great promise as an after-dinner speaker. As he was speaking, his mind went back over 40 years and he could see his grandfather standing there. He had the same colour of hair and the same features. He well remembered ringing handbells with Jack Matthews and what an enthusiast he was!

On behalf of the visitors he thanked them for their kind hospitality and especially on behalf of the College Youths. Years ago the rivalry between the two Metropolitan Societies was very great and very acute and it was rivalry to almost jealousy and hatred. Then it became friendly rivalry and now it was real friendship. He had rung peals with their Master for the Kent County Association.

He would like to say how pleased he was that Shoreditch bells were now available, and it was a pleasure for him to ring on them that afternoon—the only ring of twelve in London he had not rung on. He hoped that with more use they would 'go' better and that steps would be taken to make them a little less noisy in the street below.

The concluding toast of 'The Press' was given by Mr. C. J. Matthews, who recalled that the peal attempt on the first Saturday in May was stopped after ten minutes by the Vicar because it was feared that the bells might drown the speeches at the May Day demonstration in Trafalgar Square. One of the papers reported the incident as the bells of St. Martin's giving the demonstration a ten minutes' welcome. He wished 'The Ringing World' every success in its effort to get 1,000 new subscribers.

'RINGING WORLD' BATTLE AGAINST COSTS

Mr. T. W. White, in reply, referred to the circumstances that led up to the present campaign for obtaining another 1,000 postal subscribers. Last year the accounts of the 'Ringing World' just balanced. The new Editorial Committee, led by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, were determined, if at all possible, to keep 'The Ringing World' at fourpence. When they assumed office they found that the journal was being run at a loss of approximately £5 a week, due to the increased cost of paper, and there was a wage increase also to be met. All items of expenditure were examined with a tooth comb and a saving of £3 a week effected on the editorial side. Sources of revenue were examined in relation to cost. The cost of paper alone in a half-page advertisement in 'The Ringing World' was now 18s. 6d. an issue, and the advantage to the production accruing from advertisements of this character was microscopic. The committee had succeeded in convincing advertisers that a higher price was inevitable. Troubles of cost did not end there. From the issue of November 22nd, paper costs would increase by another £5 a week. The only way this could be met was by more postal subscribers. From a postal subscriber's copy 'The Ringing World' received 34d. net towards its cost of production and from a copy purchased from a newsagent, 2d. It was this difference of 14d. which was absolutely vital and 1,000 more 14d. would give them the additional £7 a week to meet their charges and enable the journal to remain solvent. He asked all present to do their utmost to enable the campaign to succeed. In the meantime the committee were very grateful to those who had sent donations and made contributions towards the publication of

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MIDDLESEX MEETS MIDLANDS

A very happy and successful week-end was spent by Miss E. K. Fulton, Messrs. A. W. Coles and H. G. Hart of the Middlesex County Association on their visit to the Midlands. Last summer J. W. Cotton and friends visited Harrow Weald and Pinner, ringing two good peals.

This return visit was arranged by their very able secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton. The trio travelled to Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Friday evening to be ready for a full day on Saturday. It was arranged that a 9 a.m. start should be made from Ashby for a peal at Loughborough Bell Foundry. Unfortunately a thick mist had developed overnight making driving difficult. However, a start was made from Ashby at 9.15 and on the way we were able to do our good deed for the day by giving a lift to a wedding party whose car had overturned in the ditch.

On arrival at the foundry we found that three of the band expected had not yet arrived and so an interesting half-hour was spent looking round Messrs. John Taylor's Foundry. Just in time, the three latecomers, E. Morris, W. P. Whitehead and J. W. F. Trotman (held up by the thick mist), arrived and a good peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major resulted.

After a well-earned and much-enjoyed lunch the band split up—the visitors, together with Mr. J. W. Cotton and Mr. S. H. Jones made their way to Rolleston-on-Dove, where the Midland Counties Guild monthly meeting was being held. The journey back to Ashby was broken by a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cotton and family, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

However, Sunday morning found us again at Overseal—this time in the tower—and a good quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for Harvest Festival, conducted by Mr. A. W. Coles. Thanks are accorded to all those who made this visit possible. H. G. H.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Branch Meetings

The Penzance Branch autumn meeting was held at Paul on September 29th and was attended by about 50 members including Miss Eileen Symons, president of the Guild, and branch chairman, Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., a Past Master, and the Rev. H. H. Dixon (Manaccan). Paul bells are a fine six (tenor 14½ cwt.), and were dedicated last year. The Vicar, the Rev. W. V. Wagner, conducted the service and welcomed the members by expressing his pleasure that a meeting had been arranged there so soon after the installation of the bells.

At the business meeting Miss Symons was again elected chairman, the Rev. A. S. Roberts branch secretary, and Mr. W. Wood (Gulval) auditor. It was agreed to hold the spring meeting at Crowan, with Mawgan-in-Meneage as an alternative.

The South East Cornwall Branch gathering was held the same day some 70 miles distant from Paul at Menheniot, where the Vicar, the Rev. E. M. Thomas, has awakened interest in the Guild and affiliated his tower. The Vicar this year rang his first peal, and has become one of the latest members of the Clerical Guild. Mr. H. J. Clark is the secretary of this branch and had the support of Mr. W. H. Southeast (Master of the Guild) and the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (secretary) as well as some 60 members, which was a most encouraging number for this part of Cornwall.

Cumberlands Dinner—Cont.

peals and quarter peals. It was a very real help in bridging the gap until the price of paper decreased.

A feature of the evening was the musical programme, especially the singing of the special choir of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Miss Doreen Drake sang two soprano solos and there were two handbell touches—Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Major.

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OLD BEDFORDIANS' PROPOSED PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—On behalf of two other Old Bedfordians, I would like to announce that we propose to attempt a tower-bell peal early next year in the vicinity of Bedford, providing that a band composed of past and present members of Bedford School can be found. The peal would be rung in connection with the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the school.

I should be very glad to hear from any Old Bedfordians who are ringers, especially those willing to take part in this peal.—Yours sincerely,

J. MICHAEL STEPHENS (1940-45).

24, Durler Avenue,
Bedford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Canterbury District

As usual, the Canterbury District turned up in force for the annual meeting at Canterbury recently. An attendance of 130 was recorded representing 23 towers in the District. Seven other towers of the Association were also represented, visitors including Mr. J. Willis, a trustee, and Mr. B. May, hon. secretary of the Rochester District.

Ringing was held during the afternoon and the service took place at St. Stephen's, this being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. R. Barnes. A pleasing feature of the service was the singing, which was led by St. Stephen's choir, who at all times are good, but this time they seemed to surpass themselves. The beauty of the recessional to the metrical version of Psalm 23 to the tune 'Crimond,' was most impressive. Mrs. D. Ratcliffe was the organist and a collection taken for the Benevolent Fund realised £2 5s. 4d.

