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## FOR THE RANK AND FILE

(From one of them)

**T**HE Editor at the Royal Cumberlands' annual dinner gave some facts about the efforts made to enable 'The Ringing World' to keep its head above water. It may do no harm to take a brief look at the position as it affects ringers generally.

'It is not too much to say that if 'The Ringing World' were to cease publication the loss to the Exercise would be a disaster of the first magnitude. It would be as though an almost impenetrable blind were drawn over towers and guilds and all ringing functions. The bells might continue to ring, but a deadly, unprogressive silence would envelop learners, experts, historians, tourists and all.

Imagine for a moment what it would mean for ringers to be without a periodical; without a medium for advertising meetings; for recording performances; for disseminating information about events all over the country; for the discussion of problems and the interchange of opinions; or for anything instructive. Without, too, a medium for gaining news of ringing friends at home and abroad; for reports of important gatherings, such as those of the Central Council; without the means of publicity for new methods or compositions and, therefore, with no avenue for a check upon achievements.

One is prepared to say without risk of contradiction that the existence of a ringing paper—particularly 'The Ringing World' since its foundation—has proved of incalculable benefit to the Exercise, mingled with which has been a weekly expectation, and even a thrill, to ringers far and near. More than that, it has been the means of linking guilds and individual ringers together in ways that would otherwise have been impossible.

Again, the development of modern means of transport has given many ringers increased opportunities for travelling to all parts of the country and, to such, the doings of their fellows have become full of interest; friendships have been formed, all kinds of encouragement have been absorbed, inferiority complexes have been broken down, and, through their journal, ringers can be said to have been cemented into a fraternity of far more than local significance. Is it not also true that the easier penetration of ringers into the most remote towers has made for a wider knowledge of change ringing and for a better understanding of the conditions which the guilds seek to promote?

Most of this was fully realised by the late Mr. Goldsmith, who with no little self-sacrifice laboured to build up an

organ of communication for the Exercise. 'The Ringing World' is his monument. That cannot be allowed to collapse. Let all ringers rally to the cause of maintaining it! Aside from all criticisms which may be levelled at some of its contents from time to time, who will deny its usefulness; its necessity as the official journal of the Exercise; or its value as an aid to the encouragement of the highest standards among the ringers of the land?

These are but a few of the considerations which rise to the surface. Let ringers everywhere **THINK ON THESE THINGS.**

We ringers are, as it were, the scaffolding on which the Editorial Committee stand to build for our benefit. Shall we let them down by indifference, by meanness, or even by over-confidence? This is OUR paper and, however times may change, no one would wish this journal to be one of 'our little systems which have their day . . . and cease to be.'

'The Ringing World' has stood up to the test of 40 years against all menaces to its existence. We can do without many things, perhaps, but certainly not without this handmaid to the age-long art and science of bell-ringing.

C. C. C.

## WORCESTERSHIRE'S EXAMPLE

**W**HEN the Bishop of London held his Mission it was our pleasure to record the measure of co-operation that existed in many parts of his diocese by ringers in proclaiming the message of the bells—'Come to church, ye people.' This week the ringers of the Worcestershire and Districts Association have given a wonderful example and public demonstration of their service as church workers. On the opening day of the Bishop of Worcester's Mission, October 13th, a request was made that there should be a good ring in every tower on that afternoon. The event was well planned beforehand. The subject was ventilated at the annual meeting, and at the request of the Chaplain (the Rev. H. Hartley) a reminder was sent by the general secretary (Mr. J. D. Johnson) to each tower that wherever possible a peal be attempted, or where local conditions did not allow of this, at least a quarter peal. No fewer than eight peals were rung and a large number of quarters. We feel certain that other Associations and Guilds as opportunities arise would like to give similar demonstrations. Officers of Guilds should watch for circumstances of this character as they arise and not hesitate to approach diocesan authorities with suggestions.



## BISHOP OF WORCESTER'S MISSION

The following peals were rung by the Worcestershire and Districts Association for the Bishop of Worcester's Mission:—

### ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt

JOHN H. HICKS .. .. Treble	*REGINALD ROWLEY .. 4
GERALD J. BOWEN .. 2	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. 5
ERIC C. LUCAS .. .. 3	GEORGE LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED W. GLAZZARD.

\* First peal.

### BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve 120's of Bob Doubles, four callings, and thirty 120's of Grandsire Doubles, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*SIDNEY BRIDGE .. .. Treble	†ERNEST CALCUTT .. .. 4
†EDITH STRIDE .. .. 2	†RALPH C. PARTON .. .. 5
†JOHN HILDER .. .. 3	*WILLIAM GRAINGER .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST CALCUTT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles in two methods.

### BEOLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

VINCENT A. HEMMING .. Treble	†WILLIAM J. GETHIN .. 4
*AUDREY C. DIGBY .. .. 2	E. DUDLEY WILSON .. 5
WILFRED R. JACKSON .. 3	*H. GEORGE BALLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

\* First peal. † First peal on a working bell.

### EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 2	HAROLD HUXLEY .. .. 6
*CLIFFORD J. DARKE .. 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING .. 7
*R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 4	*PHILIP T. MILLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

### HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RALPH HARRIS .. .. Treble	*ROBERT G. FREEMAN .. 5
*MARGARET ROWLAND .. 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 3	*PATRICK HARRIS .. .. 7
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 4	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire in the county by a local band.

### KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HAROLD WILLETT .. .. Treble	GEORGE H. DERRINGTON .. 4
FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY .. 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY .. 5
*MRS. A. JOPP .. .. 3	ARTHUR JOPP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY.

\* First peal.

### SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sun., Oct. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*JOHN H. HICKS .. .. Treble	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. 4
WILLIAM RANFORD .. .. 2	FREDERICK MERRICK .. 5
*GERALD L. BOWEN .. 3	THOMAS COOPER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

\* First peal of Minor.

## WORCESTER.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. .. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 7
CYRIL TANSELL .. .. 3	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES .. 8
ALLEN MORGAN .. .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. 9
WILLIAM LEWIS .. .. 5	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 35½ cwt.

PETER WOODWARD .. Treble	ALFRED ASHTON .. .. 7
ERNEST B. BETTS .. .. 2	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. .. 8
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY .. 3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 9
FRED HODGSON .. .. 4	JAMES H. KIRBY .. .. 10
HARRY WILDE .. .. 5	JOHN E. KIRBY .. .. 11
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6	ALFRED SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

First peal of Treble Bob Maximus by all except the ringer of the sixth. Rung for the fourth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

### HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5002 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES .. .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. 7
RALPH COLES .. .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 8
*MRS. JEAN M. DUNHAM .. 3	†WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 9
G. R. GOODSHIP .. .. 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG .. 10
DOREEN COKER .. .. 5	E. R. COLES .. .. 11
SYLVIA COKER .. .. 6	WILLIAM HENLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by FRED HAYES.

\* First peal on twelve. † 25th peal for 1951. Festival of Britain peal.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

#### THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD & KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Ilkeston Variation.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON .. Treble	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 6
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 2	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 7
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. 3	JAMES DRAYCOTT .. .. 8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 9
HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. .. 5	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

First peal of Royal in this variation by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

### GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. Treble	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 2	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	*JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method by the Guild, in the county and on the bells. This composition contains 18 of the 24 657890's and 567890's.



**MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5112 LITTLE BOB ROYAL**

*Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.*

SIDNEY BRIGGS .. .. .	Treble	*DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. .	6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. .. .	2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. .. .	7
SAM SCATTERGOOD .. .. .	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. .	8
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. .	4	WALTER NICHOLS .. .. .	9
FRANK REED .. .. .	5	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. .	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal of Royal in the method.

**PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

*Tenor 18½ cwt.*

HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. .. .	Treble	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN .. .. .	6
ARTHUR HUBBLE .. .. .	2	FRANK C. MAY .. .. .	7
DONALD COOMBS .. .. .	3	*PHILLIP SADLER .. .. .	8
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. .. .	4	GERALD FROST .. .. .	9
WILLIAM S. MAY .. .. .	5	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Royal. Rung for the wedding of Christopher Norman Gowing, youngest son of the Vicar of Prittlewell, and Enid Marie Ladislava Johnson.

**WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,*

**A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

*Tenor 24 cwt.*

*PETER BERESFORD .. .. .	Treble	*GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. .	6
†JOAN BERESFORD .. .. .	2	†§HOWARD HOWELL .. .. .	7
†J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. .	3	†KENNETH KNOWLES .. .. .	8
†ERNEST STITCH .. .. .	4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. .. .	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. .. .	5	*MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by W. D. CROFT.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal of Royal and of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. § 100th peal on ten bells. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Messrs. M. G. Turner, H. Howell, H. E. Green and W. Davies.

**WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

*Tenor 28 cwt.*

LESTER GRAY .. .. .	Treble	JACK ASHCROFT .. .. .	6
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. .. .	2	RONALD KENRICK .. .. .	7
JAMES GROUNDS .. .. .	3	THOMAS HESKETH .. .. .	8
JAMES S. WEBB .. .. .	4	EDWIN BIRKETT .. .. .	9
THOMAS HORRIDGE .. .. .	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

**WRINGTON, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS**

*Tenor 37 cwt.*

JOHN THOMAS .. .. .	Treble	HENRY J. SANGER .. .. .	6
ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. .	2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. .. .	7
STAFFORD H. GREEN .. .. .	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. .. .	8
ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. .	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. .. .	9
RONALD G. BECK .. .. .	5	LEONARD DERRICK .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

In memoriam J. H. B. Hesse.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

**BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

*J. W. Washbrook's Variation.*

*Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.*

JOSEPH HY. W. WHITE .. .. .	Treble	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD .. .. .	5
WALTER J. CLOUGH .. .. .	2	*ALFRED J. HINDE .. .. .	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. .. .	3	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. .. .	7
J. EDWARD CLOUGH .. .. .	4	†F. ANTHONY ELSON .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. The first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

**HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Mon., Oct. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

*Tenor 19½ cwt.*

CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. .. .	Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. .	5
ERNEST E. GRIMES .. .. .	2	ALBERT E. WHITING .. .. .	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. .. .	3	WALTER W. MILLER .. .. .	7
*FRANCIS W. CORNEY .. .. .	4	HARRY PARKES .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Queenie Ruffles, daughter of Mr. F. Ruffles, for several years a member of the Debenham band, and Mr. B. Race.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Oct. 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,*

*AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

**A PEAL OF 5038 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

*Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.*

ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. .	Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. .	5
ALBERT DISERENS .. .. .	2	*COLIN A. HOPPER .. .. .	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. .. .	3	T. MARK WHITE .. .. .	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. .	4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by FREDK. A. MUNDAY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs. Oct. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

*J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).*

*Tenor 18½ cwt.*

VICTOR A. JARRETT .. .. .	Treble	BASIL A. EDWARDS .. .. .	5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. .	2	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. .	6
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. .	3	ERIC NAYLOR .. .. .	7
*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. .	4	WILLIAM HOLLANDS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

\* 25th peal together. Rung for the local Festival activities.

