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EXTRACTS FROM THE UNPUBLISHED

WE can assure readers who have protested that the Everton bells controversy — whether they are a minor five or not—has had an editorial closure. One correspondent naively remarked that the best treatment for all minor fives is to 'boil them up.' Another esteemed reader gives a judicial summing up of the correspondence and his conclusions. We refrain from publishing the same as the only court of appeal would be through the columns of this journal, and an adverse decision would certainly cause the stirring up of the mud at the bottom of one notorious inkpot. No, the reader must form his own conclusions. The musical can practise humming minor fives in case they are called in as expert witnesses! But the ears of many readers are not quite accurate, as Mr. J. Michael Stephens gives the tenor note as B flat and this is denied by Mr. Frank Warrington. As we said before, the fun is at an end, and we hope that the written word of our correspondents is merely a form of expression rather than a verity of conviction in their personal utterances.

• Unpleasant as it may sound, so enthusiastic are many of our practising members that they lose a sense of proportion in life. Another correspondent writes that while many people allow business activities to permeate every waking moment, there are keen ringers who tend to allow ringing to be the uppermost thought of their conscious moments. We have all probably passed through such an experience in the enthusiasm of early progress. The story is told this summer of three ringers who deserted the precincts of the church tower for a putting green while on holiday. As they addressed the ball at the start of each hole there would be a solemn 'Go' as the ball sped on its course. If it was deviating from the direct line there would be frantic calls of 'Bob' in an endeavour to achieve a 'single' or a hole in one. It might be said that in spite of numerous 'bobs' not one 'single' was recorded, comments our informer.

Not all our readers have come in contact with these enthusiasts. Mr. A. F. Wellington thinks that the apathy which politicians, local councillors and many organisations complain of is infiltrating into ringing generally. Sunday ringing is not what it was and many towers are silent. The 'old faithfuls' often carry on with difficulty

and rely upon the casual visitor to make up the band. Mr. Wellington also comments that attendances at meetings seem to be falling off. It is either at the meeting or joint practice that opportunities for progress are available. To-day the young ringer invariably receives a warm welcome from the ringing master in charge. It is from these meetings and the social contacts established that the best of all training comes, the learning of a method, by means of which the prospect of a peal presents itself.

While it is true that in some parts of the country attendances at meetings are discouraging, there are reports to the contrary that are healthy. Recently there was criticism of the general standard of ringing in some areas of Kent. While we as ringers have our own standards, we rely very largely for the use of the bells on the attitude of the general public. An example of the outsider's appreciation was given at the meeting of the Canterbury District, when the following letter addressed to Mr. Rye was received from Sir Gerald W. Wollaston:—

'I want, if I may, to congratulate you and all the other bell-ringers on your proficiency. I have listened to the bells on several occasions of late—I was listening to them this evening—and was very interested and feel that the thanks of all are due to you for the great trouble you must all have taken to acquire so much skill in what always seems to me to be so difficult a job. It may be comparatively easy to ring bells badly; to ring them well requires, like all other art, a great deal of hard work and skill which is often little appreciated by those who benefit by it. So may I say my few words of thanks to you all?'

This tribute is in no sense an isolated testimonial. We had another from a churchwarden within the last few days, a message mentioning the gratitude the parishioners felt to the ringers, and concluded with the following verse:—

Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man, and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand.
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Yes, it is 'the larger heart, the kindlier hand' that we all want, and we would close by mentioning that most unruly of all members, the tongue. It is little use having larger hearts with uncontrollable tongues.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Oct. 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	Treble	HENRY H. FEARN	7
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
MURIEL REAY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	10
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5	†PETER BORDER	11
JOHN WORTH	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Maximus on tower bells.

LONDON, E.C.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 41 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS	Treble	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	CYRIL J. WATTS	8
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	3	JOHN S. MASON	9
ALFRED B. PECK	4	FRANK E. DARBY	10
JOHN HILL	5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	11
JOHN CHILCOTT	6	THOMAS J. SETTER	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL	Treble	†COLIN E. WRIGHT	7
MRS. R. I. PARSONS	2	A. LEONARD SIMMONDS	8
DENIS N. LAYTON	3	FREDK. W. HOUSDEN	9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	4	*CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	10
*FRANK V. GANT	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	11
DAVID W. BEARD	6	*JOHN F. GROVE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal of Stedman.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ANTHONY AGER	Treble	JOHN PINFOLD	6
MURIEL REAY	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	8
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	4	HENRY H. FEARN	9
J. EDWARD CAWSE	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

JOHN PINFOLD	Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
ALBERT WALKER	4	HENRY H. FEARN	9
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT R. LAWRENCE	Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
HENRY H. FEARN	5	PETER BORDER	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	Treble	*HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
TERENCE A. THORNER	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	†JOHN A. ACRES	8
WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	5	HAROLD J. POOLE	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † 100th peal.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 13, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

RICHARD G. BELL	Treble	*ERNEST H. DURRANT	6
WALTER AYRE	2	JOHN SCHOFIELD	7
REGINALD ROWLEY	3	WILLIAM WENBAN	8
JOHN R. MAYNE	4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	9
D. KAY ADKINS	5	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the ringer of the 2nd. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Sept. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Johnson's Variation	Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6*
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	HENRY H. FEARN	Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Sidney W. Freemantle upon the completion of 45 years as beadle of this church.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wed., Sept. 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	Treble	ERIC E. SPEAKE	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
HENRY H. FEARN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.



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On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT Treble	HARRY STEBBINGS 5
PETER J. CAME 2	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST 7
EDWARD W. ROAST 4	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in the method for all except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th. First touch in method for 1, 4, 5 and 6.

A birthday compliment to Thomas R. Roast.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,880 Superlative and 2,176 of Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP .. 5
*RONALD J. SHARP 2	*†MARK W. MARSHALL .. 6
*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
*ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN (C.C.C. 16).

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in two spliced methods. † 100th peal. First peal in two spliced methods for the Association.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP .. 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 6
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 3	MARK W. MARSHALL .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 14).

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

ALBERT H. FITTER Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
MURIEL REAY 3	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	HENRY H. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

HUNSDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sun., Oct. 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP 2	MARK W. MARSHALL .. 6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal of 8 spliced methods by all the band, and first peal in 8 methods for the Society.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

FRANK E. HAYNES Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 2	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 6
PETER BORDER 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 7
MURIEL REAY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal in the method.

STRATTON-ST.-MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*PAULINE MANNING Treble	†VICTOR GRIFFIN 5
WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL .. 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 6
FRANCIS G. WILTON 3	WILLIAM SIDWELL 7
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 4	JOSEPH DURHAM Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Triples.

A wedding compliment to Eric Sutton, of Bristol, and Jean Holloway, of Swindon, who were married at Christ Church, Swindon, on October 3rd.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5
MRS. P. A. CORBY 2	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 6
MRS. J. R. SMITH 3	JOHN R. SMITH 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

C. RONALD SMITH Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	FRANK V. GANT 6
CHARLES A. HUGHES .. 3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smith.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND PATRICK,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt.

*GORDON PECK Treble	THOMAS STAGG 5
SAMUEL ATKINS 2	HARRY FULLER 6
DORA REEVE 3	JAMES PAUL 7
WILFRED BOWERS 4	*HENRY IVINGS Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by JAMES PAUL.

* First peal. First peal in method by all.