Tea, taken buffet style in the Parish Room, being disposed of, the annual business meeting was proceeded with. The report showed a small decrease in membership, this being due to subscriptions not yet paid. An increase in hon. members was reported, the total at that date being 44, an increase of six over previous figures. Meetings had been well attended.

The chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell, Birchington, was re-elected by nomination, as was also the secretary, Mr. B. J. Luck; by ballot, Mr. H. R. French and Mr. S. Walter were chosen from four candidates as district representatives on the Central Committee, and Mr. R. G. French was re-elected Ringing Master.

Chilham was voted as the place of the next meeting, and notice was given of the District's social to be held on December 8th.

1,000 More Readers Wanted!

The Editorial Committee invite the help of all who have the welfare of 'The Ringing World' at heart to obtain at least another thousand Postal subscribers.

If the costs of the production of the paper could be spread over this increased number of readers it might be possible to avoid an increase in the price of the paper.

Every possible economy is being made, and advertisers are paying more for their space, but the recent increase in the cost of paper (£27/10/0 per ton) puts an additional strain on our resources.

Here is a chance for every ringer who wishes to help to do something practical. Talk about the paper at your meetings, and help us to rope in at least another 1,000 Postal subscribers. It can be done with your help. What about making a present of a quarterly, half-yearly or yearly subscription to someone whom you know does not take 'The Ringing World'? Fill in the form below and send to J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent.

To the Editorial Committee, 'The Ringing World.'

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A PEAL TOUR OF DEVON AND CORNWALL

Twenty-One Surprise Peals In a Week

THE West Country has always appealed to touring parties, both to motorists and ringers. This year 19 ringers met to enjoy both these pleasures amidst some of England's finest scenery. It had been intended to spend most of the week in Devon with a couple of days in Cornwall but as accommodation for such a large party was difficult to obtain most of the week was spent in Cornwall, and as only one or two of the tourists had visited Cornwall before, the situation was accepted with pleasure.

We assembled overnight on Friday, August 24th, ten spending the night very comfortably at Culmpton and the other eight at Wiveliscombe. The latter party scored a good peal of London the following day at Milverton, the only peal to be attempted in Somerset on this tour, and after enjoying their ringing at this tower, were entertained to lunch by Mr. Claude Tarr at his home. This kind gesture was much appreciated.

The Culmpton party found no difficulty in settling down to Cambridge Royal at St. Andrew's Church and a very good peal was scored on this pleasant light ring of ten—a mixed lot—but beautifully 'Taylorised.' After lunch it rained heavily but not enough to damp the spirits of those who were to ring at Tiverton—one of the prides of Devon. Here Bristol was scored without incident but one or two of the band thought the ringing was a little too fast for such a grand ring. These bells are probably heard to greater advantage outside. Uffculme also possesses a fine ring of eight, and here the other party enjoyed a good peal of London. It might be recorded at this point to friends of the conductor that the composition rung was the last 5,024 in the little red book. After a very enjoyable and successful day we all met at the Rougemont Hotel, Exeter, in time for dinner and light refreshments.

TO MANCHESTER IN AN HOUR

On Sunday morning we again made up two parties for service ringing at Heavitree and Broadclyst. Only seven turned up at Broadclyst, the absentee being the writer, who found himself a new occupation that morning—that of assisting Mr. Fred Dunkerley to push his plane out of a hanger at Exeter Airfield. We said 'Cheerio' to Fred here for about 36 hours whilst he flew to Manchester in just over the hour to return by road the following day. The afternoon peal attempts were at Exminster and Littleham but it is sad to say that the former party literally threw away a peal of London after about two hours' very nice ringing and on an equally nice ring of bells. This loss was put down to 'just one of Charlie Duke's lapses.' The Littleham party scored a very fast peal of Bristol on a light eight but only after a false start and only just ran round in time for the evening service. Four members of the party, not having had enough, rang a peal of Bob Major 'in hand' later in the evening.

Monday proved a successful and eventful day for four peals were attempted, and all successfully, after which the long journey over Dartmoor in semi-darkness had to be done in order to reach our headquarters at Bodmin, where we were to remain for the remainder of the week. The morning peals were rung at Bovey Tracey and Chudleigh, only about four miles apart and this gave the writer the pleasure of listening to parts of both peals. At Chudleigh, the Vicar, the Rev. H. L. Stevens, walked into the belfry about 20 minutes from the end of the peal and calmly timed the number of changes per minute. Mr. Aubrey Bennett, who had done so much to assist us in arranging the Devon ringing, met us here and stopped for lunch.

Afternoon ringing was very much enjoyed on the modern Taylor eight at Wollborough, rung from a gallery very much like the bel-

fries so common to Suffolk towers. In spite of the lady cleaner banging her broom against the pews, causing some very loud bangs from time to time, we succeeded in scoring a decent peal of Superlative. There was no one to meet the party that went to Buckleigh-in-the-Moor, but everything was in readiness and Rutland came home nicely with the same 'back end' that rang at Chudleigh in the morning. After a really good 'tuck in' at the Golden Lion at Ashburton, the Prefect and the old Morris eight tackled the hills and bends of Dartmoor and both arrived at Bodmin before midnight. We were all pleased to see Fred Dunkerley arrive at Bodmin shortly after our arrival, he having motored down from Rochdale in under nine hours.

DISAPPOINTMENT AT PLYMOUTH

Tuesday was to have been the big day of the week but unfortunately after scoring a peal of Pudsey at the delightful old Cathedral Church at St. German's, Yorkshire Royal was lost at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, after 20 minutes, owing to the clapper of the eighth breaking. This was a great disappointment to us all as we had established a very nice beat before going off into changes and the first course had been rung without any scratching about, and our tenor man (all 18 stone of him) had really 'gone to town' on this job. We were very pleased to meet Mr. Tom Myers here and are indebted to him in obtaining permission for us to ring on that fine eight at Emmanuel Church at very short notice. Our 'second team' also had their misfortunes this day for they lost a peal at Lanhydrock after about an hour. This church is set in a park amidst beautiful surroundings and the party were pointed out items of interest by the Vicar, who kindly took them through the gallery at the mansion. After lunch this band made no mistake at Bodmin, scoring a peal of Lincolnshire.