**ERITH, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Oct. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

*Washbrook's Variation.*

*Tenor 15 cwt. in G.*

GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. .	Treble	ROBERT COLLINS .. .. .	5
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN .. .. .	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .. .	6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. .	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. .	7
ALFRED G. HILL .. .. .	4	WILLIAM G. COOK .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.



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MELLS, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt.

*STAFFORD H. GREEN .. .. Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR .. .. 5
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 2	HENRY J. SANGER .. .. 6
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 3	RONALD G. BECK .. .. 7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* 250th peal. In memoriam John H. B. Hesse.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. 5
*SIDNEY J. PHILBRICK .. 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 6
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 3	ERNEST J. GOWER .. 7
E. ROGER MARTIN .. .. 4	ARTHUR HATCH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

\* First peal of Surprise.

BOUGHTON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*CYRIL I. EADES .. .. Treble	PETER R. JEMMETT .. 5
*ALFRED C. PHILPOTT .. 2	ERIC T. EADES .. .. 6
EILEEN S. WYLES .. .. 3	*FRANK PACK .. .. 7
ALAN E. BUTLER .. .. 4	WILFRID S. PALIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK WELLAR.

Conducted by WILFRID S. PALIN.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor and 25th peal.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOWE .. .. Treble	DAVID J. GAY .. .. 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. .. 2	NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 6
HORACE W. J. BUTT .. .. 3	*FREDERICK WREFORD .. 7
JOHN L. P. GLANVILL .. 4	†EDWARD W. BIFFIN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FLEMING.

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal in the method. An 80th birthday compliment to the Lord Bishop of Crediton, vice-president of the Guild. Rung on the 21st wedding anniversary of the parents of the 6th ringer.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

*THOMAS SENIOR .. .. Treble	CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 5
ROLAND PARK .. .. 2	*THOMAS COOKE .. .. 6
JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 7
W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 4	*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

WILLIAM J. CROSS .. .. Treble	EDWIN G. MOORE .. .. 5
ALAN R. PINK .. .. 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 3	*JOSEPH M. STRETTON .. 7
JOHN S. WALTON .. .. 4	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS (168). Conducted by A. R. PINK.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. A farewell to John S. Walton, who is leaving the district for Edington, Somerset.

EASINGWOLD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*NORMA BICKERDIKE .. Treble	*GORDON BENFIELD .. 5
†F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
GIBSON JACKSON .. .. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER .. .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method. † 150th peal for the Yorkshire Association. First peal of Major on the bells. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Milner on the 20th anniversary of their wedding.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN E. PENNELLS .. .. Treble	*COLIN E. VERDON .. .. 5
JOHN A. DOWNING .. .. 2	*R. GEORGE ROBERTS .. 6
JAMES W. PIPER .. .. 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT .. 7
SYDNEY C. DRIVER .. .. 4	WILLIAM LEVETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.

\* First peal in the method. A welcome to the new Rector, Rev. John R. Sankey, M.A., former Vicar of Wormingford, Essex.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*FRANCES J. POWELL .. Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 2	HAROLD HUXLEY .. .. 6
CLARENCE R. STEED .. .. 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING .. 7
CLIFFORD J. DARKE .. .. 4	†ALFRED E. BOSBURY .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal on eight bells.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

ERNEST GREENWOOD .. Treble	ALBERT W. BOND .. .. 5
SIDNEY BARRON .. .. 2	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY .. 6
FRANK GREENWOOD .. .. 3	JOHN PEARSON .. .. 7
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. .. 4	ARNOLD ROTHERY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

First peal of Triples on the bells. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Bottomley, for 53 years a ringer at this tower.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. R. Pritchard's Four-part.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*MISS D. L. TURK (Newn.) Treble	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) .. 5
R. D. EDGE (Queens') .. 2	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) 6
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') 3	A. R. GUY (Jesus) .. .. 7
†E. W. TAYLOR (Emman.) 4	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn) .. Tenor

Conducted by A. R. GUY.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(South-West Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CYRIL A. JONES .. .. Treble	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 5
WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. .. 2	H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 6
HAROLD W. MILFORD .. .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. 7
DENIS F. WHEELER .. .. 4	*GEORGE W. LAVERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the dedication of the present building. This is the first peal since the recasting of the bells in 1936.



## RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 2	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 6
FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT .. 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 7
WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT.

## ROLVENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Original.	Tenor 16 cwt.
WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. Treble	LUTHER HONESS .. .. 5
LEWIS NEWMAN .. .. 2	†REGINALD RICH .. .. 6
LEONARD MANNERING .. 3	LOUIS HEAD .. .. 7
*WILLIAM T. GRICE .. .. 4	†HUBERT SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS HEAD.

\* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal for 29 years, making a total of two to his credit. ‡ First peal in the method with cover bell.

## ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Comprising 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire and 1,344 Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. Treble	*†THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 5
†DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 2	†MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
†ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
†ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 4	†HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal in these three methods spliced. ‡ First peal of Spliced Surprise. Rung for the wedding of Frank H. Hicks to Miss Evelyn M. Capon. Mr. Rogers, by ringing the treble, has now completed the 'circle' at Rotherfield for the second time.

## SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble	HENRY TOOKE .. .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 7
JACK KING .. .. 4	BRYAN S. COPE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Composition contains 6th extent home in natural courses.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Sun., Oct. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours,

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

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 12 cwt.

P.C. VINCENT A. HEMMING, Birmingham City .. .. Treble	
EX-SERG. WM. C. DOWDING, Birmingham City .. .. 2	
EX-P.C. LEONARD TUFFREY, Birmingham City .. .. 3	
EX-P.C. (W.R.) ARTHUR H. BEAMISH, Warwickshire .. .. 4	
SERG. CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON, Metropolitan .. .. 5	
EX-P.C. FREDERICK E. WILSON, Leicester City .. .. 6	
INSPECTOR HAROLD J. POOLE, Leicester City .. .. 7	
STATION-SERG. JAMES G. A. PRIOR, Metropolitan .. .. Tenor	

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by INSP. HAROLD J. POOLE.

A Festival of Britain peal. First peal in the method for the Guild. A compliment to the conductor on his birthday.

## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. Treble	*DORIS E. COLGATE .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* 100th peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Audrey F. Sone, daughter of Thomas E. Sone.



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## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. (approx.).  
\*GLENYS BODYCOTE ..Treble HAROLD KILBY .. 4  
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2 ARTHUR BODYCOTE .. 5  
MARY A. CARPENTER .. 3 JOHN J. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

\* First peal,

## COTTENHAM, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.  
\*FRED C. GIFFORD ..Treble WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 4  
CHARLES W. SMITH .. 2 CYRIL A. HURST .. 5  
†JOHN WILKIN .. 3 JAMES W. R. QUINNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. R. QUINNEY.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

## OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.  
\*KATHLEEN TIVVEY ..Treble FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4  
\*ALBERT THOMPSON .. 2 \*MAURICE BAILEY .. 5  
HAROLD TAYLOR .. 3 DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

\* First peal in five methods. A birthday peal for Miss Vivien Carlisle, daughter of the conductor. Also rung to commemorate the engagement of Kathleen Tivvey and John Wilkinson.

## WINTERTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of three extents of Single Oxford and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.  
PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD..Treble A. WILLIAM BIRD .. 4  
ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE .. 2 JOHN S. POWLES .. 5  
DENNIS W. GREEN .. 3 H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

## STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.  
\*SYLVIA J. BEDDOW ..Treble RICHARD F. DAVIES .. 4  
LEO EVANS .. 2 †CHARLES E. EDWARDS .. 5  
ALBERT E. JONES .. 3 ERNEST F. WILCOX .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. † 25th peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Allen, of Stokesay, who has been a member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild for 50 years. Also rung by request for the harvest festival.

## BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb.  
THOMAS W. CROWE ..Treble ERIC N. HARRISON .. 4  
STEPHEN THOMPSON .. 2 EDMUND P. CROWDY .. 5  
JOYCE LEWIS .. 3 HAROLD WALKER .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

Rung as a farewell to Joyce Lewis, who is leaving the district.

## BUXTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of (1) College Bob, (2) Double Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob, and (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.  
NOLAN GOLDEN ..Treble GEORGE SAYER .. 4  
\*TONY OWEN .. 2 GEORGE BAILEY .. 5  
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 3 BERT GOGLE .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in eight methods and first in eight methods on the bells.

## NORWICH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
WILLIAM LOVE ..Treble ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 4  
ELIZABETH M. BIBBY .. 2 RALPH STETCH .. 5  
\*DAVID HEIGHTON .. 3 ARTHUR G. BASON .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

\* First peal,

## THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., Oct. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
T. COLIN RYDER ..Treble \*PHILIP COOTE .. 4  
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 2 ARTHUR FIRTH .. 5  
ARNOLD HILL .. 3 NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal in more than one method. A tribute of respect to Mrs. R. E. Beeden, who died on October 8th, and whose husband gave the new treble bell a year before his death in 1946.

## DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz.: Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, London, Wells, Durham and York, with seven different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.  
MRS. W. N. PARK ..Treble THOMAS COOKE .. 4  
RICHARD BUSBY .. 2 MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 5  
W. NORMAN PARK .. 3 ROLAND PARK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung for the visit of the Archdeacon of Durham at the choral thanksgiving service held in this church to mark the end of the Festival of Britain celebrations in Darlington.

## BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.  
JAMES W. WILLIAMS ..Treble KENNETH HARTLEY .. 4  
\*FRANK TRICKETT .. 2 BRIAN H. WOOD .. 5  
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. 3 ROGER LEIGH .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

\* First peal.

## CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.  
\*WILLIAM BUTLER ..Treble \*†DAVID H. PEARCE .. 4  
BRIAN TAYLOR .. 2 FRANK C. PRICE .. 5  
JANET S. BAILEY .. 3 FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* 20th peal together. † First peal of Bob Minor. 25th peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal to Frank Price, leaving to join the R.A.F., and in memory of Mr. George Barkus, a ringer for many years at St. Mary's, Slough.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Double Court, Single Oxford, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BETTINA A. DUFFY .. Treble	*THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 4
*FREDA OLDERSHAW .. 2	JOHN G. AMES .. 5
FRANK TAYLOR .. 3	CYRIL WANDER .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* First peal in eight methods. First peal in eight methods as conductor. Rung for the wedding of Miss D. Emery and Mr. W. Forth. Mr. Frank Taylor has now circled this tower.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN H. SITCH .. Treble	HARRY J. WRIGHT .. 4
HENRY T. WILSON .. 2	DENNIS SYMONDS .. 5
CHARLES HARRINGTON .. 3	FRANK V. GANT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

Rung, with the best wishes of the band, for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR .. 4
†MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. 2	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 5
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Bob Minor.

ORDSALL, RETFORD, NOTTS.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of Cambridge, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

D. ALMA PIERCY .. Treble	WILLIAM A. MULVEY .. 4
*WILLIAM K. BRETT .. 2	*JOHN STANILAND .. 5
ROBERT W. BLOOMFIELD 3	JOHN W. HURST .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. HURST.

\* First peal. First peal in seven methods by all and on the bells. First peal since rehanging.

SPRATTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Guilsborough Branch.)

*On Sat., Oct. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob and twelve 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

L. GEORGE WYKES .. Treble	C. WILLIAM BROWN .. 3
ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 2	ARTHUR MILLWARD .. 4

LESLIE G. TOWNSEND .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

Rung for the patronal festival.

TENDRING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sun., Oct. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. Treble	*GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4
*JAMES H. EDWARDS .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 5
*ROY DUESBURY .. 3	*HARRY J. MILLATT .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in seven plain methods. A wedding compliment to Geoffrey Andrews and Pamela Peck, married at St. Nicholas, Harwich, the previous day.

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## WHICH HALF ARE YOU IN?

When the Government increased, last June, the postage on 'The Ringing World,' we appealed to postal subscribers to forward the extra 1s. 5d. to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankwood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent. So far, 515 subscribers have responded to this request, but there are 523 who have not. There is still time to be regarded as a member of the better half.

The Society of Roving Ringers' attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral last Saturday was lost after an hour's good ringing. Unbeknown to the rest of the band, one of the ringers was not physically fit. Had this been known beforehand alternative arrangements would have been made.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed rang his 50th peal this year at Erith, on October 5th.

Miss Edna Sills, of Wrotham, Kent, has accepted an appointment at Radley College and has already been introduced into Oxford ringing circles.

The Yorkshire Association, at its meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet on October 20th, extended congratulations to Mr. F. W. Dale, of Hessle, on having celebrated his golden wedding.

Congratulations to Mr. George Gilbert on ringing his 500th peal. His list includes 154 peals of Minor, 61 of Grandsire Triples and 57 of Plain Bob Major, due in a big measure to first-pealers, of which he is justly proud.

Although Plympton (Devon) bells were recast in 1936, a peal had not been rung on them until October 20th. The band were afterwards entertained to tea at the residence of Mr. W. G. Lavers, captain of the St. Maurice's ringers.

The ringers of Bedwellty, Mon., where the first peal for 18 years on the bells was recorded recently, are determined to get an eight-bell band of change ringers and at the moment, with a number of young learners, the prospect looks good. Last year at this time a 'peal' was rung with more than one cover bell which the Central Council could not recognise as a peal. Writes the tower's correspondent: 'We decided to abide by the rules and not call it a peal, but rather a "practice" peal.'

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

The annual report of the Kent County Association has made a welcome re-appearance. Apart from surveying the activities of the past year in a comprehensive fashion, the report contains a list of towers in union with the Association, details of first performances of peals and compositions of first performances during the year. A guide of tower secretaries and practice nights will be of value to the many thousands of visitors to 'The Garden of England.'

The dedication of Ash Priors, Somerset, Church is Holy Trinity and not as stated on page 645.

The carillon at All Saints', Maidstone, which has been silent since 1945, is now functioning again. It can be heard at three-hourly intervals daily between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. except Sundays.

Previous to the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Wednesbury on October 20th, only one peal in the method had been rung for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. This was at Walsall on November 29th, 1913. Mr. C. Wallater took part in both peals.

The Rector of Snodland, Kent, the Rev. A. E. Speers, has written some verses entitled 'The Old Church Bells' which he has dedicated to his ringers in grateful appreciation of their faithful service. The Rector is a ringer and the verses were sung at the service of the Maidstone District recently.

Eight members of the National Police Guild travelled a total distance of 840 miles to Hanbury, Worcestershire, to ring the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise for the Guild. The band would like to take this opportunity of expressing sincere thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Birch for their kind hospitality after the peal.

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## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD DINNER

### A Memorable Year Recalled

THE annual dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at the Bars Hotel, Chester, on Saturday, October 13th. The Archdeacon of Chester presided and the chief guest of the evening was the Rev. E. V. Dawson, Vicar of Over, who kindly allowed the use of his bells for the record peal of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major last year. Though the attendance was not so large as last year, the assembled company, drawn from five of the seven branches of the Guild, spent a very enjoyable evening.

Dinner over and the loyal toast having been given by the Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke), the Archdeacon proposed the toast of 'The Guild.' He recalled that he himself, in his younger days, had learned to handle a bell and to hunt the treble in 120 Doubles, but that his last effort was in celebration of the conclusion of the Boer War in 1902. He went on to say that it was one of his predecessors in office who founded the Guild—Archdeacon Barber—and who was Rector of the same parish of which the present secretary was incumbent.

In his reply, the Master thanked the Archdeacon and spoke of the prominent position the Guild now held in the Exercise, as evidenced by its recent achievements in scoring the record peal at Over and the silent peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Frodsham. He went on to speak of the meeting of the Central Council last May and of the appreciation expressed by delegates at the welcome accorded them at the Cathedral and the ample facilities for ringing in local towers (thanks to the efforts of Ralph Edwards). He then offered a hearty welcome to two veterans present—Sam Jones, sen., of Eccleston, and Robert Snerring, of St. Mary's-within-the-Walls. The latter, he said, had been closely associated with Archdeacon Barber. He ended by saying that the Guild must not relax its efforts to bring all towers in the diocese into union.

The toast of 'The Ladies' was entrusted to Mr. Walter Allman. In a racy and dramatic speech he explained that many ringers had dealings with bells in the tower and belles at home, and that in both cases they could be classified as heavy and light. He then proceeded to dilate on the former variety, giving concrete examples, not without some embarrassment to one or two of the ladies present.

Miss Frances Edgar replied, saying that in the Oxford University Guild the ladies had frequently found themselves in the majority and the toast was then 'The Gentlemen.' She had responded to the toast of 'The Ladies' on many occasions, but had never before responded to it when proposed in so dramatic a manner.

### QUALITIES OF A CLERGYMAN

Mr. Kenneth C. Lewis undertook the toast of 'The Clergy' and gave an interesting outline of what, in his view, the qualities of a clergyman should be. He devised a somewhat original 'text' for his discourse:—A Bench of Bishops, a Deliberation of Deans, an Argument of Archdeacons, a Conscientiousness of Canons, a Record of Rectors, a Visitation of Vicars, and a Committee of Curates.

Under each heading he had something relevant to say, with suitable personal references, and no doubt the clergy present left the hotel equipped with a deeper knowledge of the commitments of their sacred calling and a firm determination to carry them out more faithfully, and encouraged by his kindly words not to fail their fellow workers in the belfry.

The Rev. E. V. Dawson, in his reply, said but for the kindness of Walter Allman, who had just offered to take him home, he would have had to leave earlier and the toast of 'The Ladies' would have been deferred till after his departure. This would have been a major disaster as he would have missed Walter's speech, which had given him an insight into the home life

of ringers of which he, a bachelor, would never otherwise have been aware. He added that he was proud to have had the world's record peal rung in his own tower.

The Master next gave the toast of 'The Ringers of the Record Peal,' six of whom were present, to which Mr. John Worth, the conductor, suitably replied. The secretary (the Rev. J. Kingdon) said a brief word of welcome to the visitors and reported apologies from the Bishops of Chester, Stockport and Liverpool, and the Dean, and read a letter of greeting from the secretary of the Lancashire Association (Mr. Fred Dunkerley), who was unfortunately unable to be present. He also expressed the pleasure of all present at having with them a veteran ringer from across the Mersey—Mr. George R. Newton, who for years had been closely associated with the Chester Guild.

The speeches were interspersed with handbells and songs. John Worth had arranged the former, and together with John E. Bibby, Ralph G. Edwards, Peter Laffin and C. Kenneth Lewis, rang courses of Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, Little Bob Royal, Oxford Treble Bob Royal and Spliced Plain and Little Bob, the last being particularly good. There was no professional entertainer this time. His place was taken by an Eccleston ringer, Harry Thomas, whose comic songs afforded much pleasure and amusement, especially 'The Village Pump,' in the chorus of which all joined heartily, some just vocally, some with appropriate action.

Before closing, the Master thanked the handbell ringers and Mr. Thomas for their contribution to the enjoyment of the evening, and the secretary for his work in organising the dinner.

### ST. AMBROSE, BRISTOL

St. Ambrose Ringing Guild held its first Ringers' Sunday on October 21st, and judging by comments from various people it was very much appreciated and is likely to be a regular feature in the Guild's activity.