Rung for the golden wedding of Lord and Lady Iveagh.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	ALFRED BALLARD 6
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	*D. KAY ADKINS 5
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 7
*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 5
*GERALD BOWEN 2	*NORMAN GOODMAN .. 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 3	THOMAS HEMMING .. 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

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

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN .. Treble	MRS. J. R. SMITH .. 5
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 2	MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 6
DOROTHY M. UDAL .. 3	WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 7
*MRS. J. F. WILKINSON .. 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

* First peal of Yorkshire Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

First peal of Yorkshire for the Ladies' Guild.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. A. Tewksbury, Vicar of Earl Shilton.

ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 Variation.	Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.) in E.
FREDERICK R. EVANS .. Treble	RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 5
GEORGE A. PACKER .. 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 7
JOHN W. BEST 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

In memoriam Thomas Butler, sen., and Alick Haynes, ringers at this tower for many years. First peal on the rehung bells.

FROME, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 30 cwt.
PERCY H. HULL .. Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. 5
JAMES TOPP 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 6
FREDERICK H. SLATFORD .. 3	HENRY J. SANGER .. 7
PERCY H. HARDING 4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK L. HARRIS .. Treble	*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 5
JEAN M. HARRIS 2	PERCY GREEN 6
JOE E. G. ROAST 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
PETER J. CAME 4	PETER J. EVES .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

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

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE .. Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 6
MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 3	LEONARD TREVOR .. 7
*FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

* First peal in the method.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*BERT MORGAN Treble	BERNARD LAWTON .. 5
R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN .. 2	C. FREDERICK JUKES .. 6
DAVID M. LEES 3	WILLIAM DAVIES .. 7
†CHARLES PEAKMAN .. 4	DAVID GRIFFITHS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples 'inside'.

Specially arranged as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Griffiths (parents of the ringer of the tenor).

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. GIBSON .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
*HOWARD SCOTT 3	*GORDON BENFIELD .. 7
*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*WILLIAM HUDSON .. Treble	HAROLD SPENCER .. 5
†DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	FRED TERRY .. 6
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 7
ROBERT L. SCARTH .. 4	BERT SUTTON .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BERT SUTTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major 'inside'.

A wedding compliment to the Vicar of Scarborough, the Rev. Frank E. Ford, and Mrs. Ford, who were married on October 8th.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN E. CANNELL .. Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 5
RALPH BIRD 2	RICHARD E. PRICE .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

Rung on the Eve of the Harvest Festival.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Court, three extents of Oxford Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

DEREK OTTEY .. Treble	A. RAYMOND TONKS .. 4
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 5
WILLIAM T. GOADBY .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rev. M. R. Newbery, B.A., on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years in the ministry. He was for 20 years Rector of this parish.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

*GEORGE E. CATTON .. Treble	HARRY KING .. 4
RICHARD ROSE 2	LEONARD SHARPE .. 5
ALAN G. FEVER 3	KENNETH G. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal.

**RATTLESDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Sun., Oct. 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of St. Clement's, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*DAVID BRAND Treble	ALAN G. FEVER 4
*LEONARD SHARPE 2	JOHN WYBROW 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 3	*KENNETH G. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

*First peal in four methods. Rung for the Harvest Festival.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BRIAN WEARE Treble	GWILYM G. SALMON .. 4
†ALAN WEARE 2	†RONALD H. GARDINER .. 5
†VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

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

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

*JAMES F. DODSON Treble	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 4
HERBERT COLCOMBE .. 2	ROY COLLINS 5
JOHN MARTIN 3	E. JOHN WELLS Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

*First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

Rung as a farewell tribute to W. Simmonds, who has taken up residence in Devon after 18 years as captain in this tower.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of St. Clement's, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

DAVID BRAND Treble	JOHN S. WYBREW 4
KENNETH G. BROWN .. 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM CUTMORE Treble	SAM J. TWITCHETT 4
THOMAS BIRD 2	REG RIPPINGALE 5
GEORGE WATERMAN 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

DESMOND G. MAYELL .. Treble	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 4
MRS. D. G. MAYELL .. 2	†ALAN A. HILLIAR 5
*DAVID V. SMITH 3	LEE BATES Tenor

Conducted by DESMOND G. MAYELL.

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

HASCOMBE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in D.

*DAVID R. REDFERN .. Treble	EILEEN M. TURNER .. 3
ROLAND W. MORANT .. 2	ANN M. COX 4
†E. JOHN WELLS Tenor	

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

*First peal. †25th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.



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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*CLIVE HAYNES Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS 4
K. MARY COWLEY 2	CECIL HINTON 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 3	WILLIAM YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 120's of Stedman and eight 120's each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

RICHARD S. HOLLAND .. Treble	*DONALD S. PAYNE 3
ERNEST G. ORLAND 2	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 4

MICHAEL F. AMOS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal 'inside'

Rung in honour of St. Denys, Bishop and Martyr.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, six callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

KENNETH BROWN Treble	LESLIE NICE 4
RICHARD ROSE 2	ARTHUR T. BALLAM 5
WILLIAM T. RICKWOOD .. 3	JOHN BANKS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR T. BALLAM.

SMARTEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES MARSHALL .. Treble	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 4
PERCY REEVES 2	MARK W. MARSHALL .. 5
*PETER JARVIS 3	WILFRED W. RING Tenor

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

* First peal 'inside.'

A 70th birthday compliment to Charles Marshall.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

MRS. BETTY PERCY .. Treble	*LESLIE J. BALDOCK .. 4
GEORGE BEENEY 2	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS .. 5
ROBERT W. R. PERCY .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal in two methods by ringers of the 4th and 5th.

ASHFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE E. CATTON .. Treble	*DAVID BRAND 3
KENNETH G. BROWN .. 2	*LEONARD SHARPE 4

ALAN G. FEVER Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal of Doubles.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: 1, Northumberland and Carlisle; 2, Newcastle and Alnwick; 3, Beverley and Surfleet; 4, Primrose and Norfolk; 5, York and Durham; 6, Ipswich and Cambridge; 7, London and Wells.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

C. T. H. BRADLEY .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	HARRY GIBBARD 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. A. Sneath, towerkeeper at this church. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. A. Cooper, wife of the ringer of the 4th.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

WILLIAM NORTH .. Treble	LOUIS WILLERS 4
THOMAS KELLEY 2	*CLEWIN GADSBY 5
HENRY P. COLLIN 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal.

Rung for the Harvest Festival.

LYNSTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD C. BARTON .. Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 3
ALBERT J. DUNK 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 4

GEORGE KENWARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung for the evening service of Harvest Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings.

Tenor size 11 in G.

JEAN STEWART 1—2	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 3—4
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WILLIAM HALL 5—6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* 100th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Brown, Northern District Ringing Master.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 19 in F.

TERENCE A. THORNER .. 1—2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7—8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3—4	HARRY POYNER 9—10
ALFRED BALLARD 5—6	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven extents.

*J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's) 1—2	R. D. EDGE (Queens') .. 3—4
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*W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') 5—6

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal 'in hand.'

AN 18th CENTURY LEGACY

During the first half of the 18th century Mr. Wm. Davies, of Twyford House, had occasion to be thankful that Twyford Church had a ring of bells. Thick fog covered the countryside as he was making his way home on horseback, and he lost all sense of direction. Reining his horse in, he listened and heard the sound of the bells, from which he was able to get a sense of direction and make his way home. Afterwards, he discovered that, had he and his horse gone on they would have plunged into a chalk pit and probably lost their lives.