Although most of us kept rather late hours each night we were all of us up very early on Wednesday morning for the journey to Penzance, one band going to Gulval and the other to Madron. A peal of Bristol was scored at Gulval but only at a third attempt and a change of conductor, with the result that our friend 'Charlie Dukes' very nearly had his quart pot taken from him. At Madron we are happy to say that it was a very different story, for a very nice peal was tapped out on the recently-augmented ring of eight, and a very delightful ring of eight, too. Both parties lunched together in Penzance before setting off for St. Columb. At St. Columb Minor the Yorkshiresmen plus H. O. B. rang a peal of Dublin on the very light eight with an exceptionally long draught of rope, whilst those at St. Columb Major scored London on that beautiful ring of eight—another of the many fine examples of Taylors' work that has been carried out in this county. We were told here that one of the local ringers had passed his 92nd birthday and was still ringing on Sundays.

THURSDAY THE DARK DAY

Thursday proved as usual on these tours, the dark day of the week. The strain of two peals a day was beginning to tell its tale and the writer suggests that in future we should leave Thursday afternoon free for sight-seeing rather than try to ring a peal feeling very jaded. The 'first team,' however, managed to bring a peal of Eastcote round, but not without incident, at the delightful Church of St. Denys situated high up on the top of a hill, but the second string lost Pitman's four spliced at Lanivet after an hour owing to a miscall, but at least we had the satisfaction of being congratulated by one of the local ringers. We were very sorry to lose this peal as it had gone so well.

We all lunched together in Bodmin before setting out, as usual, in two parties, one to

St. Austell and the other to St. Stephen. Owing to the very long draught of rope at St. Austell, it was decided to go for Cambridge and this went very well indeed for over three hours when unfortunately one ringer took ill and had to give up. The writer had the pleasure of listening to most of this attempt and thought these bells to be one of the finest rings for the weight in the country—quite up to Heptonstall standard! What a great pity they are rung from the ground floor. It would be a much more comfortable job ringing from the floor above. To make the black Thursday more complete an attempt for Wembley came to grief on the pleasant ring of eight at St. Stephen. Even some of those who only last year 'rang the clock round,' were feeling a little under the weather by now.

As our 'first team' were to attempt twelve spliced at Kenwyn on Friday morning and the remainder had the prospect of some good ringing at Probus, all were in bed before midnight and the extra sleep certainly did us a power of good, for the twelve spliced, after one false start, was tapped off in good style, to which one impartial critic said he had not heard such good Major ringing for many years. Of course, he would have said the same about the ringing at Probus had he heard it, and we were all delighted with the tone and 'go' of these beautiful bells—an old, heavy six with two Taylor trebles added recently. A magnificent tower, perhaps the finest in Cornwall, and the ringing chamber directly below the bells with, of course, a soundproof floor. But what tail-ends to the ropes! We had become used to the normal Cornish tail-end which consists of one small loop which will allow you to ring any bell sitting down but one or two at Probus hadn't even a loop, and George Fearn, much to his sorrow, rang the seventh on a single rope without even a knot in it to help. However, we enjoyed our visit to Probus.

We all met for lunch in Truro and then split up again, one party to St. Enoder and the other party to Kea where, unfortunately, Yorkshire was lost after some indifferent ringing. Mr. Bernard Ditcher, of Yorkshire, who was staying a few days in the district, was in this attempt, and also Mr. A. S. Roberts, and for their benefit the tourists would have liked to have done better. Cambridge was rattled off at St. Enoder in double quick time with John Bibby making one of his few appearances on the tenor just to show how very overrated this tenor ringing really is. This ring of eight at St. Enoder is quite good except for perhaps the sixth and seventh, which sound like old bells with modern ones all round them, showing them up to some disadvantage. What a pity to spoil a nice peal like that. This peal had its incidents. One of the lady cleaners thought that the bellringers might amuse her baby so she brought the pram round to the belfry gates but alas, when we started ringing the child just screamed: so much so, nothing much was heard of the first two courses. The child now having been taken away, we got down to business and scored easily the fastest peal of the week, and our tenor man stood drinks all round afterwards, having 'completed the circle' during the week.

We all met at Truro in the evening for an hour's ringing at the Cathedral which was enjoyed by all: more especially by those who went outside to listen to this really glorious ten. Owing to a very long draught of rope these bells are scarcely audible inside the belfry but outside they are truly magnificent and surely must rank as one of the finest tens anywhere. We were pleased to have the company of Mr. Walter Ayre on this occasion and he joined in with us in courses of Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal. Mr. Paul Taylor, holidaying with his

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Peal Tour of Devon & Cornwall—Cont.

family in Cornwall, popped into our hotel and spent an hour or so with us.

We paid our hotel bills on Friday night (one member just made it) and were on the road early on Saturday morning. Three car loads travelled right through to Exeter for a peal on the majestic ring of eight at Heavitree and the other two set off for Buckfastleigh, where the start was delayed some two hours owing to weddings. We are sorry to say that we did not do justice to the lovely ring of eight and it can be safely said that it was purely a conductor's peal. 'Charlie' rang the tenor and he, too, 'completed the circle' during the week. Bristol, at Heavitree, went off very well—just the method for those bells—and all concerned were very pleased. We could hardly leave Devon without having a ring on the heavy twelve at Exeter. By this time we were reduced in numbers but we managed half a course of Cambridge Royal, three leads of Treble Twelve and a course of Stedman Cinques before dropping the minor ten in peal. These bells are certainly worth looking at.

And so ended our fifth tour since the war with, of course, some happy memories. Our thanks to all who helped us, mentioning particularly the Rev. A. S. Roberts, who arranged all the Cornish towers, and Mr. Aubrey Bennett, for the Devon arrangements, and we would particularly like to thank our very good friend Fred Dunkerley, who kindly put two cars on the road for our use. One car clocked over 1,400 miles and no doubt the other four cars did similar mileage.

It is hoped to tour Oxfordshire and its adjoining counties next year.

R. G. E.
For details of peals, see pages 594 and 595.
The party consisted of Messrs. W. Allman, H. O. Baker, J. E. Bibby, J. E. Cawser, W. E. Critchley, A. W. T. Cleaver, F. Dunkerley, R. G. Edwards, G. E. Fearn, M. C. Fowler, G. Jackson, C. K. Lewis, R. B. Meadows, M. P. Moreton, W. F. Moreton, L. W. G. Morris, J. C. E. Simpson, J. M. Thorley and J. Worth.

40 YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' dated
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'ODD CHANGES'

A preacher at a recent ringers' service described Great Paul as weighing 37,000 tons. It would require several William Pyes to ring a tenor of this weight.

We have had the most remarkable summer on record this year, so far as weather is concerned. But it has its drawbacks, even from the ringer's point of view. In many a tower it has played havoc with the bell frames, and we have heard of several where the bell-hanger will be required before the bells are again comfortably pealable.

It is always a pleasure to see fresh bands swelling the ranks of those who reach the top of the ladder by ringing London Surprise; it is additionally pleasing when the ringers are all members of a local company. This week we record the first peal in the method by the Kettering band. We are expecting to see another company following close upon their heels with a local peal of London—the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.