Fifteen members and three visitors communicated at 8 a.m., which was preceded by ringing. Breakfast followed in the Parish Hall, and ringing for morning and evening services.

About 40 ringers and friends attended the evening service which included an anthem by the choir, handbell ringing (a course of Bob Major, well struck) by the Guild, and ringers' hymns. The address was given by the Rev. Vincent C. Castle, Vicar of Coalpit Heath, who is himself a ringer in the learner stage, but, judging by his sermon, the theme of which was striking, it will not be long before he becomes an accomplished ringer.

Amongst those present were Mr. W. Lansdowne, first captain of the Guild; Mr. A. T. Maggs, captain for 17 years; and the present captain, Mr. G. C. Baker; also Mr. John G. Jefferies, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association; and Mr. C. R. Harding, vice-president and chairman of the Bristol Rural Branch, and Mrs. Harding. The offertory for the whole day, which amounted to over £6, was devoted to the Guild fund for new bellropes, etc.

F. S.

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## THE OCTOGENARIANS 'Better Luck Next Time'

A peal by octogenarian ringers has yet to be rung. The attempt on Saturday, October 20th, at St. John's Church, Deptford, failed.

The attempt created widespread interest not only in the Exercise but with the general public. Before the start, the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Lee) came into the well-appointed ringing chamber and was introduced to each ringer. He gave them a few words of encouragement, and other ringers present, who included Mr. W. H. Hewett and Mr. F. W. Richardson, wished them luck. Doors were bolted and a start was made at 4.10 p.m. for Plain Major. The first try lasted 30 minutes and the second about one hour.

The band stood as follows:—A. E. Reeves (Westminster) 1, I. Emery (Bromley) 2, F. Bennett (conductor, Brighton) 3, W. H. B. Wilkins (Oxford) 4, R. Stannard (Barking) 5, W. J. Nudds (Edgware) 6, F. Blondell (Twickenham) 7, G. H. Daynes (Greenwich) 8.

At the conclusion of the ringing, the veterans with a few friends, were entertained in the adjoining Church Hall by the churchwardens, right royally.

After justice had been done to the good things provided, the Vicar voiced his own disappointment with the veterans, and most kindly gave permission for the bells to be used at some future date, should another attempt be made.

Then the handbells came out, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung, everyone agreeing that St. John's handbells were a nice-toned lot. Well, all good things come to an end, and it was time to say 'Goodnight,' with better luck next time. F. W. R.

## NORWICH ASSOCIATION New Subscription Carried

A general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held on October 20th in St. Clement's Hall, Norwich. This was preceded by ringing at St. George Colegate, and a service conducted by the general secretary (the Rev. A. G. Thurlow) in this church. Forty-six members were present from King's Lynn, Kettering, Burton Latimer, Snettisham, Norwich, Caister-on-Sea, Beccles, Buxton, New Buckenham, Diss, Bunwell, Hethersett, Mulbarton, Great Yarmouth, Wymondham, Fornett St. Peter, Doncaster, Loughborough, Pakefield, Northrepps, Pulham, North Creak, Caston, Bergh Apton, Fakenham and Blo' Norton. After a nice tea, the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) took the chair, and the important business which had called the meeting together was discussed.

The general secretary said he had submitted the proposed new Service Book prepared by the Guildford Guild, to the Bishop of Norwich, who had approved of it.

The difficulty of producing the annual report at present prices was discussed. It was stated that it was being found possible to produce the 1950 report in 40 pages instead of 72 which should reduce the cost by about two-thirds. The Report Sub-Committee was empowered to carry on, on these lines, and to reconsider the format of the report when the financial position is known at the end of the year.

In accordance with the notice of motion at the previous general meeting, it was proposed to raise the annual subscription to 5s. (keeping to 2s. 6d. for those under 16). The North, East and South Norfolk Branches were stated to have unanimously supported this at their Branch meetings, though West Norfolk had not been unanimous. The general meeting carried this, with two dissentients. The general secretary made a fervent appeal for more subscribers to 'The Ringing World.'

Ringing took place afterwards at St. George Colegate and at Mancroft, whose Vicar had been made an honorary canon at Cathedral evensong that day.



## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE BARKUS

The death occurred on October 13th at the age of 77 years of Mr. George Barkus, for over 50 years a ringer at Slough (Bucks) Parish Church. A native of Goring, Oxon, Mr. Barkus joined the Great Western Railway and became an engine driver. He was transferred to South Wales and after a few years' service there, moved to Slough, where he spent the rest of his life, retiring just before the war.

For many years a 'tenor man,' Mr. Barkus ultimately took up change ringing and mastered the standard methods, ringing peals of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. He was a genial, retiring countryman, beloved by all, and when his railway duties permitted, was always present for Sunday ringing and the weekly practice. His last peal was rung on Boxing Day, 1937, at his own tower.

Although he had not rung for several months on account of dizziness when ascending the belfry stairs, he frequently visited the tower to chat with the ringers, and it was only two or three weeks before his death that he last came. He entered Upton Hospital, Slough, about a fortnight before his death.

Slough bells were rung half-muffled the following day, and a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters on the evening of his funeral unfortunately came to grief towards the end. The wreaths included one from his fellow-ringers, among whom the following represented the Oxford Diocesan Guild at his funeral: W. W. Wolstencroft, F. G. Groombridge (Slough), E. E. Gosling (Maidenhead).

### MR. M. F. R. HIBBERT

Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert, of Bushey, Herts., died on October 22nd, aged 63, as a result of cerebral hæmorrhage which occurred while asleep.

He learned to ring at Bushey in 1902 and became a member of the Hertford County Association in 1903. Up to the time of writing it has not been convenient to have access to his carefully-kept records, but it is known he rang approximately 300 peals including many new and spliced methods. He was a first-class ringer, keen on good striking and at home on any number of bells, yet he was always ready to help a learner. He was a conductor of no mean order with an unrivalled memory and he delighted in all sorts of complicated peals in various methods.

Bushey bells were rung half-muffled the night before the funeral, which took place at Golders Green Crematorium on October 26th. Messrs. J. E. Rootes, H. Hodgetts, C. Evans, S. H. Hoare and A. W. Coles attended to pay tribute and last respects, representing respectively the local band, the District members and the Middlesex County Association. S. H. H.

### THE REV. D. G. SMITH

Although not himself a great method ringer, the Rev. Douglas Gerard Smith, who passed away in the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, on October 24th, after an illness of some four months, had a life-time's interest in bells and ringers.

Starting to ring as a boy at Sandiacre, Derbyshire, where his father, the late Daniel Smith, was Rector, he never lost his interest in ringing. As a curate at Ripley he rang his only peal, Grandsire Triples, in 1908, and subsequently as Rector of Yardley Hastings (1928-33) and Vicar of Heanor (1933-46), he lent active support to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and the Midland Counties Association. On his retirement he went to live at Crawshawbooth, Lancashire, in 1949, in the parish where his son, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, President of the Lancashire Association, is Vicar.

The funeral service took place in the Parish Church at Heanor, on October 26th, and was followed by cremation at Wilford Hill, Nottingham.

## SUNDERLAND PARISH CHURCH

### Rededication Ceremony

In the old part of Sunderland, towards the docks, an area which has seen much slum clearance but where much old property remains, is Sunderland Parish Church. The surroundings could hardly be called attractive but these seemed to fade from the picture as one looked for the first time on Wednesday, October 17th, through the west door into that church with its lights ablaze, the plate set out on the altar and the whole building with a spick and span appearance after its repairs and redecoration.

The large congregation, including civic dignitaries, had come that evening for the service of thanksgiving and rededication for the restoration of the church and bells. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. S. Troop, and the Lord Bishop of Jarrow, the Right Rev. John A. Ramsbotham, M.A., preached and conducted the rededication.

The Bishop began his service by congratulating the parish upon the beauty of its newly-restored church and said that it might feel justly proud of the outcome of its efforts. He felt that the care of our parish churches was something that mattered a great deal in our national religious life, for if we neglected these wonderful buildings then it would not be long before we started to neglect our religion itself.

It was to the bells that he devoted the greatest part of his address. He recalled memories of church bells at various stages throughout his life. The first was associated with the bells of the parish church where he lived as a boy. The next when he lived for many years near St. Paul's Cathedral, and he recalled many State occasions in which the bells had played their part. Then he came within the sound of another famous ring, at Wells Cathedral, and he told of how the Angelus had been rung there, maintaining an unbroken tradition over centuries. Two parishes where he served after this had bells. In the first, he followed a keen ringer who had rather neglected the religious life of the parish in favour of ringing. (He understood that his predecessor's Confirmation classes were held principally in the belfry!) In the second, he recalled how the bells had unwittingly been left up during 'the ban,' and how the accumulation of foreign matter had been disgorged during the ringing after Alamein, much to the discomfiture of the ringers. Now he lived close

### MR. W. W. CHAMBERS

The death occurred recently at St. Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight, of Mr. William Wilfred Chambers, aged 76. He was a native of the Island and a ringer of 60 years standing at Carisbrooke during the early part of the century and latterly at Newport.

The funeral took place at St. Paul's Church, where members of the local band rang courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells round the grave.

### DEATH OF MR. TOM GROOMBRIDGE

We regret to announce the death on Monday of Mr. Tom Groombridge, a former Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, aged 84 years.

Mr. Groombridge had been living with his son Fred at Slough. The funeral will take place at the Church of the Annunciation Chislehurst, on Friday at 2.15 p.m.

**NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.** — On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Lawrence (first quarter) 1. W. J. Arnold 2. C. F. Sayer 3. R. Loft 4. G. Spencer 5. P. Coles 6. T. J. Southam (cond.) 7. F. J. Spicer 8. **SIMPSON, BUCKS.** — On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Giles 1. G. Guess 2. A. Butcher 3. W. Peifer 4. M. Hooton 5. Rev. C. E. Wigg (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for 1, 3 and 5.

to Durham Cathedral and regularly heard its bells.

In his concluding remarks he reminded his hearers of the difficulties and dangers that beset them and the great need for Christianity in the world to-day.

The Bishop conducted the dedication from the pulpit and the service concluded with a processional hymn, the Te Deum and the Blessing.