When making his will, William Davies recalled this incident and, in gratitude, he wrote a codicil, in which he directed that £1 was to be paid annually to the bellringers of St. Mary's Church, Twyford, provided they rang the bells on the morning and evening of Oct. 7th, but not otherwise.

Since 1754, Twyford ringers have duly rung twice on that day, except during the war years, and Oct. 7th, 1953, found the bells once again in action at 6.30 a.m. and at 7.30 p.m.

The money, which, of course, has to be supplemented by the ringers themselves, is always spent on a supper, to which it has become a tradition to invite the local doctors, the Vicar and churchwardens and friends interested in and helpful to the group.

This year 25 sat down to a splendid supper, provided by Mr. Thompson, of the Dolphin Hotel, and, following a number of toasts, a record number of stories (true and untrue) were related by ringers and guests. Mr. L. Lampard, sen., captain of the band, read the codicil to Mr. Davies' will in which the bequest was made, and a very pleasant evening was spent in social contact and games.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Canterbury District's Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held in Canterbury on October 10th. Ninety members attended, representing 26 towers and two Districts of the Association. Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's, prior to the service which was held at St. Dunstan's and conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. A. Brown, with an address by the Rev. N. Baldock.

Tea followed in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, where a meal had been prepared, which even surprised the proverbial ringers' appetites. The remaining food was sold cheaply, thus enabling the organisers to make quite a good profit, which is being put to the cost of the social on November 14th.

At the business meeting the secretary (Mr. B. J. Luck) reported a small drop in membership, but an increase in revenue, due to increased subscriptions. The meetings had been well attended, an average of 46 at each being recorded. Two motions, from the Tonbridge and Maidstone Districts, were debated, as was one from a member of the Canterbury District.

Mr. J. A. Russell, Birchington, was re-elected chairman; Mr. W. S. Palin ringing master, and Mr. B. J. Luck secretary. On a ballot Messrs. H. R. French (Sturry) and S. Walter (Wickhambreaux) were elected as representatives to the Central Committee.

Birchington was selected as the tower for the quarterly meeting in January, with a by-meeting at Chartham in December. After the longest meeting for several years the members dispersed for further ringing.

A WINCHESTER WEDDING**Mr. P. Corfield—Miss E. Edmonds**

On Saturday, October 10th, the wedding took place between Miss E. Edmonds and Mr. P. Corfield at St. Cross Church, Winchester. Both bride and bridegroom are members of St. Maurice's bell-ringers and the bride is also an honorary member of the Cathedral band and was at one time assistant secretary of the Winchester District.

The church was already beautifully decorated for the harvest festival on the following day and the nave of the church was filled to capacity by relatives and friends.

The bride wore a dress of rich, ivory brocade with a veil 100 years old belonging to Mrs. B. C. Corfield. She carried a bouquet of red and white carnations and lily of the valley and was given away by her father, Mr. A. T. Edmonds. Three bridesmaids attended.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop B. C. Corfield, Rector of St. Maurice's and father of the bridegroom, officiated, and the Rev. W. A. MacFarlane, Vicar of Southwold, Suffolk, and brother-in-law of the bridegroom, gave the address.

While the register was being signed a band of handbell ringers rang a few musical changes (there is not a ring of bells at St. Cross).

The reception was held in the bride's home, to which 100 relatives and friends were invited. Among the telegrams of congratulation read out was one from the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, chairman of the Winchester District of Bell-ringers, who in campanological terms wished the happy couple every happiness.

The cake was in two tiers, the top tier being in the shape of a bell, and round the sound-bow was printed, 'Ring out for Betty and Peter.' After the honeymoon the couple will settle down in Redhill, where they already have a house.

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Nearly 80 ringers and friends attended the
joint meeting at Hillingdon on October 10th.
During the evening social the Oxford Guild
scored a decisive win over their Middlesex
friends in the annual handball match. Casual-
ties were negligible.

We doubt if any other lady
ringer has had the distinction
and the ordeal of Mrs. Welton,
of Bagshot, Surrey, who, during the invasion
scare of 1940, at the orders of the Vicar and the
police, ascended the dark belfry of Bagshot
Church late one night to give the signal of emer-
gency by ringing the church bell. Fortunately
it was a false alarm. Mrs. Welton told the
story of her experience at the Guildford Dio-
cesan Guild dinner last Saturday.

Last week-end Mr. Peter N. Bond was in the
Bristol area. He rang in 15 towers in two days.

Happy birthday greetings were sung at the
Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner on Saturday
to Mrs. Harman, wife of Mr. A. Harman, the
Master of the Guild.

Mr. Anthony A. Upton, of 1312, Warwick
Road, Copt Heath, Knowle, Warwicks, is
anxious to arrange a peal attempt with Scouters
holding warrants. Will anyone interested please
communicate with him?

On October 10th the Bishop of Sherborne
dedicated a new treble at Heddington, Wilts,
giving the church a ring of six bells. Under their
captain, Mr. H. White, the ringers raised £250,
of which £170 was required for the new bell.

Owing to pressure on our space we have had
to delete in a number of cases votes of thanks
to incumbents and steeple-keepers in connection
with outings and tours. The proper procedure
is a letter of thanks or a marked copy of 'The
Ringing World' if the notice is inserted.

Invariably the unexpected incident provides
the greatest mirth at an entertainment. In the
full hilarity of an Irish jig song at the Guild-
ford Diocesan Guild dinner the entertainer was
abruptly called to a halt by his false teeth fall-
ing with a clatter on the stage. The incident
will long be remembered.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A new handbell long length
record was established last
Saturday by a peal of 15,840
Plain Bob Royal rung at 26, Wellington Road,
Bournemouth. The peal was successfully ac-
complished in 8 hours 2 minutes, with Mr.
Daniel T. Matkin as conductor. The band in-
cluded two ladies. Congratulations to all con-
cerned.

Members of the Central Council will con-
gratulate the Irish Association representative,
Mr. John T. Dunwoody on ringing his 100th
peal.

Bro. R. S. Philpott, of Runfold, near Farn-
ham, was installed as Worshipful Master of the
Wey Side Lodge (No. 1,395) of Freemasons at
Woking, Surrey, on Oct. 20th.

In a note to the editor Mr. J. T. Dunwoody
writes: The recent ringing tour has done a
great deal of good in my Northern District,
and we would welcome more such tours in
Northern Ireland.

We feel that no good purpose can be served
by continuing 'the minor five controversy.'
We thank other ringers who have written on
the subject. Those looking forward to
another instalment must therefore bear their
disappointment and draw their own con-
clusions. There is, however, a section of our
readers which thinks the subject has gone too
far.