A clerical peal of Stedman Cinques is to be attempted next Wednesday morning, when 12 clergy will meet at High Wycombe for the purpose. Success to the band.

[Unfortunately, success was not forthcoming.]

10,368 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

A peal of 10,368 London Surprise Major was rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, on October 6th, in 5 hours and 26 minutes. It was conducted by Mr. F. W. Grocott. For details, see next week's issue.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Successful Meeting at Rolleston

A most enjoyable meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was held at Rolleston-on-Dove on October 6th. Rolleston, former home of the Mosley family, is always a popular venue for a meeting and again lived up to its reputation. Upwards of 40 members and friends from 17 towers were present. A welcome visitor was Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president of the Middlesex County Association.

Towers represented were Burton (St. Modwen's and St. Paul's), Ashby, Measham, Repton, Ticknall, Seales, Lullington, Newchurch, Duffield, Derby, Rolleston, Kingsbury, Cheadle, Harrow Weald and North Myms.

Ringing continued until tea time when the members were entertained in the Church Hall to another 'Rolleston Special.' At the conclusion of tea the Guild's chairman (Mr. W. H. Curson) announced an apology from the Rector (the Rev. F. Abbott) who was unavoidably absent, and extended a very warm welcome to the distinguished visitors from Middlesex. On behalf of all present he cordially thanked the Rolleston members for entertaining the members to tea.

The next meeting will be held at Ticknall on November 10th. A collection taken on behalf of the Guild's Bell Repair Fund amounted to £1 6s. 9d.

A return was made to the tower and further ringing enjoyed until 7.15 p.m.

Many young members were again present and these were looked after by Mr. S. H. Jones, Ringing Master. Methods were practised going as far as Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

J. W. C.

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

First Visit to Rugeley

Rugeley, pleasantly situated on the North East edge of Cannock Chase, was the venue for the autumn meeting of the Society on October 6th. It was a lovely early October day and as one approached Rugeley the views over the Chase were enhanced by the autumn sunshine. Rugeley retains its country town atmosphere and the Church of St. Augustine stands in an attractive setting on the outskirts of the town.

Early arrivals at the meeting had the opportunity of seeing a fashionable wedding which was taking place at St. Augustine's, and at the same time listening to the performance of the local band as it rang at the conclusion of the ceremony. The critical audience of visiting ringers gave the locals full credit for some good ringing. The wedding over, Mr. George Oliver, Ringing Master, took charge of the ringing which continued until the time for service and then again in the evening. The wedding party must have imagined that the ringers were giving the bride and bridegroom an extra special send-off.

The service was conducted by the Rev. C. K. Thacker, and it was very nice to have the choir boys leading the singing. Mrs. J. H. Joyner was organist. As the Harvest Festival was taking place the following day, the interior of the church was beautifully decorated with a wealth of autumn flowers.

Tea was served in the Old Grammar School and the 51 who sat down enjoyed the good fare provided. It was mentioned that this was the first occasion in living memory that the members of the Society had visited Rugeley, and the wish was expressed by all present that it would not be too long before a return visit took place. Mr. Fred Bennett, lay secretary, thanked Mr. J. M. Joyner, of Rugeley, for the assistance he had given in helping to make the meeting so enjoyable.

The next meeting of the Society will be at St. Matthew's, Walsall, on January 26th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

Over 40 ringers and friends attended the Dorchester Branch quarterly meeting at St. George's, Fordington, on September 9th, this being the first Guild meeting since the rehanging of the six bells by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have certainly lived up to their reputation.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. O. A. Jessop, who, after welcoming the ringers, gave an interesting address on what the spires and towers of England should mean to them. Churches, usually the most conspicuous buildings, should serve to remind them that God was still in their lives, and the sound of the bells from those spires and towers ought to bring home the necessity of coming to the church to join in worship and praise to Him.

Tea was served at the Moule Institute by the ladies connected with the church, and was much appreciated.

The business meeting followed the chair being taken by the Rev. G. L. O. Jessop, but upon the arrival of the branch chairman, Canon A. W. Markby, Mr. Jessop vacated the chair in his favour.

Following the adoption of the minutes of the last meeting, the hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne, said he was sorry to inform the meeting that one of the younger members of the branch Mr. A. (Tony) Tyers, was in hospital with a broken leg. Canon Markby promised to convey to Mr. Tyers the best wishes of the branch.

Seven new members were elected as follows: Miss Beryl Whalley (11), Fordington. Messrs. G. Boulwood, S. R. Shelton, G. Reiss, M. Adams, P. Millward and C. P. Bengtsson (St. Peter's, Dorchester).

The secretary was instructed to enquire if it was possible to hold a by-meeting at Cattistock early in November, and also to endeavour to make arrangements for a branch practice at Maiden Newton.

The chairman, who had just returned from Salisbury, where he had attended the memorial service to the late Bishop Lovett, gave a brief résumé of the life and work of their late patron, and the assistant hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke, mentioned that the bells of St. Peter's, Dorchester and of Piddlehinton were rung half-muffled to the Bishop's memory.

Mr. E. T. P. Field said that the ringing at Piddlehinton included the 'whole pull and stand' 82 times, corresponding to the age of the Bishop.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Jessop and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success was proposed by Mr. Hayne and carried unanimously with acclamation.

The ringers then returned to St. George's tower and St. Peter's eight bells being available, ringing was carried on until nine o'clock.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss P. Thorne (first quarter) 1. H. Atwell 2. Miss M. Robbins (first quarter) 3. R. Beck 4. H. Robbins 5. J. Turner 6. V. Wills (cond.) 7. A. Hargreaves 8. Rung at the close of harvest festival. First quarter by a local band since the war. Also a welcome back to R. Beck after three years' illness.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: S. Homewood 1. Miss R. Upton 2. Mrs. L. Wells (first quarter 'inside') 3. E. S. J. Hatcher (cond.) 4. L. Wells 5. C. Homewood 6. J. Upton 7. R. Moore 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Wells.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss H. Evans 1. G. Williams 2. Mrs. A. R. Price 3. Miss J. Powell 4. A. R. Price (cond.) 5. C. Thomas 6. W. Bangsund 7. G. Flower 8. First quarter for 6 and 7. Rung for the harvest festival.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1. O. Castleman 2. J. Kesterton 3. R. Swann 4. P. Wells 5. C. Linch 6. A. Skinner (cond.) 7. E. Bass 8. Also 1,260 Grandire Triples: N. Abell 1. O. Castleman 2. R. Swann 3. A. Skinner 4. G. Udale 5. R. Barrow 6. C. Linch (first as conductor) 7. E. Bass 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: E. L. Reece 1. W. Parrott 2. P. Leach 3. P. Richardson 4. E. Gosden (cond.) 5. J. Clarke 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. I. Clarkson. M.A., and for the harvest festival.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Mrs. A. P. Cannon 1. A. P. Cannon 2. C. S. Hoad 3. W. B. Judd 4. C. J. Champion (cond.) 5. T. Arrow 6. Rev. K. G. Hoare 7. A. Stovell 8. Rung for harvest festival service.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,320 Minor (720 Double, Plain, Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, 240 Hereward Bob and 360 Oxford Bob): R. Freeman 1. M. Stephens (cond.) 2. R. Stephens 3. A. Smith 4. D. Knox 5. C. Woodhead 6. Also, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Scott 1. Miss E. Preston 2. J. Sinfield 3. A. Broyd 4. D. Knox 5. E. Mastin (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 2.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. T. Prior (80) 1. H. M. White 2. R. Hayden 3. N. R. Turner 4. H. Bird 5. W. Wheeler 6. F. Bird (cond.) 7. W. Bird 8. Birthday compliments to the Prior brothers, W. T. Prior (80), of Bishops Stortford, Herts, and Walter Prior (83), of Stanstead, Herts.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss B. Thurston (first quarter) 1. A. Scar (cond.) 2. H. Hopkins 3. W. Daniels 4. W. Scar 5. J. Meager 6. J. Marks 7. R. J. Howson (first quarter) 8.

BRANSTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 29th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Bourne and 576 Cambridge): A. Brummitt 1. J. E. Cook (cond.) 2. A. Ingale 3. A. Applewhite 4. M. Billings 5. L. Wildlers 6.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Miss P. Bennett (first quarter) 1. Miss S. Green 2. F. E. Roberts 3. R. Poston 4. W. Poston (cond.) 5. J. Harris 6.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Chapman 1. J. A. Flint 2. J. R. Flint 3. W. R. Drury 4. C. E. Carr 5. M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

CAPE TOWN, S.A.—At St. Mary's, Woodstock, on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: O. Lamb 1. C. Gardiner 2. A. Gardiner 3. W. Smith 4. R. Stickley (cond.) 5. J. Ernsten 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Also, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: H. Meyer (first quarter away from tenor) 1. C. Gardiner 2. A. Gardiner 3. W. Smith 4. R. Stickley (cond.) 5. J. Riley (first quarter) 6.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Edna Poole 1. A. Bellamy 2. E. Parker 3. R. Young (cond.) 4. A. Chubb 5. R. Pearce 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Graham Farmer, grandson of J. H. Farmer, fatally injured on Sept. 17th.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss O. D. Scott (first quarter) 1. A. D. Cullum 2. Miss M. E. Francis (first quarter) 3. S. M. Osborne (first in method) 4. A. Wiggins (cond.) 5. A. R. Vaughan 6. H. A. J. Osborne 7. A. S. H. Sweetzer 8. Rung for harvest festival.

CHILTON TRINITY, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury: O. Pole 1. C. Clarke 2. E. Norman 3. F. Sweet 4. R. Short (cond.) 5. Rung previous to Communion service at harvest festival. believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Joyce Friswell (first quarter on treble) 1. Gwen Friswell 2. Mabel Prockson 3. G. Parsons 4. R. Harman 5. D. Neal (cond.) 6. W. Prockson 7. R. Wilkings 8. Rung for harvest festival.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. B. Fleetwood 1. J. Armstrong 2. Miss R. L. Hopkins 3. Miss D. J. Fleetwood (first quarter as cond.) 4. C. E. Wright 5. I. Campbell 6. A. C. Chaplin 7. J. R. Fleetwood 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss D. J. Fleetwood and Mr. C. E. Wright.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Glenn (cond.) 1. A. H. Ward 2. J. K. Wagstaff 3. E. F. Gobey 4. F. Bradley 5. G. H. Clift 6. J. E. Hobbs 7. H. Cawthorn 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harold Pailing.

DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: W. Higgins 1. G. Creed 2. C. Lintern 3. Miss B. Look (cond.) 4. W. Higdon 5. R. S. Tucker 6. J. Lintern 7. A. Lintern 8. A 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Lintern.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 each of Old, Plain Bob, April Day, Canterbury, St. Dunstan's and 60 of Grandire): B. Myles 1. Miss D. H. Boulton 2. Miss E. Morse 3. Miss F. Hope 4. W. Godwin (cond.) 5. G. Burge 6. Rung to mark the birthday and engagement of Miss D. H. Boulton to Mr. H. Teuty, of Cirencester.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,320 Surprise Minor (being a 720 of London and 600 of Cambridge): S. A. Warwick 1. Miss E. K. Fulton 2. Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3. H. G. Hart 4. C. C. Mayne 5. J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

HECKINGTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: E. Cole 1. Mrs. D. Wray 2. S. Jessop 3. W. Asher 4. H. Harper 5. F. Dewey (cond.) 6. W. Jackson 7. C. Stubley 8. Rung for harvest festival.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. M. Jupp (first quarter) 1. Miss S. M. White (first of Plain Bob 'inside') 2. F. E. Crutenden 3. E. W. Morey 4. F. W. Parsons 5. C. R. Longhurst 6. E. F. Packham 7. B. W. White (cond.) 8. Rung for harvest festival.

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: A. Croucher (first quarter) 1. G. F. Cantrill 2. E. White (first 'inside') 3. J. H. R. Betts (cond.) 4. M. G. White 5. N. Ollett (first quarter) 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: E. Rathborne 1. I. Windwood (first quarter 'inside') 2. D. Paice 3. B. Moore 4. J. Smart 5. S. A. Paice 6. L. Stilwell (cond.) 7. C. Denyer 8. First of Triples for 1 and 4. Also 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Windwood 1. E. Lonnen 2. E. R. Rapley 3. E. Treagus 4. S. A. Paice 5. L. Stilwell (cond.) 6. R. Overy 7. C. Denyer 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: V. Evans 1. I. Biggs 2. A. Cox 3. R. Blaby 4. R. Biggs 5. A. Newton 6. P. Newton (cond.) 7. R. Newton 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

HUNTINGDON.—On Sept. 30th, at All Saints', 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1. J. R. G. Spicer 2. R. Peacock 3. C. J. Young 4. H. S. Peacock 5. S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 240 April Day, 180 Grandire): Christine Hall (first quarter) 1. J. Adams 2. D. Woodley 3. W. Fern 4. T. Bowles (first as cond.) 5. M. Harding 6.

IRTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. McKay 1. G. Tembey 2. J. A. Haile 3. F. J. Jackson (cond.) 4. G. McKay 5. A. R. Agg (first quarter of Major) 6. H. Wilson 7. S. Richardson 8.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: T. J. Clements 1. L. Clements 2. N. T. Nightingale 3. Mary Walshaw (cond.) 4. B. Walshaw 5. L. Pearson 6. K. Holmes 7. J. Wilson 8.

MARDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: T. J. Pert (first quarter Triples) 1. P. Carter 2. V. L. A. Wallis 3. H. Dobell 4. S. G. Waters (first of Triples as cond.) 5. F. W. Mitchell 6. C. M. Claeys (first Triples 'inside') 7. T. Pert (first of Triples) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. J. A. Finch. M.A., late Vicar.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Sept. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. White 1. R. Hazeldine 2. B. Madely 3. T. Price 4. A. Hickman 5. W. Tyler (cond.) 6. S. Hughes 7. F. Price 8.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: C. Johnson 1. W. Wallington 2. C. Windram 3. E. Measures (first quarter as cond.) 4. G. Hollick 5. E. Sharp 6. W. Hector 7. T. Measures 8.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Harpur 1. C. W. Cook 2. J. G. Gipson 3. R. Newell 4. S. Dash 5. F. Harper 6. Rung for harvest festival.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Barrington 1. Miss J. Tattersall 2. F. Morris 3. F. W. Shcombe 4. L. Alderman 5. C. Tarr 6. A. H. Reed (cond.) 7. H. Commins 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 4, 5.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandire): P. Millward 1. J. Ashcroft 2. R. A. Phillips 3. R. A. Clarke 4. G. A. Halls (first quarter as cond.) 5. J. Mawdesley, jun., 6.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Carter 1. C. E. Wright 2. Miss D. Fleetwood 3. A. R. Chapman 4. C. E. Brown 5. F. V. Gant (cond.) 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss Brenda Chapman and Mr. M. Packer.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's on Oct. 3rd, 1,295 Grandire Caters: P. Preston 1. G. H. Clift 2. C. Glenn (cond.) 3. A. H. Ward 4. Canon R. F. Wilkinson 5. J. K. Wagstaff 6. F. Bradley 7. E. F. Gobey 8. W. Nichols 9. A. E. Hoodless 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harold Pailing.

OTTERTSHAW, SURREY.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: R. J. Andrews 1. W. A. Goldstone 2. R. W. Monk 3. P. Underwood 4. D. Sleet (cond.) 5. W. Horn 6. Rung for harvest festival.

PELSALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: R. Derry 1. J. R. Terry 2. J. Gregory 3. P. D. Booth 4. R. C. Ingram (cond.) 5. W. Rowley 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

PINCHBECK, Lincs.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. G. Ames 1. C. C. Rawding 2. Miss G. D. Robinson 3. F. Taylor 4. A. D. Mills 5. H. Bennett 6. W. A. Richardson 7. S. E. Bennett (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. M. Wayet, widow of a former Vicar.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: A. Carveth 1. E. H. Eplett (first of Triples) 2. C. Drewitt 3. A. Newman 4. J. P. Blond 5. E. T. P. Field (first of Grandire Triples) 6. E. V. Williams (cond.) 7. P. R. C. Williams 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss E. B. P. Walker 1. T. G. Dennis 2. G. A. Naylor (cond.) 3. F. J. Cheal 4. J. Hale 5. E. Naylor 6. W. J. Walker 7. B. Edward 8. Rung for harvest festival.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Doubles (being 360 Grandire, 360 St. Simon, 720 Plain): A. Walpole 1. J. Forder 2. S. Copling 3. G. Walpole 4. A. E. Long (cond.) 5. Rung for harvest festival.

REDHILL, SURREY.—At St. John the Evangelist on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Miss F. Ilman 1. Miss M. Hunt 2. J. W. Knight 3. Miss E. Ilman 4. M. Jackson 5. C. Munt (cond.) 6. A. Streeter 7. 5 and 7 covering. Rung for the 108th anniversary of the dedication of the church and as a farewell to the conductor.

SHENINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 360 each of Antelope and Plain Bob and 540 of Grandire): H. Bishop 1. J. Bishop 2. J. M. Stretton 3. E. E. Pearson 4. J. S. Walton (cond.) 5. First in three methods by 1, 2 and 3.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss J. Franklin (first quarter) 1. Miss V. Potter 2. J. Relf 3. P. Davis (cond.) 4. T. A. Blow 5. F. Jones 6. J. Hayward 7. W. Brownett 8.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Minor (being 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): Miss M. Stephens 1. J. Kemp 2. R. Piron 3. R. Stephens 4. C. Woodhead (cond.) 5. R. West.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: H. Kenyon (first of Triples) 1. Miss J. Hills 2. A. Reeve 3. Miss C. Chinnery 4. H. Chinnery 5. F. V. Gant (cond.) 6. A. Hammond 7. A. D. Howell 8. Rung for harvest festival.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,302 Grandire Triples: A. J. Batten (first quarter) 1. Winifred E. Chaplin (first 'inside') 2. A. A. Rackham 3. E. Elton 4. H. J. Dakin 5. G. Peers, jun. (cond.) 6. G. Peers, sen., 7. S. Dunkley 8. Rung for harvest festival.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy Rowbotham 1. Lillian Martin 2. G. Cook 3. G. Shaw 4. S. Depledge 5. G. H. Ashmore (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4. A wedding compliment to Fred Wild, captain of Taxal ringers, and Mrs. L. Dawson.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: W. H. Ware 1. R. J. Bowden 2. L. H. May 3. E. J. Taylor (cond.) 4. P. J. Mayne 5. E. Richards 6. J. D. Upton 7. A. Kerslake 8. Also 1,260 Grandire Triples: A. E. Payne 1. L. H. May 2. S. H. Green 3. L. E. Parris (cond.) 4. P. J. Mayne 5. R. J. Bowden 6. E. J. Taylor 7. J. D. Upton 8. Rung for harvest festival.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: R. Saunders 1. J. Tomsett 2. R. Charge 3. C. W. R. Grimwood 4. S. Howard 5. J. Chapman 6. F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 7. F. W. Wicks 8. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the Vicar (Canon Norman Hook) and Mrs. Hook.

WITCHCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: J. Roger 1. W. Clifton 2. J. Skinner 3. C. Deem (cond.) 4. F. Bastin 5. J. Deem 6. W. Hayman 7. J. Cox (first quarter) 8. Rung for harvest festival.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Millington 1. E. Webster 2. W. Cathall 3. F. R. Evans (cond.) 4. A. Lea 5. J. M. Capper 6. D. Millward 7. A. Hodges 8. In honour of the wedding of Miss Rosemary Knox-Mawer and Mr. R. E. Evans (son of the conductor).