After the service, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung by members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, stationed as follows:—W. F. Sheraton treble, K. Pickering 2, Miss M. Fidell 3, R. Bell 4, J. A. Brown 5, D. A. Bayles 6, F. Ainsley 7, W. Armour tenor.

The church itself has been repaired after its war damage, principally plastering and repairing of windows, and redecorated throughout. One of the architects responsible for the work was Miss Margaret Fidell, Bachelor of Architecture, who is well known in ringing circles.

The bells and their weights, as given in the special form of service, are as follows:—

Treble	F	4 cwt.	2 qr.	10 lb.
2	E	4 cwt	3 qr.	3 lb.
3	D	5 cwt.	2 qr.	21 lb.
4	C	6 cwt.	2 qr.	0 lb.
5	B fl	7 cwt.	0 qr.	7 lb.
6	A	8 cwt.	2 qr.	7 lb.
7	G	9 cwt.	3 qr.	21 lb.
Tenor	F	13 cwt.	2 qr.	14 lb.

The bells were cast in 1829 by Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel Bell Foundry, the treble and No. 2 being given by the Rev. Robert Gray, Rector of Sunderland. In 1900 the bells were quarter turned and rehung with completely new fittings and oak framework, a new floor being laid on the old beams.

The present restoration has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The treble and No. 2 have been recast and the remaining six bells cleaned by sandblast and then retuned. New staples have been fitted and the bells rehung and provided with self-aligning ball bearings and other necessary new parts.

The total cost of the work will be about £650, towards which approximately £500 has been received to date. Donations will be gratefully received by the Rector and churchwardens.

It is hoped to arrange for an Association meeting to be held at this church in early December to give ringers an opportunity to try out the bells for themselves.

## 40 YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of November 3rd, 1911

### SIX HANDBELL PEALS IN SIX DAYS

#### Unique Performance at Guildford

The handbell men at Guildford have loomed large this year in the eye of the Exercise but last week they eclipsed all their previous performances by ringing six handbell peals of Stedman Caters on six consecutive evenings. They began on Monday and finished on Saturday and 'bagged' a peal every night. It was all sixes; six days, six peals, six composers, six different lengths, rung in six different places on six different sets of handbells and after, curiously enough, six false starts. On the Monday night . . . there was not a hitch. On Tuesday a bob at five crept in a course too soon and a second start had to be made. On each of the next three nights, to ensure perfectly clean peals, a second start was made with the going-off course, and the last peal of all was rung at the third attempt. The result was six excellent peals, verified by four umpires. At the conclusion the band congratulated Mr. A. H. Pulling on the skilful way he conducted the week's ringing.



## RINGING TRIPS IN DEVON

There is a side to ringing which does not perhaps appeal to 'peal' ringers or tower 'snatchers,' yet it is a type of tower 'grabbing.'

During the past summer our 'family party' of about 20 ringers and friends has visited 40 towers and has rung the bells of as many village churches. We have enjoyed the countryside and we have dipped into the historic past.

We have admired such churches as Abbotsham, a gem of early English architecture, where its early English tower contains a bell (tenor) with the unusual inscription 'yemosjinary' reversed and repeated nine times, Bratton Clovelly, a relic of the artistry of the Decorated period, and Hartland, with its tallest tower in Devon (128 feet) and beautiful Perpendicular period church containing probably the noblest rood screen in the county.

On the old Taylor six we rang probably the last six-score ever on the bells, because they are now in the foundry, and we trust a noble eight will soon peal from the magnificent tower. We have admired the bells at Ilstington, the handy sixes at North Bovey, Manaton, Lustleigh and Widdecombe, all near the heart of Dartmoor. We have been to Bishopsnypton, Knowstone and Rackenford, near the foothills of Exmoor. We have rung on Pennington sixes at Atherington, Drewsteignton and Black Torrington, where we wondered at the deep note of the 8 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. tenor; we admired the lovely Gillett and Johnston bells at Bishopsnypton and Sandford as well as the Taylor rings at Roborough and Marystowe.

We appreciate the kindly interest shown us by the villagers wherever we met them nor shall we forget the curiosity when three of our lady members (Mrs. Miles, Miss Gilbert and Miss Boyle) stood in for Minor and rang with ease the bells which the local ladies had thought hard work for their strong men.

Round ringers understand rising and falling: they like the tenor as a big drum. So it is that good striking, raising and falling have been the order, and when Prebendary E. V. Cox, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews and Messrs. Myers are ringing, we do not disappoint the villagers. Some, even Superlative ringers, have been told off. Though touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge were rung, Doubles and Triples were mostly in the programme. We have read in 'The Ringing World' that certain round ringers had never before heard change ringing. The answer is that all five-, six- and eight-bell towers in Devon have been visited more than once by change ringing bands. Prebendary E. V. Cox, Messrs. Myers and the writer of these notes have visited well over 200 of the 250 six-bell towers and all but a very few of the eight-bell towers. Mr. A. W. Searle has visited them all.

We hope that a fine summer will favour us next year when we hope to be able to say that most of our 'family party' have visited all the six- and eight-bells towers of our glorious county.

F. C. S.

## ARCHDEACON DEDICATES PEAL BOARD

A peal board was dedicated in the belfry of the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington, Northampton, on October 21st, by the Archdeacon of Northampton. The board was unveiled by Mr. Eric Nobles, the captain of the tower.

The peals included one of Doubles, the first rung with a Sunday service band and contained four first peals. This performance was on March 10th, 1951.

At the dedication festival of Dallington Church, on October 14th, the ringers rang for every service, starting with half-an-hour before the 8 a.m. Holy Communion, at which the entire band communicated. Ringing was resumed at 8.35 for the 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist and at 10.30 for matins at 11 a.m. For evensong a quarter peal was rung and, according to custom at Dallington for all festivals, after evensong.

## MAIDSTONE DISTRICT REVIEW PAST YEAR

The company of 50 which assembled at All Saints', Maidstone, on October 13th, for the annual District meeting included ringers from 14 District towers with visitors from nine more in other parts of the county and beyond. We were especially glad to welcome among us Mr. F. M. Mitchell, our general treasurer. Ringing during the day was varied, inevitably, with younger ringers gaining experience of ten bells on a difficult ring. But encouraged, they persevered and improved. The course of Superlative preceding tea was the best effort, though Little Bob Royal and Cambridge Royal were among other methods rung capably.

Tea was served by a group of wives in the College Room, our hosts being the Vicar and ringers of All Saints'. While tables were cleared the October issue of 'The Belfry' was distributed and then business was embarked upon under the expert guidance of Canon Sampson.

After the minutes, the election of Mr. Peter Border, Mr. Rodney B. Meadows and Miss Elizabeth Roe to non-resident life membership was ratified; all members of the Oxford University Society, they had come to ring peals for the recent wedding of Miss Betty Spice, daughter of our general secretary, Mr. G. H. Spice.

The secretary then gave his report. A total membership of 180 showed little change from 1950; deaths, lapses and departures from the District being balanced by the influx of new young blood. The passing of four old and loyal members was recalled: Mr. C. H. Sone, of Linton, Mr. C. F. Good, of Charing, Mr. A. E. Gasson, of All Saints', and Mr. A. Coleman, of Hollingbourne. There was no change in tower affiliation but there were encouraging happenings now going on at Harrietsham and Lenham.

District activities during Festival year were then reviewed. Attendances at meetings had improved over 1950, and at the May, July and September meetings the public were invited by tastefully-executed posters. The District Festival peal of Maidstone Bob at Aylesford was rung for the 21st birthday of Princess Margaret.

After the presentation of a financial statement the meeting passed to the election of officers for 1952. Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher was re-elected District Secretary, and Mr. A. Waddington as District Representative on the Central Committee. Mr. G. F. Cantrill did not seek re-election, however, and Mr. W. R. Manser, of Barming, was elected a representative in his place.

The programme of meetings for 1952 was then approved without modification and a new cover design for the District Magazine adopted. Finally came consideration of a suggestion that touches exceeding 700 changes rung for services should be briefly recorded in the printed annual report of the Association. It was unanimously resolved that the District representatives should put forward this proposal at the November general committee meeting.

After giving expression of their appreciation of the hospitality and welcome given them that day, the company reassembled for evensong in the choir of All Saints'. The service was beautiful throughout, handbells and special hymns and prayers stamping it with the mark of ringers. For the first time was sung some verses written for 'The Belfry' by the Rev. A. E. Speers, Rector of Snodland, and dedicated to his own ringers in gratitude of their faithful service.

So back again to the ringing chamber until 9 p.m.

E. S. J. H.

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# ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN RINGING TOUR

## Adelaide Ringers at Ballarat and Melbourne

**F**OLLOWING the example of the St. Jude's, Randwick (N.S.W.), team, which made the first inter-State ringing tour just over a year ago, a group of eight ringers from Adelaide (South Australia) visited Ballarat and Melbourne, in Victoria, over the long week-end beginning on October 6th.

At 6.40 p.m. on Friday, October 5th, the eight ringers left Adelaide in the 'Melbourne Express'. The team consisted of five members from the St. Andrew's Guild of Ringers, namely, Hervey Bagot, Philip Cooper, Jonathan Eggleton, Richard Lamphree and Fred Staude; to these were added Ron Nogare (a University ringer), Fred Smeaton (formerly from Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex) and Albert Lancefield, who is at present touring Australia.

We arrived at our first destination, Ballarat, at 7 a.m. on Saturday, after nearly 12 hours' train travelling. After breakfast we were met by Mr. G. Waldron, captain of the St. Peter's Bellringers' Society, and other Ballarat ringers. As we were not due to ring until 9.30 a.m., we spent the next hour looking over the city, which is celebrating its centenary. This city was the centre of the 1850 gold rush, and many of the mines can still be seen, as well as the Eureka Stockade, where fighting took place between miners and Government troops in 1854. The party went to see Christ Church Cathedral, where Jon. Eggleton's father had been Vicar before coming to St. Andrew's, our own parish in Adelaide. After this we strolled leisurely towards the City Hall, where we were met by members of the Ballarat Bellringers' Club, who summon the city's worshippers to church every Sunday morning.