Correspondence regarding minor fives reminds
Mr. C. A. Bassett of a visit to Edington, Wilts,
in July, 1949. He writes: 'Although the hand-
ling of one's bell, the creaking of the timbers
and watching two men struggling with the tenor
took most of my attention, it seemed to me
that the bells were the middle six of an octave
with the tenor about half a tone flat.' Perhaps
some reader can confirm this.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND J. S. GOLDSMITH COMMEMORATION DINNER

The Debt of the Exercise to the Clergy

GUILDFORD Diocesan Guild's annual dinner, in which is commemorated the memory of John S. Goldsmith, the founder of 'The Ringing World,' last Saturday surpassed all previous gatherings. A capacity attendance of 159 ringers and friends was present at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. An excellent meal was followed by bright and witty speeches under the genial chairmanship of Canon R. G. Clitherow with Mr. C. W. Denyer acting as toastmaster. The entertainment was good and many of the contributions contained topical verse that delighted the assembly. The organisation, which was in the hands of Messrs. R. H. Mills, C. W. Denyer and W. Viggers, left nothing to be desired.

The toast 'The memory of John S. Goldsmith and the continued prosperity of the Guildford Guild' was submitted by Mr. W. Hibbert, general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He said it gave him great pleasure to say a few words about their late editor, whom he knew for 30 years, and he believed it was not for John Goldsmith ringing would not be where it was to-day. He did not ring many peals because of his duty to his paper and to his wife. Most of them knew she was a confirmed invalid and no wife could have had more devoted attention.

Apart from his journalistic duties he was also for a time collector of King's Taxes and Food Officer. Because of these circumstances he was not one of those men who rang 1,000 peals before they were 40 years of age, but he conducted peals in all types of methods. John Goldsmith was also one of the founders of the Guildford Guild and its first honorary secretary.

AMONG THE GREAT MEN OF THE EXERCISE

He would take his place among the great men of the Exercise—with William Pye, Washbrook, the Rev. F. E. Robinson and others, and they had living with them Herbert Langdon, of the College Youths, and Alfred Pulling, of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. For this Guild Alfred Pulling had done a tremendous amount of good and it was as well to remember in these days of advanced ringing that he was the man who called the first peal in four spliced Surprise methods.

At one of the annual District meetings of the Oxford Guild the chairman called upon the tower captains each to present a report on the past year. The chairman turned to one veteran and said, 'Well, Jack, how are you getting on at . . . ?' 'Well, sir,' he replied, 'We pull very well together.' Then somebody at the back of the hall shouted out, 'And it didn't half sound like it when we were going by' (laughter).

To the Guildford Guild he would say that the future of the Exercise did not depend upon the men who rang 1,000 peals before they were 40 but on the regularity of Sunday ringing, practices and the training of youngsters. He hoped their Guild would pay special attention to its Sunday ringing. It gave him pleasure to announce that a peal was rung that day at Farnborough, conducted by John Wells, to the memory of John S. Goldsmith. He asked the company to stand in silence to the memory of that fine Christian gentleman.

The Rev. K. C. Davis, a vice-president of the Guild, responded, and said it was 23 years ago that he first met Mr. Goldsmith at the dinner of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. Ringing took place in the church at Temple Cross, which had been blitzed. He remembered John Goldsmith saying to him that in the whole of the Guildford Diocese they had not such a large or beautiful church. Little in

those days did he think he would be an incumbent in the Guildford Diocese. He remembered Mr. Goldsmith's patience and interest in a young fellow's bad ringing.

The Guildford Guild stood for the promotion of change ringing to the glory of God and also for regular ringing on Sundays, practices and the training of learners. The Guildford Diocese was a young one, not yet 24 years old, but it was showing a great spirit of co-operation. The Diocese stood to proclaim to man the unchanging truth of the Christian Gospel and His way of life for men which brought peace and joy as a direct contrast to hate and brute force which was so prevalent in the world to-day. It was their duty as Christian men and women and as bellringers to proclaim that Gospel day by day and week by week.

Most of them knew that the Bishop had called them to a Diocesan Mission in 1956. As bellringers they would have an important part to play in that mission. He hoped every tower in the Diocese would use every opportunity it had to call the people to God. It was a thing the Executive of the Guild could think about: it was something that would have been very dear to the heart of John S. Goldsmith.

Mr. F. A. Munday, captain of Holy Trinity (Guildford) tower, proposed the toast of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise.' In welcoming Canon Clitherow, who was deputising for the Bishop of Guildford, he recalled a similar circumstance two years ago when the Canon referred to himself as the Bishop's pawn. Chess players knew what happened to the successful pawn that reached the other side—it became a queen or another piece. They could hardly expect their chairman to become a queen but it was possible for the humble pawn to be a Bishop.

CLERGY RINGERS

Clergymen had played a big part in moulding the Exercise into what it was to-day. 'We have to thank them for writing and publishing some of our text books and I think in particular of the Rev. E. S. Powell for "The Ringers' Handbook," the Rev. C. D. P. Davies for "Surprise Methods" and the Rev. F. F. Rigby for the excellent handbook of the Lancashire Association.'

In other fields, too, the clergy had played a leading part in the Exercise. Their neighbours, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, had been particularly well blessed in this respect having had as their Masters such stalwarts as the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was a stalwart in more senses than one. Three years ago it was again the desire of the Oxford Guild that this clerical association should be continued and the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, a capable ringer, was appointed as Master.

Of the Rev. F. E. Robinson there were many stories. Many of his peals were rung in his own tower at Dravton and it was his practice to entertain the ringers to supper in the Rectory after the peal. One evening an attempt failed after three hours' good ringing. As usual, the ringers followed him to the house expecting supper. They were amazed when they reached the door and were greeted, 'Good-night, gentlemen. No peal, no supper.'

The Guildford Guild had never produced or had thrust upon it a really first-class clerical ringer (with apologies to the vice-president). In fact, it had been very much the reverse and there were cases where the parson took no interest in the bells or ringers. Only a few days ago he heard of a District secretary who, wishing to arrange a ringing meeting, wrote to the Vicar. He never received a reply to his letter.

He understood a large number of livings in the Diocese were under the patronage of the Bishop and it would be a great thing for the Guild if at least one of the incumbents was a first-class ringer and able to give leadership and advice to the other clergy and to the ringers as a whole. A knowledge of ringing, he felt, should be included in the curriculum of all Theological Colleges. The idea was not new. Another parson, Canon Papillon, who was Master of the Essex Association for about 40 years, made an appeal for such encouragement and facilities for theological students in writing the preface to the Rev. F. E. Robinson's book.

A BISHOP'S PAWN

Canon Clitherow, in his reply, said he did not mind being a Bishop's pawn but he hoped he would never be a Bishop. It might interest Mr. Munday that some Theological Colleges did try to teach ringing. He had spent many uncomfortable hours in the Church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, trying to ring and they gave him up as a bad job.

One of the most encouraging things about that gathering was to see so many young people there. He knew the Guildford towers in recent years had found it difficult to get young recruits—perhaps now that Mr. Pulling was out of the way they would get some (laughter). It was encouraging to see the young people with them, not only for the ringing, but the witness they bore of the Christian faith. The Church was in an enormous debt to its ringers, and on behalf of the Bishop and the clergy he asked them to accept the thanks of the Diocese. He knew it was put to them as a Christian duty but they were all grateful for that duty. One heard continually of the self-sacrifice of ringers. Mr. Hibbert told him he travelled 80 miles each Sunday to ring bells.

Their vice-president, the Rev. K. C. Davis, had told them there was to be a Diocesan Mission in 1956. Among his duties was that of missionary to the Diocese. The forthcoming mission should ring a bell for people who lived ordinary everyday lives and was not a lot of pious platitudes frothing over their heads. He wanted each man present to approach another man and find out why he did not go to church, and let him know the reason.