DEVON RINGERS IN SOMERSET

Ringers from Sidmouth, Woodbury, Broadclyst, Littleham, Exeter, Ottery St. Mary and Honiton had a half-day trip into Somerset on September 29th.

On crossing the border we were met by Mrs. Powell and the convoy of cars proceeded to Ditchat, where the fine ring of eight was rung to Grandshire, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob. Saying 'Cheerio' to Mr. Lintern, we arrived at Evercreech, where several good touches of Grandshire Caters were brought home. Stedman Caters was not very successful. Mr. Sanger joined us in one of the touches, also one of the 12-year-old ringers, the latter handling his bell very well, especially in the lowering of the ten.

The spacious belfry of South Petherton was next on the list, and here good touches in various methods were rung on this heavy eight. Shepton Beauchamp, the last tower, was arrived at in the dark and ringing on this pleasant eight was much enjoyed.

Torrential rain had made the roads like rivers and we thought ourselves fortunate to drive out of the village. The water was rushing down the roads, several inches deep. All arrived home safely with the exception of one car which ran into a flooded patch, with unpleasant results, near Ilminster. The engine refused to oblige. Fortunately we managed to secure a tow into Honiton, where Mr. Owen Griffin was 'knocked up' at 12.15 a.m. He kindly towed us to within three miles of home, when the car started and we arrived at 1.30 a.m.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents for the use of the bells and to the tower masters who opened the towers for our pleasure.

E. W. R.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH**Winchester District**

In a welcome change of sunshine members and friends assembled at Ropley on October 6th for the third quarterly meeting of the year. These light and easy-going bells were soon being rung to a variety of standard and not-so-standard methods until the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. Were.

Tea in the Vicarage was kindly provided by Miss D. Were. At the meeting the chairman welcomed the several visitors present and expressed the members' appreciation of the Rev. P. Were's and Miss D. Were's kindness and hospitality.

Arising from the minutes, the secretary reported that repair work was being carried out in the belfry of Cheriton Church and it was expected that these bells would be heard again next year. He also reported that Guild certificates were available. One new ringing, two honorary and two compounding members were elected.

It was decided that the November practice meeting should be held at Preston Candover with, if possible, one or two adjacent towers of the Basingstoke District, and the December meeting at New Alresford. Members then adjourned to the belfries of Ropley and Bishop's Sutton for further ringing.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

A meeting held on September 22nd at Walton-on-Thames was well attended, ten Surrey towers being represented, besides various visitors. A short service was held by the Vicar (the Rev. J. C. Melville). Some 35 ringers sat down to tea, provided by the local ringers' wives, and were joined by the Vicar and other church officials.

Mr. F. A. Collins opened the meeting and announced with regret the death of Mr. R. Pethybridge.

One ringing member, two honorary members and three non-resident members were elected.

Further ringing was enjoyed at St. Mary's, Oatlands Park, till 8 p.m.

R. L.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**Memorial Service to Harold Pailing**

At the meeting at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, on October 6th, a service was held in memory of the late vice-chairman of the Guild, Mr. Harold Pailing. This was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. Inglis, and the address was given by the Guild's chairman, Canon Wilkinson.

In his address Canon Wilkinson laid stress on the unselfish life of service of Mr. Pailing, particularly how he gave his life in an effort to avoid disappointment among those who had come to practise that evening. Special prayers were said for Mrs. Pailing and her sons.

At the meeting which followed, letters were read concerning the opening of a fund to assist Mrs. Pailing. This was agreed upon.

Anyone wishing to subscribe may send a donation to one of the following:—

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NORWICH ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at Halvergate on September 29th and fine weather brought an attendance of 41 members. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. W. Wibrow, Vicar of Halvergate, and tea was served in the Church Room.

At the business meeting the Vicar, invited by Mr. E. R. Goate, presided. A silent tribute was paid to the late Mr. W. J. Lee.

The following members were elected:—Rev. H. P. Smith, Michael Devenish, W. Long, James King, Basil Brindley (Blofield) probationers; Mrs. Lena Donnelly (Forncett), Mrs. H. W. Barrett (Loddon), Mr. H. Porter, Mr. J. Cable (Norton Subcourse) honorary members; ratification of belfry election prior to peal of Miss D. R. Fletcher and Miss E. Fletcher (Beaconsfield).

The next meeting will be at Catfield on November 10th. Mr. E. R. Goate proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and Mr. W. de Volle for arranging the tea. Ringing was resumed after the meeting in methods to suit all.

J. H.

THE KEMPSTON RINGERS

It was our 'At Home' day on September 29th and in view of it being a departure from the normal routine of local Association meetings we must confess that we were rather nervous about it.

The day's activities began with two quarter peals rung at neighbouring churches; these were arranged for visiting ringers wishing to make a complete day of it.

Ringling at our tower on the eight bells (tenor 17½ cwt., cast by Hugh Wates in 1603) started at 2.30, and our leader, Pearl Inskip, was able to find a band to meet most people's requirements—an exception was Bristol Surprise, when it was discovered that 'one more was wanted inside.' After two hours' ringing a service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. John.

Kempston has a reputation for good teas and obviously the meal provided was not the exception that proves the rule. We must thank our wives and mothers for the remarkable variety of sandwiches and cakes that they provided for the 50 hungry ringers.

Another short session in the belfry was followed by the great experiment—a social evening. The first part consisted of games and a ringers' Brains Trust, this latter event producing great hilarity at the answers to 'The ideal belfry and ringing chamber,' and 'What does the "old hand" think of the coming generation?' After refreshments the company was entertained by the younger ringers who performed two sketches and gave a musical interlude on handbells.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE—Owing to tower restoration, no ringing until further notice. Practice will be held at Thurcaston on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.—R. F. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey. 9652

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thornaby 3 p.m., Saturday, October 20th.—Peter W. Semmens. Hon. Sec. 9649

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, October 20th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at Royal Hotel, Bridge Street (2s. per head) 4.15. Evensong 5.30 with business meeting to follow in church.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 9617

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton, Saturday, October 20th. Bells (6), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food). —J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9638

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8), Saturday, October 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9495

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner, Lion Hotel, Guildford, October 20th. Assemble 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing 3 to 4.30 at Cathedral Church (8), St. Mary's (6) and Merrow (6). Short service in Crypt Chapel of New Cathedral 5.30 p.m. Dinner tickets 10s. 6d. from R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, Farnborough. 9661

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Burwash (8), October 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 9605

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 20th. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Other towers will be available after the meeting. Evensong in

the Cathedral at 4 p.m., followed by tea in Patricia's Pantry (opposite), and business meeting.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 9593

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Hough-on-the-Hill (6), Saturday, October 20th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—Bernard H. Dalton, Church Road, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 9583

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—The next meeting will be at Broughton on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9634