Firstly we climbed to the top of the tower up a dark, spiral staircase, which took abrupt and unexpected right-angled turns—too frequently for some of our party's liking. Eventually, however, we reached the top and saw below us the whole of Ballarat. It was a wonderful view. Learning from our experience in ascending the stairs, we went down them again with greater care, breaking our journey to see the bells themselves. These are a fine ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank (tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr 21 lb. in E flat).

By ten a.m. we were ready to raise the bells; it went well, and we tried them out with a course of Bob Triples. The tone of the bells was very good and we all felt that our intended quarter peal of Bob Triples would be a real success. At 10.30 a.m. four ringers from Melbourne arrived. They were Philip and Joan Gray, Brenda Sheppard (from Mangotsfield,

Bristol) and Mr. Alan Bennett. It was suggested that we try some Grandsire Triples, and so we did, once again the striking being fairly good. Just before we began our quarter peal we rang a course of Bob Major, and this went so well that we decided to ring this method for our quarter—and so, as our last ringing on these bells, we rang a quarter peal of Bob Major; the first for four of the Adelaide ringers. Bob Minor, Major and Royal were also rung 'in hand.'

### MAYORAL WELCOME

By this time it was just midday and the Mayor of Ballarat, who had arrived before the quarter finished, welcomed us, saying that it was the first time he had really seen ringers at work. We felt rather honoured that the Mayor remained in the tower throughout the quarter. A plentiful supply of cool drinks and sandwiches was provided for us by the Ballarat Bellringers' Club and, after thanking them for their kind hospitality, the team left the City Hall and went to St. Peter's Church, about one mile further on in the main street.

The ringers at St. Peter's have only recently begun to learn change ringing and, like most Australian towers, are so isolated that progress is very difficult. One of the main ideas behind this trip was to give these young enthusiasts as much practice in hunting as we could. The bells, also by Mears and Stainbank, are a ring of six with two lighter bells hung dead. For nearly 36 years the bells have been chimed but now change ringing is beginning. We soon found that there was far too much noise in the ringing chamber; conductors had to yell very loudly to make themselves heard. The ropes, purchased for £1 from another tower not now ringing, were rather a mixture of thick, thin, soft and coarse ropes. A quarter peal was quite out of the question and so we gave most of the time to helping the local people, whom we put on the treble while we rang Bob and Grandsire Doubles. A bit of Bob Minor was rung, and the highlight of our ringing here was a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor, the first by an Australian band.

At 4 p.m. the Mayor appeared once more and, still showing interest in our art, thanked us for coming and said that our visit had aroused considerable interest in the city. As our train left at 4.45 p.m. for Melbourne, we soon had to say goodbye to these enthusiastic pioneers and wished them the best of luck in their future progress. It should not be long before they can ring simple Doubles methods. The Mayor somehow managed to fit the eight of us into his car and drove us to the station in time for our train.

Having been kept at our task since ten in the morning till four in the afternoon, we were feeling very tired as the train took us the extra 70 miles to Melbourne. We arrived there at 7 p.m. and soon found our lodgings, which were very near to St. Paul's Cathedral, our rendezvous for Sunday.

On the Sunday morning, we woke up, quite unintentionally, at 6 o'clock and, having nothing better to do, we decided to get washed and dressed. About 7 p.m. we began touring the city, first of all looking at the stately Cathedral of St. Paul. We went to an early Communion service at St. Peter's Church, Eastern Hill, just opposite St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral. After the service we went back to the Y.M.C.A. for breakfast, and then on to St. Paul's at 10 o'clock. These bells are also by Mears and Stainbank and are easily the best-toned bells in Australia. They are a ring of 13 with a 31½ cwt. tenor. After meeting the St. Paul's ringers and being welcomed by the Dean of Melbourne, we had our first experience of ringing on 12 bells, even though it was only rounds. Then followed a course of Grandsire Caters (the first for most of the Adelaide ringers), a touch of Grandsire Triples and some Doubles. This was all in

preparation for a quarter peal attempt in the evening. After the ringing the visiting team split up into various groups, some to see friends, some sight-seeing and some remained talking to the ringers at the Cathedral.

### FIRST PEAL FOR U.A. IN AUSTRALIA

In the afternoon some of us met again in the belfry for an attempt for a peal of Bob Major 'in hand.' After a few false starts we eventually won through and rang the first such peal ever to be rung in Australia; it was also the first peal for the Universities Association in Australia. The peal finished about 5 p.m. and we were whisked off to Philip Gray's home for a quick tea before our quarter peal attempt.

Arriving back at the Cathedral we found the rest of the band there, and off we went for a quarter of Grandsire Triples with five of the Adelaide ringers in. It was a glorious quarter with almost perfect striking and was the best ringing in the whole trip. This finished, the ringers sat around in the large belfry and had a good chat about all sorts of things. Soon, however, the handbell enthusiasts were at it again, this time ringing Bob Major on a huge set of handbells, the tenor being at least nine inches in diameter. It was almost as strenuous as tower bell ringing.

On Monday our official programme consisted only of a visit to St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral. This is a really glorious Cathedral architecturally, and it is a great pity that its eight bells cannot be referred to likewise. We reached the Cathedral about 10 a.m. and found our way into a dimly-lit ringing chamber. Never before had any of us seen such peculiar belfropes. Most of the sallies were three or four inches thick and completely unwieldy. We were almost glad that we didn't ring the bells, which were cast by Murphy, of Dublin. The bells are in a very bad state, hung anti-clockwise, and no changering is done on them, although they are rung in a desultory fashion on Sundays. The more courageous travellers ventured to climb up to the top of the spire, about 150 feet above the ground.

After this the party once more split up into small groups. Four ringers went on a bus trip to the nearby Dandenong Ranges in the afternoon, while 'the intellectuals' visited the University, the Public Library and the Art Gallery (where three original Rembrandts and a Van Eyck were seen). The musical members found their way to music shops and then on to St. Peter's Church again to 'have a go' at the organ there.

We all met again at 6 p.m. for a quick dinner and then to the railway station to catch the 7 p.m. train back to Adelaide. Another 12 hours' train travelling was before us and we were well equipped with apples, oranges, cool drinks and still the inevitable supply of humour from our men-of-the-world.

And so, for us, a great adventure had finished. For many of us it was the first time we had rung Major or Triples and this experience will urge us on to the same of our own accord.

A special vote of thanks is due to Philip Gray, whose able (and even humorous) conducting enabled so many of us to benefit greatly from the trip. We also thank the captains and steeplekeepers of the City Hall and St. Peter's Church, Ballarat, as well as those of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. To Hervey Bagot we owe our successful accommodation, and to the whole team I express my gratitude for its whole-hearted co-operation throughout the entire trip in which we covered well over 1,000 miles.

P. L. COOPER, Organiser.

**WORCESTER.**—On Sept. 23rd at the Cathedral. 1,298 Grandsire Cinques: J. Thomas 1, J. D. Johnson (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, Miss M. J. Rowland 4, R. Freeman 5, S. T. Holt 6, R. Harris 7, P. Harris 8, J. E. Newman 9, C. Tomsett 10, T. W. Lewis 11, G. Ambler 12. Rung for ordination service.

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## BISHOP OF WORCESTER'S MISSION

The following quarter peals were rung in Worcester-shire on October 13th to mark the opening of the Bishop of Worcester's Mission:

**CLEEVE PRIOR.**—At St. Andrew's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Selby (first as cond.) 1, A. Shorey 2, G. Selby (first quarter) 3, J. A. Selby (first 'inside') 4, G. Fletcher (first quarter) 5, F. Basket (first quarter) 6.

**HALESOWEN.**—1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Woodall 1, Miss M. Tromans 2, Miss W. Pretty 3, H. Shilcock (cond.) 4, J. H. Cox 5, T. Greenhall 6, L. Clissett 7, A. H. Harris 8.

**HANBURY.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Euchus (first quarter) 1, Miss E. R. Partridge 2, E. G. Cairns (cond.) 3, R. C. Nash 4, A. J. Poultney 5, J. F. Nash 6.

**KING'S NORTON.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Funnell 1, B. E. Strutt 2, E. Blake 3, H. Haslem 4, Molly Flynn 5, N. Goodman 6, W. Dowding (cond.) 7, J. Blake 8.

**MALVERN.**—At the Priory Church of SS. Mary and Michael, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lewis 1, E. C. Barber 2, R. H. A. Carter 3, H. Dew 4, P. J. Farrant 5, C. J. Clarke 6, J. E. Lawrence (cond.) 7, F. Hill 8.

**MALVERN LINK.**—At St. Matthias' Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Smith 1, J. Lawrence 2, H. Chance 3, R. H. A. Carter 4, E. C. Barber 5, P. J. Farrant 6, H. Dew (cond.) 7, C. J. Clarke 8.

**OMBERSLEY.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Moule 1, W. Harrison 2, A. Wheatley (cond.) 3, J. Blount 4, S. R. Duggan 5, B. Lamb 6. First quarter peal by the local band.

**RIPPLE.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hill 1, C. Halling 2, C. Haylings 3, F. Lawrence 4, J. Roberts (cond.) 5, A. Williams 6.

**SUCKLEY.**—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ranford 1, F. Boucher 2, W. Ranford 3, R. Lewis 4, F. Merck 5, C. Bowers (cond.) 6.

**POWICK.**—At St. Peter's, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Lewis 1, D. Trumper 2, G. Morris (cond.) 3, G. Lewis 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. Also, on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: T. Lewis 1, G. Morris 2, A. Morgan 3, R. Woodyatt 4, G. Prescott 5, W. Prescott 6.

**WOLLASTON.**—1,440 London Surprise Minor: Constance Davis 1, S. G. Thompson 2, Monica A. Davis 3, H. V. Cooper 4, B. R. Sutton (first quarter as cond.) 5, F. G. Handley 6.

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Barron 1, E. A. Jurd 2, H. Reynolds 3, G. E. Verrill 4, G. Waterman (Harwich) 5, J. Pearce 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, R. Jurd 8. A farewell to J. Pearce, who is joining H.M. Forces.