The Rev. G. L. Clowes, Farnham, proposed the toast of 'The Ladies' and admitted that his ringing was very limited to rounds or Grandire Triples with Charlie Denyer standing behind him. There was no doubt that ringing was considerably helped by the presence of the fair sex. The atmosphere in any ringing chamber when ladies were present was much better. They had the effect of bringing out the best in men and suppressing the worst. When only men were present there were signs of ill-temper. There was nothing that discouraged a learner more than bad temper. He had never seen it in the Guildford Diocese but he had seen it in Lincolnshire. He thought the reason was the number of lady ringers in the Guildford Diocese.

RANG 'INVASION' BELL

Mrs. Mabel Welton, of Bagshot, who replied, recalled the days of 1940 when there was an invasion threat. Because the male ringers were in the Home Guard she was made responsible for any ringing that might in emergencies be necessary at Bagshot. At 10.30 one night the Vicar came to her and said, 'Could you possibly come and ring the bells? An order has been received that the bells should be rung declaring a state of emergency.' As they hurried along to the church they saw the ghastly red glare across the sky—it was the night the port of London was bombed. They climbed the

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GUILDFORD GUILD—Cont.

belfry stairs by the aid of a torch as they had no black-out in the belfry. She succeeded in getting the fourth half-way up and rang it for about ten minutes. They fully expected to meet Germans on the way home and were actually stopped and challenged, but fortunately it was a neighbour. The extraordinary thing was that they never got to know what happened that night and why the alarm was given. She hoped that it would never be necessary in the future to ring bells for that purpose. 'May the ladies long continue to play their part in ringing as conscientiously and efficiently as they were at present.'

Mr. C. J. Dodson, Ringing Master of the Chertsey District, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors', and extended to them a cordial welcome. Visitors were a strong feature in the Exercise and those who came out of the blue on a Sunday evening when they met one short were more than welcome. There was a moral behind it. If they were away from home they should always visit the nearest church—they never knew when their services were of the greatest value.

Mr. F. A. Noel Brady, of Cork, who is now living at Bagshot, wittily responded.

A feature of the evening was the excellent entertainment. Songs were sung by Miss Bertha Hann and Mr. Harold Cole, accompanied by Miss Beth Ealand. Handbell tunes were played by Messrs. G. S. Joyce and R. V. Whelpton. Major E. J. Bragg delighted with an original monologue and the Farnham District Glee Club, consisting of Messrs. C. W. Denyer, W. Viggers and E. J. Bragg sang topical verse concerning the dinner. The tables were decorated with beautiful chrysanthemums, the gift of Mr. A. Harman and Mr. Cheeseman.

THE COMPANY

The company included: Canon R. G. Clitherow, the Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Clowes, the Revs. P. Cole, F. W. Crooks, K. C. Davis, Hoskyns-Abraham and Mrs. Hoskyns-Abraham.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. P. Bevan, Major E. J. and Miss Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Denyer, Mr. and Mrs. B. Grover, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Horsman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kenward, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. King, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pugsley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pepler, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rance, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Schupke, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. Viggers, Mr. and Mrs. A. Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. White, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wren, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Whelpton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Williamson.

The Misses K. Avenall, A. and H. Butler, M. Cass, E. Clear, M. Collins, S. Corke, A. Cox, M. Davey, J. A. Dodson, B. England, A. Fisher, J. Flavell, A. Goodchild, B. Hann, G. Kinnear, M. Lewis, H. Mills, A. Moore, J. Russell, M. Rule, J. Smith, W. Short, E. C. Stewart, S. Sherwood, E. Turner, J. E. Thorpe.

Mesdames E. Enticknap, K. Green, E. Hall, J. McDevitt, Stacey and V. Welton.

Messrs. Barlow, Noel Brady, J. Brackley, R. Bragg, G. Brown, J. Butler, F. Cherryman, G. Clode, H. Cole, W. and T. Denyer, F. J. Dodson, G. D. Enticknap, C. Hopper, E. Hall, C. W. Hunter, H. Hutton, W. Hibbert, A. Holden, R. Jordan, D. Johnson, F. A. Keast, L. Laing, R. W. Morant, J. Martin, F. A. Munday, S. Meadows, D. McPherson, Tony Oliver and friend J. Pell, T. Page, A. H. Pulling, W. G. Robinson, A. Smith jun., G. Sowray, W. Stone, B. and P. Sherwood, K. Treweek, T. W. Tomlinson, J. Wells, M. Whelan, J. Worrell, K. and D. Williamson.

RINGING WEDDING AT SWINDON

Mr. E. Sutton—Miss H. J. Holloway

Miss Hilary Jean Holloway, youngest daughter of Capt. and Mrs. F. A. Holloway, 28, The Knoll, Swindon, was married on October 3rd to Mr. Eric Sutton, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sutton, 250, Charlton Road, Kinswood, Bristol. The wedding took place at Christ Church, Swindon. The Rev. M. E. R. Mannox, Vicar of St. John-the-Divine, Fishponds, Bristol, officiated.

Both the bride and bridegroom are members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. The bride was a member of Christ Church, Swindon, ringers. The bridegroom belongs to the St. Ambrose Guild of Ringers, Bristol.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a white satin brocade dress, a full-length tulle veil with an orange blossom headdress and wore a pearl necklace. She carried a shower bouquet of white carnations.

Her attendants were Miss Pauline Manning (secretary, Christ Church, Swindon, Ringers), Miss B. Enid Lloyd-Roberts (Ringing Master, Bristol University Society), Miss Jill Sutton (bridegroom's sister), Miss Elizabeth and Master John Kerr (niece and nephew of the bride). The bridesmaids were dressed in blue embossed taffeta and carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums. Mr. Alan Sutton, the bridegroom's brother, was best man.

After a reception at The Knoll, Swindon, at which handbells were rung, the couple left for the honeymoon at Bournemouth, the bride travelling in a blue-grey suit with black accessories.

R. G. H.

STONHAM ASPAL COMPANY VISIT ESSEX

Stonham Aspel, Suffolk, company, with other ringers and friends, spent an enjoyable half-day in Essex on October 3rd. Feering was the first stop, and various methods were rung on the eight bells. An unusual experience awaited the party at Goldhanger, of Triples without a cover and Minor with, on the ring of 7. All agreed, however, when the treble pit is filled the bells will form a splendid light octave.

At All Saints', Maldon, Mr. Hubble and Mr. Mansfield met the party. These bells are hung in the only triangular tower in the country, and methods up to Yorkshire were attempted on a good going octave. The last call for ringing was at Witham, where an enjoyable hour was spent.

An enjoyable tea was taken at Maldon, and thanks were accorded the organiser, Mr. W. J. Button, also Mr. W. H. Mellin and Miss Mellin, who helped with arrangements. On the call of the organiser the company stood in silence to the memory of Garnham, whose presence was greatly missed, as he was always a popular figure on these occasions.

R. E. L.

A PLEASANT SUNDAY AT EYE

It is not often that the little old-world town of Eye, Suffolk, appears in the news since the once famous bell-hanging firm of Day and Sons became defunct, and little or no ringing takes place on the eight bells that hang in the glorious tower. But on October 11th, at the invitation of Supt. H. C. Rush, four Suffolk ringers met four Norfolk stalwarts in the charming garden of the Superintendent and were entertained to tea.