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Stratton Audley (5), Saturday, October 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. 9609

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (S. and W. District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, October 20th. Ringing: Denham (8) 2.30-3.45; Hillingdon, St. John's (10) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in St. John's Hall, at 2s. each. Social evening in St. John's Hall, from 7.30 p.m. 9573

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Polebrook, October 20th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Tuesday previous. —P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 9635

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 20th, Downton (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 9561

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting at Holbrook and Harkstead, Saturday, October 20th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5. Essex friends invited 9620

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, October 20th. Ringing: Feltham 2.30-3.30 and Sunbury 4-5.15. Service 5.20. Tea, followed by meeting, at Keystone Cafe. 9598

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cookley, near Kidderminster, Saturday, October 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 9621

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock; cups of tea provided, bring own food. The meeting is a joint one with the Selby and District Society. —H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 9618

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Croydon Parish Church, Saturday, October 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Silverdale Hall 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Ringing again after meeting. Nomination of officers. Names for tea, by Wednesday, October 24th, to Mr. D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon.—A. B. Peck, 9619

ASHTON-U-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on October 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Meeting following tea. All welcome.—E. Walker. 9651

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly, at Maperton, October 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 9610

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly at Congresbury, Saturday, October 27th. Bells 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in The White Hut.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford. 9645

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury, October 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea must be received by 23rd.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 9665

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Derby Districts.—Joint meeting, Wirksworth (8), Saturday, October 27th. Tea for those notifying, by 24th, Mr. Greatorex, 6, Coldwell Street, Wirksworth.—Dennis Scott and Maurice Bailey. 9616

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT.—Meeting at Thorne (8), October 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea without fail to Mr. J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne. 9648

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Western Districts.—Joint meeting, Newburn. St. Michael's, Saturday, October 27th. Names for tea to Mr. G. McGuigan, 83, Sutton Dwellings, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—C. T. Lamb, Sec. 9633

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ely, Cambs and Hunts Districts) with **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD**.—Joint meeting, Longstanton (8), October 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 9646

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Rayne (6), Saturday, October 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 9623

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural and Wotton-under-Edge Branches.—Joint meeting at Almondsbury (8), October 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6 p.m. Bells until 9 p.m. Tea notifications immediately, please, to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 9636

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—St. Paul's, Chippenham (8), October 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Please notify for tea.—R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 9642

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Quedgley (8), October 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (2s.) certain by October 23rd. Note new address.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 9664

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Hawley (8) on Saturday, October 27th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, October 24th, to Mrs. A. Lacey, Sandy Lane, Hawley. Ringing at Yorktown (8) in the evening.—R. H. Mills (for Hon. Sec.). 9639

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Harberton, near Totnes, Saturday, October 27th. Usual arrangements. —A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 9643

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bampton, October 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. G. Dymond, Fore Street, Silverton. 9647

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—Annual meeting, Dartford, Saturday, October 27th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Suttons Hall. Names for tea by Monday, October 22nd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9603

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton on Saturday, October 27th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6 p.m. Tea provided. Names for tea, before October 24th, to W. Smalley, 15, Sunny Garth, Westhoughton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 9655

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, October 27th. Bells from 3. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 9662

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Burley on October 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Members take own food, cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 9663

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Scunthorpe (8), October 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by October 23rd, to Mr. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe. 9622

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Sutterton, Saturday, October 27th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Vicarage 5 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by Monday, October 22nd.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 9659

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Stamford, St. Martin's, October 27th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea most essential by October 22nd.—G. S. Bush, 18 Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 9614

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Wootton Bassett (8), October 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. A. Wilson, 109, High Street, Wootton Bassett.—W. Hacker. 9650

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting, Ixworth, October 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by the 26th, to E. W. Bishop, 10, New Road, Ixworth, Bury St. Edmunds. 9653

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Sudbury, Saturday, October 27th, at All Saints', 2.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Searles Cafe, King Street, only for those notifying, by October 26th, Mr. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. St. Peter's immediately following business. St. Gregory's 7 p.m.—Cecil W. Pipe, Gen. Sec. 9660

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Battle, Saturday, October 27th. Tower open 2.30. A Memorial Plaque in memory of the late Mr. J. Sinden, of Battle, will be dedicated at service, 4.15 p.m. Good attendance, please. Names for tea, not later October 24th, to P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 9644

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 27th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) available until Tuesday, October 23rd, and obtainable from Branch or Gen. Secs. All Saints' bells (10) available for ringing 3.30-5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 9584

MITCHAM.—Ringers' Service at Christ Church, Colliers Wood, Mitcham, at 6.30 p.m. on October 28th. Ringing commences at 5.30 p.m. Six bells. All welcome. 9604

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—Dedication of restored bells by Canon R. F. Wilkinson on Wednesday, October 31st, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. M. White. 9637

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting to be held at Wenden (6), Saturday, November 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 9657

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Bethersden, November 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9640

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Ruskington (6), Saturday, November 3rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec., 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, Lincs. 9658

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Brackley, Saturday, November 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, October 30th.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 9641

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—314th anniversary, Saturday, November 10th. Ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Chairman: The Master, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Tickets 13s. 6d. Other ringing to be announced later.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey. 9654

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READING AND NEWBURY

Saturday, September 29th—the feast of Michaelmas—was favoured with the finest weather since July, a real bright spot at the end of an extremely wet and dull week, and following a particularly damp Friday.

In spite of early meanderings, Petersfield was reached five minutes ahead of schedule and the bells were raised in peal and, after everyone had had a pull, lowered in peal.

St. Mary's, Portsea, was then visited and the bells were soon set going to Stedman, Grand-sire and Cambridge. The top of this fine tower proved a formidable rival to ringing and after the ringing had degenerated almost to Triples without a tenor, a clarion call was sent up to bring down enough members to ring a course of London, 'Provide your own lunch' being the order of the day, members then dispersed, re-assembling at 1.15 p.m. to take the coach for Portsmouth Cathedral. These grand bells were unanimously voted the best ring of the day.

Fareham was then visited, and after the ringing a sumptuous tea was taken at a nearby cafe. The next stop was Curdridge, a fine old eight, although rather noisy in the ringing room. They then proceeded to North Stoneham, the last tower of the day. An attempt was made to raise this light ring of ten (tenor 9 cwt.) in peal. The back three bells were manned by the same three doughty lads who had previously raised the back three at Curdridge (tenor 26 cwt.). One or two hefty pulls, and lo! up went the eighth rope, and the ringer nearly emulated the performance of his sister at Norwich. However, upon inspection it was found that the slider block falling out of place had saved the stay, and after raising the bells—this time in a more careful manner (singly), the bells were rung to Stedman Caters, Grandsire and Cambridge Royal.

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