**BALLARAT, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.**—On Oct. 5th, at the City Hall, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Brenda Sheppard 1, Joan Gray 2, C. H. Bagot 3, P. L. Cooper 4, J. F. Eggleton 5, F. N. Smeaton 6, A. J. Lancefield 7, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 3, 4 and 5.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Bob Major: Miss B. Thurston (Ipswich) 1, H. Scar 2, R. Felce 3, H. Hopkins 4, J. Meager 5, W. Daniels 6, W. Scar 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8.

**KRISTOL.**—At St. Mary's, Redcliffe, on October 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cook (first quarter) 1, E. F. Hancock (first quarter) 2, F. Hansford 3, R. J. Bowden 4, F. Mogford 5, A. A. Hilliar 6, E. J. Taylor (first Triples as cond.) 7, E. F. Hancock 8. The first quarter peal on the new Ralph Morgan light eight. On Oct. 14th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: I. H. Trueman 1, J. R. Worrall 2, A. T. W. Cleaver 3, L. C. I. Watson 4, F. C. Mogford 5, W. H. Parker 6, F. Hansford 7, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 8. The first of Major on the bells.

**BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. R. Millward 1, R. Robinson 2, J. Hayes 3, E. Usher 4, F. H. Birks 5, J. E. Usher 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, P. Roberts 8. Rung for the 70th birthday of Edwin Usher.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Barbara E. Bangs (first quarter) 1, R. Rowley 2, Mrs. T. Norris 3, P. Nash 4, T. Norris 5, A. Wenban 6, L. North 7, N. Jenkins (first quarter as cond.) 8.

**CAERPHILLY, GLAM.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Beverley Jones (15 years, first quarter) 1, T. P. Jones 2, Dyllis L. Hulbert 3, Mrs. A. R. Price 4, A. R. Price 5, G. Francis 6, D. G. Clarke (first quarter as cond.) 7, W. Dare 8.

**CAMBERWELL, LONDON.**—At St. George's, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, J. Bullock 2, Miss J. M. Weddell 3, T. H. Faffender 4, W. D. Grainger 5, F. R. L. Blewer 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, C. W. Outley 8. Birthday congratulations to J. A. Hales.

**CARDIFF.**—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Muller 1, Jacqueline S. Evans 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, F. Bailey 4, A. R. Price (first quarter Triples as cond.) 5, W. Dare 6, R. Coles 7, S. Barker 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.**—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. B. Porter 1, Miss A. Bousfield 2, A. Hodgson 3, A. Forsyth 4, J. Butterfield (cond.) 5, C. Lightning 6. A wedding compliment to Miss D. Lightning and Mr. A. Mitchinson, also a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Brown.

**CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. W. Bullock 1, Miss S. Booth (first in method) 2, C. E. Wright (cond.) 3, J. Carrott 4, S. Penfold 5, T. East 6, F. V. Gant 7, G. Proctor 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to W. Vale, towerkeeper, and congratulations to him on his good recovery from a serious accident.

**COUND, SALOP.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Fox 1, R. F. Davies 2, A. E. G. Owen 3, K. Edwards 4, C. E. Edwards (cond.) 5, E. Hill 6. Rung for the harvest festival.

**DALLINGTON, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire, 300 Old Doubles), R. T. Clarke 1, J. Hadley 2, J. G. Charman 3, E. Nobles (cond.) 4, C. Windram 5, C. H. Bushell 6. First quarter peal in 5 methods by all except conductor. Rung for the dedication festival.

**DAWLEY MAGNA, SALOP.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Bevan 1, Miss M. Bailey 2, A. V. Edwards 3, H. Douglas 4, S. R. Douglas (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. Briscoe 6. First quarter by 3, 4 and 6. Rung for harvest festival.

**DERRY.**—At St. Peter's, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. M. Hobbs 1, J. Bailey 2, C. Wm. Bond 3, P. Dudley 4, W. Lancaster 5, W. Steen 6, A. Mould (cond.) 7, B. Barker 8. A welcome to Adrian Spencer, son of C. Wm. Bond, born the previous week.

**FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Gay (first of Triples) 1, A. R. Gale 2, Miss R. Lund 3, W. Henley 4, Miss R. Tabraham 5, A. Birch 6, D. H. Pearce (cond.) 7, J. Alley 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Sewell (first quarter on working bell) 1, J. A. Ainsworth (first as cond.) 2, Miss J. Lewis 3, T. W. Crowe 4, K. Arthur 5, N. H. Hewett 6, E. N. Harrison 7, J. Heal 8. A farewell to Miss Joyce Lewis on her return to London.

**FINCHLEY, MIDDLEX.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Warren 1, F. Barker 2, G. Parsons 3, P. Blake 4, A. W. Coles 5, R. Begrie 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8. A birthday compliment to F. Barker.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Kingsmill-Lunn (first quarter) 1, H. Belcher 2, H. Shutt 3, W. Langdon 4, J. Chilcott (cond.) 5, H. Ellis 6, C. Watts 7, H. Page 8.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Green (cond.) 2, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3, E. W. Furbank 4, B. Bover 5, H. Carter 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 7, F. Payne 8. Rung for the annual gift day.

**HANDSWORTH, YORKS.**—On Oct. 17th, 1,320 Bob Minor: P. Harrison 1, Miss Betty Bate 2, J. G. Brithwell 3, W. H. Taylor 4, J. H. Brothwell 5, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

**HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Elvin (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Barker 2, G. Moore 3, G. Elvin 4, R. Loftly 5, H. Tooke (cond.) 6, C. Moore 7, W. Clover 8. Rung for harvest festival.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints', on Oct. 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Warrington 1, J. R. G. Spicer (first quarter 'inside') 2, R. F. Baker 3, H. S. Peacock 4, A. Clements 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

**KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. J. Townsend 1, J. A. Townsend 2, J. H. Joyner 3, E. Edgington 4, J. R. Joyner (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. Edgington 6. A 69th birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor; also a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnson, married that day. Rung by three fathers and three sons.

**LODDON, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Walpole 1, J. W. Forder (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Bailey 3, H. S. Fenn 4, A. E. Long 5, S. W. Copling 6, G. G. Walpole 7, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: C. W. Powell 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, Canon C. C. Cox 3, G. S. Morris (cond.) 4, N. Mallett 5, R. Keeley 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, H. G. Keeley 8. First quarter in the method by all except the conductor. First quarter of London by a local band in the Salisbury Guild, in the county and on the bells.

**MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.**—On Oct. 7th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Lamohere 1, Joan Gray 2, J. F. Eggleton 3, P. L. Cooper 4, F. N. Smeaton 5, A. J. Lancefield 6, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 7, C. Williams 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 4.

**MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLEX.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Soper (first quarter) 1, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 2, Miss S. Evans 3, R. Fraser (first 'inside') 4, M. Soper 5, W. Vince 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley 8. A birthday compliment to W. Langley, who was 70 on October 3rd.

**NAZEING, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): F. Wright 1, A. A. Livings 2, K. C. Wood (cond.) 3, C. W. Sams 4, B. G. Burton 5. Rung for harvest festival.

**NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,444 Cambridge Minor: J. Forder 1, S. Fenn 2, S. Copling 3, D. Chapman 4, G. Walpole 5, E. Long (cond.) 6.

**PRESTBURY, GLOS.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Aston 1, R. Taylor (first quarter as cond.) 2, C. Rouse 3, D. Surman 4, H. Webb 5, F. Pendry 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Taylor, conducted by their son Roy, aged 14.

**PRESTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Whymark 1, W. Shorter 2, F. Hunt 3, F. Day (cond.) 4, R. Chambers 5, H. Hollocks 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. J. Bernard Hall, for many years Rector.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6. Congratulations to Mrs. Osborne on her birthday and recovery from illness.

**ROYSTON, HERTS.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,440 Minor (being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): E. Linwood 1, H. F. Heathfield 2, G. Allgood 3, W. J. Houghton 4, S. E. Roberts 5, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Roberts.

**STANWELL, MIDDLEX.**—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Pizley 1, F. C. Price (first two-handed) 2-3, P. A. Lawrence 4, F. Blagrove 5.

**TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 120 Reverse Canterbury): F. Orchard 1, Edith Sharp 2, A. Armstrong (cond.) 3, C. Sharp 4, V. Adams 5. A silver wedding and birthday compliment to the conductor.

**WOOD GREEN, LONDON.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Fox 1, Miss E. Bettridge 2, Miss W. Bettridge 3, T. Yardley 4, R. O. Stroud 5, H. Kirby (cond.) 6. First quarter by all except the conductor, and first quarter of Minor on the bells by a local band.

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## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### Bicester Deanery Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch was held at Stratton Audley on October 20th. The five bells of the Parish Church were rung from 2.30 p.m. to Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles.

The Branch service was conducted by the Rev. G. S. Addison, the lesson read by the Guild's Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe, and the Rev. Hugh Benson (vice-president) preached an excellent sermon.

After a splendid tea, which was provided by the wives of the local ringers and served in the Rectory, the business meeting was presided over by the Branch president, the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper.

It was decided to make a donation to the General Guild Funds and the appeal from 'The Ringing World' was put to the members.

Some 28 members and friends attended the meeting representing the following towers:—Shirley and Hadley Heath (Birmingham), Bicester, Launton, Piddington, Stratton Audley, Islip, Middleton Storey and Souldern.

The bells of Bicester were rung in the evening to Grandsire Doubles and Triples.

### South Oxon Branch

Fourteen new members, including seven from the historic village of Chalgrove, were elected at the meeting of the South Oxfordshire Branch on October 13th.

Capt. Poyntz, late Deputy Master, was present, and also Mr. Alan B. Pink. The latter made an appeal to the clergy to try and meet the ringers 'half-way' in respect to ringers attending divine service after ringing. He pointed out that even now comparatively few clergy were seen in the belfries, while ringers, on the other hand, generally attended divine worship now far more than a few years ago.

## THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

There was a good turnout of ringers including two young men from Swindon, at present stationed at Rosyth with the Royal Navy, at the half-yearly meeting of the Scottish Association which was held on October 13th at St. John's Church, Alloa.