This was followed by a quarter peal of Double Norwich which was rung in fine style, much to the delight of the locals. All the ringers attended Evensong and this doubled the number of the congregation. Further hospitality, in real ringers' style, followed at the hands of Supt. and Mrs. Rush, thus giving the ringers a grand little treat.

G. W. P.

THE STORY OF TWO OUTINGS Sible Hedingham

For their outing this year the St. Peter's ringers chose to visit Bedfordshire mainly, and it was with no small amount of expectations that a large party, including ringing friends from Wickham St. Paul and one each from Stoke-by-Clare, Saffron Walden and Sudbury, set forth at the near-break-of-dawn!

The first stop was Luton, where the ringing was hardly up to standard, considering the 'go' of the bells. Better things were to come, however, and at Dunstable the grand eight were rung to several methods in good style.

Leighton Buzzard's fine ten, with, unfortunately it seemed, too large a circle, were greatly appreciated. Stedman Caters just would not go however. It was at this town that lunch was taken. It was so good that we missed ringing at Linslade, where a wedding was in progress upon our arrival.

Stewkley, in Bucks, was therefore reached ahead of schedule, and a course or two of Double Norwich came round beautifully after some good striking.

To the surprise of Mr. Douglas Harris, we became the first party ever to reach Woburn before the arranged hour! So much has already been written in praise of this eight that, suffice to say, we were just as pleased as are other visitors to this tower, both with the ring and the magnificent surrounding countryside. We also enjoyed a splendid tea here and were thus in fine fettle on reaching Barton-le-Clay. A short spell at this tower and we were heading for home, but first we stayed for a ring, maybe the best of the day, at St. Mary's, Hitchin. Here a course of Cambridge concluded the ringing—the end of a day long to be remembered.

IN SOUTH-WEST ESSEX

Saturday, September 13th, with its warm, sunny weather, was ideal for a half-day outing. We were fortunate, therefore, in our choice of day, and journeyed to our own Association's South-Western District.

Our first call, St. Mary's, Walthamstow, was reached according to schedule, only to find, as Mr. Maynard had forewarned, a wedding in progress. Nothing daunted, we waited awhile and rang for the entry of the next happy couple into the church! During the service some handbell ringing and then rounds on the ten, with perhaps, rather amateur attempts at firing interspersed. A course of Grandsire and we had to depart—wishing we could have spent more time ringing the tower bells—a good ring indeed.

Mr. E. Smith awaited our arrival at St. John's, Leytonstone, and joined in the ringing. This was confined to courses only, owing to our being somewhat late in arriving. We think the celebrated past ringers of this tower would have been as satisfied with our striking as were we with the light eight.

None of the party had previously rung at Barking, where St. Margaret's was our particular interest. Greeted by Mr. Caleb Fenn, we soon learned that here was no ring to be hurried, and that special attention must be given to the second if the bells were to be heard at their best! Maybe Mr. Fenn has heard his bells put to better use, but few can have more enjoyed the fine heavy ring than we did. Thank you, Barking.

The last call of the day was St. John's, Loughton, and another good ring was the result. The seats in the ringing chamber here are unusually comfortable and as much appreciated as the bells!

Altogether this was a very good outing with, for our mixed company, some good striking and ringing.

A. R.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RULES TO WORK WITH

Dear Sir,—I must apologise if I misrepresented Mr. York-Bramble in my previous letter. However, by so doing I have succeeded in making him try to justify what he did in fact say.

I did not say the Central Council decision on the extension of 'Little' methods was wrong; I said it was arbitrary. If it is necessary to make a decision between a number of conflicting alternatives it is natural to adopt the simplest. This is what the Methods Committee have done; doubtless they had better reasons than this; perhaps one of the members could enlighten us.

Mr. York-Bramble would have us believe that method extension is based on certain immutable laws whose god is Grid Analysis while he is its prophet. I must confess that to an amateur it looks suspiciously like an expert trying to blind me with science. I must have read his letter about half a dozen times. I finally conclude that what he is trying to say is this: The fundamental characteristic of the design of Little Methods is that the treble hunts up to a certain place; therefore, when extending the method it must also go up to the same place.

It looks to me as if Mr. York-Bramble has, conveniently for himself, assumed something which includes the right answer. Not unnaturally, arguing from this point, he gets the answer he wants.

The great mistake the majority of the methods experts make lies in assuming that method extension is necessarily subject to mathematical laws. Mr. York-Bramble has produced Grid Analysis; Mr. George Baker a theory even more incomprehensible. Where have these theories got us? They have been more conspicuous for their failures than anything else; perhaps if less time had been wasted on London something useful might have emerged.

Mathematical 'laws' can only exist if they are based on certain assumptions which we may call axioms. Who is to say what is axiomatic in method extension? Mr. York-Bramble, starting from one set of axioms, has produced a moderately elegant, moderately useful theory. Mr. George Baker appears to have produced a very elegant and useless theory. The Methods Committee, being, on the whole, practical, have endeavoured (I think with a fair amount of success) to produce a practical set of rules which are consistent in themselves and yet manage to incorporate a fair number of extensions which have been rung.

Neither the theories of Messrs. York-Bramble and Baker nor the rules of the committee are 'wrong'; they are all theoretically quite arbitrary. However, the committee have two advantages; firstly, their rules are practical and moderately intelligible; secondly, the Central Council accepted these rules (even though I suspect that the majority of those voting did not know what it was really all about). The great thing is that there are at least some rules to work with.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick, Middlesex.

ST. PAUL'S WALDEN

Dear Sir,—We feel sure that Mr. Jones would like to be corrected in presuming that an attempt to tune the old 3rd (present 4th) was made at the time the ring was augmented to six. The new treble was cast and installed by us in 1938, and neither at that time nor on any previous occasion was tuning carried out or attempted by us to any of the five bells. If, as Mr. Jones states, the 3rd bell has been skimmed on a tuning machine, this was not done at the time of the augmentation and not by us.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN TAYLOR & CO.

Loughborough.

BIG BOB

Dear Sir,—The controversy which has raged during the past few weeks over the naming of Little methods has set our minds to constructing a new method where, on eight bells, the treble would hunt up to tenths place. This we have named 'Big Bob,' and a lead follows.

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1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7

As will be seen, this has regular Plain Bob lead ends, and although a peal in the method has not so far been rung, nor, for that matter, composed, this should provide but little difficulty. For the more enterprising ringers we have devised a similar method on eight bells with a hunt up to twelfths place, to be called 'Great Big Bob.'

R. D. EDGE.
J. H. FIELDEN.

Cambridge.

STRANGERS NOT ALLOWED

Dear Sir,—When I began bell-ringing I understood that, once I could handle a bell and ring rounds, I would be made welcome at whatever tower I visited.

According to the welcome given to visitors at my own tower, Bedwellty, Mon., on practice nights and on Sundays, and also at towers I have visited, this seemed very true.

But on September 20th I was at Withington, Hereford, and went to the service at the church. While there I inquired of the Rector's wife whether or not it was possible for me to have a ring.

This kind lady entered the ringing chamber to inquire and when she came back I was informed that strangers were not allowed to ring there. This shocked me exceedingly!

If this is an example of Herefordshire hospitality I shall go elsewhere for my ringing to towers in counties where I am sure of a welcome.—Yours faithfully,

KIM JONES (Miss).

Blackwood, Mon.

ANOTHER THANK YOU TO DEVON

Dear Sir,—I would be grateful if, through your columns, I could express the rather belated but none the less grateful thanks of my son and myself to the ringers in S.E. Devon for all the kindness and hospitality shown to us during our holiday in that area.

We would especially like to thank Mr. Fred Wreford for his long list of practice nights, and Messrs. Cyril Deem and Robert Perry, who gave up several evenings to travel to practices with us to make sure of a band.

It would be impossible to mention everyone else who were kind to us, but to all a sincere 'Thank you' for a very enjoyable holiday, which could almost have been classed as a ringing tour.—Yours faithfully,

J. H. JOYNER.

Rugeley.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

Ten Years of Progress

In October, 1943, a group of enthusiastic ringers at the University, under the student leadership of Miss Monica Richardson (now Mrs. Ditmas) and with the advice of Mr. Clement Glenn, founded the above Society. At first activities were mainly confined to Grandsire Doubles on tower bells with multi-method Minor ringing on handbells.

To celebrate the event and to show, to some extent, the progress made by the Society, a group of past and present members assembled on October 10th to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples. It was originally intended to go for Caters but a band could not be mustered. Those participating had travelled from Southsea, Coventry, Birmingham and Surrey and the band included the present Master of the Society, Miss Enid Lloyd-Roberts, and three of the Society's five past Masters.

The peal attempt, which was successful, was the 18th peal for the Society and the first in the method. Unlike previous attempts, no one shifted course, no bobs were missed and no one was taken ill. Those present regretted the absence of certain past members who have done so much for the Society but it is hoped that the next attempt of like manner will be more representative yet.

Those members staying in Bristol over the week-end joined in the morning and evening service ringing at St. Michael's, where it was pleasing to see a group of new recruits from freshers up this term.

The social side of the week-end will not be lightly forgotten either, whether it be the after-noon tea so generously provided by the doyen of the Society, Mr. A. York-Bramble, the theatre party in the evening or the morning coffee. Neither will one member forget the party who saw him off on the station, although he does not know whether it was through a regret to see him leave or a desire to be rid of him which prompted the action.

It all ended up to a very pleasant and enjoyable week-end and the visitors would like to say 'thank you' to the organiser, Mr. Ivor H. Trueman. May the coming-of-age party be as great a success.

LEARNING GRANDSIRE

Mr. Leslie Barry forwards to us an old card giving the following verse for learning Grandsire:—

If you desire to ring a 'grandsire' tone, I'll illustrate the course you must pursue. Suppose you take the treble off your lead, You make third's place, for so 'tis called indeed.

If you meet one before the treble, then, Dodge with the same bell in five four again, If two before the treble you should find, Then dodge with that bell which is last behind, But if before the treble three should come, Then dodge with the first bell going home, If four before the treble, then take heed. To dodge in four five coming down to lead, If five before the treble you should meet, You're in the hunt, which makes your work complete.

WHERE RINGERS ARE APPRECIATED

From Hawkhurst, Kent, Parish Magazine: 'I was sitting in my garden enjoying the peace and beauty of the countryside when there came to me on the soft southern breeze the sound of the bells pealing from the belfry of the Parish Church. I thought how well that sound completed the peaceful scene. Have you ever been up in the belfry and seen that gallant band of bellringers at work? It is hard work yet they all seem to enjoy it and enter into it wholeheartedly.'

THE SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

Seventh Annual Tour

SATURDAY, July 25th, dawned a fine sunny day for the commencement of the Roving Ringers' 7th annual tour. Our rendezvous was outside Leamington Parish Church at 3.15 p.m., and just as we arrived down came the rain. Tea was our first thought, and then, attired in capes, we cycled to St. Mary's, Lillington. Here the pleasant eight were set ringing to both Bristol and Four Spliced. The latter was rung at the request of our walking lady member, whose bicycle had not been delivered to Leamington Station. Soon we had all signed in at the Youth Hostel, and the rest of the evening was spent spud-bashing, washing-up and getting to know one another.

We were due to ring at Stratford-on-Avon at 10 o'clock for the Sunday service, but a cloud-burst intervened and, with no shelter for miles, except a leafless tree, we were soon soaked to the skin. Amid this downpour our optimistic Master stopped and endeavoured to smoke a cigarette. Arriving at Stratford-on-Avon 30 minutes late, we had only time to ring two short touches of Caters before the service. After an excellent lunch, we walked up our first hill to Tanworth-in-Arden. Here our party was augmented by two of the musical section, and some very good ringing was enjoyed on this eight. After a lengthy tea we rode in sunshine to Alcester, where, at St. Nicholas', we were intrigued to find that the bells all had names; three being Faith, Hope and Charity. Our lightweight traveller hitch-hiked to the Youth Hostel, not having yet retrieved her bicycle. Whilst out for an evening stroll, the boys' pyjamas were stolen, and dangled out of the ladies' dormitory window, but all efforts to reclaim them were soon stopped by the warden.

Monday we visited our first twelve-bell tower at Evesham. Here a broken rope caused some delay, but, after it had been replaced, we enjoyed Caters, Cinques and London Major on these fine bells before proceeding to the eight-bell tower of Great Hampton. After finishing here with a course of Superlative, one member left the church unwittingly displaying an 'L' plate on his bicycle, but it was soon discovered and another victim found. Much to our hiker's delight we now had a mechanised escort, which saved her carrying that heavy toothbrush further.

THE MALVERN HILLS

Claines was our first ground floor ring, and here a touch of Bob Major, rung by our less experienced ringers, came to grief. Now, with the Malvern Hills to climb, we set off in good heart and surprisingly reached Malvern Link on time. The ringing was good, considering that this was the end of a tiring day. The Youth Hostel was eventually reached after a comprehensive tour of Malvern, led by the only two members who professed to know the way. It was soon apparent that their self-confidence was badly misplaced.

For most of the party, the next day started with a hike over the peaks of the Malvern Hills to Ledbury. Coffee first, then ringing on the heavy eight of St. Michael's. Some difficulty was found in handling these bells, due to the very long draught. Whilst the sun beat down, we cycled the 15 miles to Hereford, where the Cathedral ringing chamber was eventually reached, by following a devious route, including an unexpected tour of the roof. Here, although the conductors had trouble in making themselves heard, and the ringers had to peer from behind big wooden beams, a course of Yorkshire was requested and well rung.

With the Malvern Hills surmounted a yet longer hill loomed up before us. A suitably placed café at the top was reached first by our two energetic officers, who cycled up, while the rest stumbled along murmuring 'Water.' The ten bells of Leominster were heard to good advantage in a first class touch of Stedman Caters conducted by our treasurer — what if some of the most musical changes did occur more than once! That evening, at Ludlow Youth Hostel we were entertained by Uncle Mac's bed-time stories culled from the problem page of 'Woman's Own.'

Some started Wednesday heroically with a splash in the River Teme, before others had even blinked an eyelid. Ringing at Ludlow was brought to a swift conclusion at a request from the nearby hospital, and soon we were pedalling hard for Stokesay. This pretty little church has a castle adjoining the churchyard, and numerous methods were attempted on these six bells. Here we met Mr. Farmer, who was to be a most helpful friend for the rest of the tour. After a very light lunch at the Lazy Trout, ringing commenced at Church Stretton, where our first touch of Spliced Little and Plain Bob was rung (our Ringing Master's speciality). Much time was taken over a large tea before setting off for Conover. When the elasticity of the ropes had been overcome some very good ringing was enjoyed on these beautifully toned bells. Our musical friend performed on the organ between touches, while several gallant members pumped hard for him. An enjoyable evening was spent by most members at St. Chad's (Shrewsbury) practice night, by kind invitation of Mr. Farmer, and then we relaxed while our pianist entertained us.