This ring, with a tenor of 13 cwt., is the lightest in Scotland and it is therefore a great change from the other towers ranging from one to two tons. The opportunity was taken by most ringers of trying methods unfamiliar to themselves, and because of this the striking was not always of the best. Apart from rounds, the methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Plain Bob and Kent, and eventually, after much perseverance, a course of Cambridge came round.

During the afternoon the Rector, Canon G. K. Sturrock Clarke, showed the ringers over the beautiful church and pointed out many of the interesting features, especially the carving in the chancel and the metal sanctuary screen by Sir Robert Lorimer.

The next meeting is to be held in Edinburgh on April 26th.

### SILENT PEALS

Sir,—No doubt others besides myself expected a letter, in last week's issue, of denial or explanation from Leicester, after the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' comment at their dinner that everyone was allowed to talk in their so-called silent peals. Personally, I cannot see the reason for claiming them as silent. In our Exercise we are free to please ourselves and if a band wish to ring a no-call peal, they are quite at liberty to do so but not to call it silent. They should say 'No Bobs called.' I sincerely hope the band will withdraw the claim as, after the Master's statement, the value of those four silent Surprise peals has gone.

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

## THE HESSE MEMORIAL

### WEEK-END

Ringers from several parts of the country gathered together at Wrington on October 19th and 20th for the annual week-end in commemoration of the late Major J. H. B. Hesse, who did so much for Wrington and its bells.

Activities commenced with a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Wells on Friday evening, conducted by Mr. J. T. Dyke, and on Saturday afternoon a good peal of Stedman Caters was rung in 3 hours 21 minutes on Wrington's noble ten, this being conducted by Mr. J. T. Thomas.

At the conclusion of the peal Mrs. Hesse entertained the party to tea at the Red Lion Hotel, when Mr. E. J. Taylor made a short speech thanking her for her hospitality, and Mrs. Hesse suitably replied. This concluded the proceedings, although several of the party stayed on at Wrington to ring for Sunday morning service.

The company included Mesdames Knight and Thomas and Messrs. E. Chivers, R. Beck, L. Derrick, J. T. Dyke, S. Green, H. W. Knight, A. Reeves, H. Sanger, E. J. Taylor, J. Thomas and A. Tyler.

M. J. H.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

### Test Ringing at Gorran

A meeting of the Mid-Cornwall Branch of the Guild was held at Gorran on October 20th when about 60 members attended. The gathering was well supported by clergy, those present being Canon F. F. Gilbert (St. Stephen-in-Brannel), Branch Secretary, Canon J. M. Simcock (St. Gluvias), who preached the sermon, the Rev. J. R. Jose (Vicar of Gorran), who conducted the service, and the Revs. W. H. R. Trewhella (Diocesan secretary), A. S. Roberts (Carbis Bay), R. R. Jenkin (St. Mewan) and S. J. Rust (St. Ewe).

The six bells at Gorran and St. Ewe were rung until service time, tea followed, and at approximately 6.15 p.m. the test ringing commenced. This continued during the evening, the judge being Mr. C. E. Lanxon, who should have been assisted by Mr. W. H. Southeard (Diocesan Ringing Master), but he was unavoidably absent through illness. The test ringing, which places the various bands in first, second or third class, consisted of rising and falling, ringing rounds from the set position, and certain 'touches' of call changes, and is not competitive.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

A combined meeting of the North-West District with the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association and the Ladies' Guild (Central District), at Epsom on September 22nd, again proved a great success. Visitors arrived in glorious sunshine at Christ Church, Epsom Common, and ringing continued here until 4.45. Over 50 ringers sat down to tea at the Granada. Mr. F. E. Collins, in a few words, welcomed the visitors and Mr. P. Corby, in reply, thanked the District for the welcome and arrangements made. Ringing followed at St. Martin's.

## OUTING

### ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT

Members and friends of the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild recently held their first annual outing for many years and the experiment proved so popular that the next one is eagerly anticipated.

The party crossed to Lymington by the first boat in the morning and there commenced a tour of the New Forest; ringing being enjoyed at Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst, Romsey, where there was a break for lunch, Ringwood, where it was time for tea, and Hordle. The ringing everywhere was of a very high standard, and, having been blessed by a lovely autumn day, the party returned, completely happy and satisfied, to the Island.

## NOTICES

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## DEATH

SMITH.—On October 24th, 1951, at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, the Rev. Douglas Gerard Smith, of 19, York Street, Crawshaw-booth, Lancs, former Vicar and Rural Dean of Heanor, Derbyshire. 9706

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## MEETINGS

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

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Chiddingfold, Saturday, November 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at Swan Hotel (2s.) 4.15. 9719

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey (8), November 3rd. 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9673

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



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Rishton on Saturday, November 3rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 9698

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Caversham, Saturday, November 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Tea at Anchor Cafe. 9669

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Worth (6). Saturday, November 3rd, at 3 p.m.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 9693

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, November 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 9683

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, November 5th, 7 p.m. Nearest station, Tottenham Court Road.—T. J. Lock. 9697

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—314th anniversary, Saturday, November 10th. 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. Ringing Southwark Cathedral 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3.30 to 5 p.m.; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, 4 to 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey. 9654

**BARNLEY DISTRICT and LADIES' GUILD** (Yorkshire District).—Joint meeting at Horbury on November 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, 2s. 6d., at Carr Lodge Cafe, 4.30 p.m. All requiring this must notify, by November 7th, Mr. E. Atkinson, Ivy Dene, Medlock Road, Horbury, near Wakefield.—D. Smith and E. D. Kelly. 9691

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Blunham and Great Barford on Saturday, November 10th. Blunham 3 p.m. Tea, Great Barford, 5 p.m. Ringing at 6 and during the evening. Five bells.—C. J. Ball, 39, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 9716

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.**—Meeting at Sutton-on-Hull on November 10th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by first post Wednesday, November 7th, Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 9718

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Joint meeting of the Macclesfield-Stockport Branches at Macclesfield on Saturday, November 10th. Bells: St. Peter's (8), 2-4 p.m.; Christ Church (10), 3-4.30 p.m. and after tea; St. Michael's (12), 7-8.30 p.m. Service in Christ Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Christ Church Schools 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Thursday, November 8th. 9714

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield (8), Saturday, November 10th. 3 p.m. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper. 9729

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Shipbourne, Saturday, November 10th. Service 4.30. For tea (5) notify by November 8th, W. Cutcher, P.O., Shipbourne.—C. A. Bassett. 9717

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6). November 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9721

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Ford End (6), Saturday, November 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9703

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Wanborough (6), November 10th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 9700

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Upper Cam (6), November 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by November 7th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9725

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton on Saturday, November 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nominations for District officers for 1952. Names for tea, by November 7th, to F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 9678

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, November 10th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. J. Suckling, 2, Northview Cottages, Widford, Herts. 9687

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Bowness, on Saturday, November 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 9720

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley, St. Mary's, Saturday, November 10th. No tea arrangements; cafes nearby.—S. Walmsley. 9712

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Barnabas', Shore, November 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea without fail before Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. J. Lee, 71, Featherstall Road, Littleborough.—F. Pritchard. 9711

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, November 10th, at Bootle (6). Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 1s. 9d. Essential send names to C. Byard, 40, Oxford Road, Bootle.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 9726

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Whitwick, Saturday, November 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in School 5. Names, by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. R. Beniston, 4, North Street.—C. W. Hall. 9707

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 10th, Colliers Wood, 2.45. Tea 4; Clapham Common R.C. 5. Business 6. Battersea 7.30. Nominations for District officers due.—Hutchings. GERard 9351.) 9709

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting, Ticknall (6), Saturday, November 10th. 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to W. G. Soar, Ticknall, near Derby. Evensong afterwards.—J. W. Cotton. 9723

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting of E. Norfolk Branch at Catfield, Saturday, November 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names or numbers for tea, by November 7th, to P. C. Nicholson, Rose Villa, Limes Road, Catfield, Norfolk.—J. Harwood, Sec. 9670

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting at Cattistock, November 10th. New ring of 8 available 2.30. Usual arrangements. Please notify by November 5th, Rev. A. V. Deane, Old Rectory, Chiffrome.—Hayne, Sec. 9634

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Berrington (8), Saturday, November 10th; Cound also available. Names for tea, before November 6th, to Hon. Sec.—G. C. Bagley, Endale, 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge, Shropshire. 9727

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts and Nottingham Districts.—Joint meeting at Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), Saturday, November 10th. Bells available 3.30. Names for tea, by November 6th, to Mr. C. Evans, 201, Huthwaite Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield. No names, no tea.—H. Denman and Miss P. Lewin, Dis. Secs. 9676

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Havant, November 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. at White Ladies Hotel. Names by November 6th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 9701

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting at Edensor (6), Saturday, November 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, November 14th, to D. Scott, Orchard House, Hill-Side, Darley Dale. 9715

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Ilkeston District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, November 17th, Heanor (8). Bells available 3 p.m. All welcome. Please notify numbers for tea, not later than Wednesday, November 14th, Mr. H. Farnsworth, 5, Godfrey Street, Heanor, Derbyshire.—J. W. Price and D. R. Carlisle (Secs.). 9722

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Capel, November 17th. Bells (6) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea, at King's Head, 5. Notifications to reach F. Tullett, Bakers Cottage, Capel, Dorking, by November 15th. 9713

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, November 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by November 15th, to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9728

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Beedon, November 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, November 14th, to T. Curtis, 1, World's End, Beedon, Newbury. 9705

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at Winthorpe, Saturday, November 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea available. Frequent buses from Newark. 9710

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Bi-monthly meeting at Merstham (6) on Saturday, November 17th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing after. Names for tea, by Thursday, November 15th, to Miss R. M. Foreman, 33, Broadhurst Gardens, Reigate. 9704

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke and Winchester Districts.—Combined practice meeting at Preston Candover and Ellisfield November 17th. Bells: Preston (5) 2.30; Ellisfield (5) 6. Service at Preston 4.30. Tea 5. in the Vicarage. After tea, Erin and Carter's practice. Names by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9708

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting at Burton-on-Trent. St. Paul's, on November 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, November 21st, at latest, to Mr. B. Key, 295, Dallow Street, Burton-on-Trent. All ringers welcome.—J. Staniforth Hon. Sec. 9702

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