INTO WALES

Leaving Shrewsbury in sunshine next morning we sped towards Ellesmere at 17 miles per hour, and with plenty of time to spare, put away large quantities of wonderful coffee and hot buttered scones. Feeling well satisfied, we soon had the bells up and ringing commenced. Although we were informed by Mac that the fifth was much out of tune several touches, including one of Erin, were well struck. Oswestry reached, we divided for lunch, and while waiting for the key to the tower, some of the more energetic gambolled on the grass. Ringing over, we assembled for a photograph in the tower and then set off to cross the border. First we sampled Welsh ice cream and, feeling refreshed, climbed up to Chirk belfry in the dark, most of us to ring for the first time in Wales. Wending our way through glorious countryside we at last came to Llangollen. Much persuasion was required to induce the members to leave the sun but once inside, ringing proceeded well on these recently rehung bells. A rickety old piano with ivoryless keys was put to good use that evening at the hostel and, because our party's log sawing had so impressed the warden, he gave permission to strum until 11 p.m. Our two pianists were kept hard at it and, with a bottle of non-alcoholic cider in every hand, we soon pepped up the singing and nearly raised the roof.

On Friday a slight drizzle impeded our journey to Wrexham: this was the first rain for three days. Finishing ringing at 11 a.m., more than half our company left for Farnham by way of a no-entry one-way street—the morning after the night before! Once again in England we had some enjoyable touches, including Cambridge and Yorkshire. A jukebox provided great amusement while we waited an hour for lunch to be cooked. Denuded of all 3d. pieces and every tune played, we were not sorry to see our piping-hot eggs and bacon, although it had to be eaten in ten minutes. The interested incumbent at Eccleston accompanied by his very small daughter, watched

while we rang some London and Bristol. Cycling the three miles to Chester was an easy task and Cambridge Royal was soon ringing out from the Cathedral, despite the erratic course of the tenor rope. The view from the tower, on this now beautiful sunny day, was magnificent, even Liverpool being visible.

Next morning saw us heavy-eyed and last in the queue for breakfast, after birthday celebrations the previous evening. When finally reaching the dining hall there was only one eight-seater table for our entire party of 17. Crammed round it like sardines and sitting down in shifts to eat we had an uproarious breakfast time.

TO HOSPITAL, NOT HOSTEL

Wheel to wheel on the road to Malpas, travelling at 20 miles per hour, the inevitable happened and two cyclists had a spill. First-aid was quickly administered and soon Harry was on his way back to Chester (Hospital, not Hostel), whilst we had a lorry lift to the church, where spliced methods were rung. Arriving at Wem, we were joined by a car-load of week-enders, who brought bad luck with them as first the rope of the seventh and then of the sixth broke. At Clive, our next tower, the ladies excelled themselves and rang a well-struck touch of Grandsire Doubles on the heaviest and best six of the tour. How very dirty we felt as we crept in through the entrance door of the hotel in Shrewsbury, all clutching bulging saddle-bags. Half an hour later we emerged different people and walked boldly to St. Chad's, where the music of our Cinques and Maximus was greatly enhanced by the beauty of these bells.

For Sunday service ringing we divided, some to St. Chad's and others to St. Mary's. Later that morning, in the hotel lounge, it was decided to hold our next February reunion at Worcester. Whilst the more fortunate rode in cars to Berrington, other unhappy souls had to pedal the five miles, in hot sun. That languid Sunday-afternoon-feeling descended upon us and enthusiasm for ringing waned. We rang at both St. Mary's and St. Chad's for evening service and afterwards the lady members were rowed up and down the river in style, their course vaguely resembling the blue line of Regina Maximus. Later some enjoyed a tour of the local brewery, finishing with handbells in the sampling-room, and then, with sad thoughts that this was our last night together, retired to bed with varying degrees of decorum.

Grimacing faces peered from the car windows next morning, as the cyclists were overtaken struggling up the hills to Much Wenlock. It was carnival day here and the crowning of the Queen was greeted with considerable enthusiasm. Several good touches, including Six Surprise Major, were rung before bidding farewell to Rex, the bandaged Harry and our Rambling Ringer representative. Cycling along sticky and tarry roads, Coalbrookdale soon came into sight, standing high on a hill. In the belfry a commotion was caused by a small bird which fluttered between the ropes, but when ringing began he perched upon a picture and, with head on one side, appeared to enjoy the music. To conclude the ringing our treasurer delighted us again with his Stedman Caters, brazenly producing 3241 as the grand finale.

The goodbyes were soon over and as the lucky people with cars started for home, the cyclists began the 20-mile ride to Wolverhampton to catch their trains.

Altogether we cycled well over 300 miles and rang at 31 towers in seven counties without anyone acquiring a puncture. The programme was very well arranged, with just the right number of towers each day and timing arrangements were excellent. Our thanks are due to the officers for arranging this very happy and successful tour and, above all, to those ringers and incumbents who were so helpful and received us so warmly at their towers.

J. W., K. W.

PIPE'S 'PILGRIMS' VISIT WYE VALLEY

A 1,000 Mile Tour

T'HE day had arrived once again, and promptly at 6 a.m. on August 2nd the locals and two from neighbouring Norfolk (who had already travelled 43 miles that morning and arrived on time) were ready to set off to the Wye Valley, which had been chosen for this year's pilgrimage. Same familiar coach and it was good to see the cheery face of Les Woods sitting behind the wheel.

Further 'pilgrims' were picked up en route, at Ipswich, Sudbury, Bures, St. Paul's (where a short stop was made to listen to Stedman Cinques) and Uxbridge. After an excellent lunch at Oxford, the now full coach continued on its journey to Worcester Cathedral, where we had been granted permission to commence our activities with two hours' ringing on the twelve bells, with its 49½ cwt. tenor in B. These proved to be a slightly heavier proposition than what some were used to ringing, but all acquitted themselves well and left no doubt that the old 'pilgrim' tradition would be maintained.

Arriving at the Montrose Hotel, Great Malvern, our headquarters for the week, the whole party was welcomed by Major and Mrs. Street, our admirable hosts. After dinner, orders of the day were 'issued,' and to the less hardened pilgrims it came as a shock to hear that we were required to be up on Monday in time for 7.30 a.m. breakfast, ready to set out at 8.15 a.m. sharp. One lady member had to be reminded she was on a ringing tour and not a lazy holiday. However, all appeared merry and bright at 8.15 on Monday when we set out for Kidderminster, and the handy twelve (tenor 24 cwt. in D) were soon going to Treble Twelve and Stedman Cinques.

On to Coalbrookdale and here we found a beautiful ring of ten (tenor 19 cwt. in D). Stedman Caters and Treble Ten were methods selected. All too soon it was time to leave and say farewell to the members of the local band who welcomed us.

IMPRESSED BY SHREWSBURY

At St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, where we found a nice old ten with 19½ cwt. tenor in E flat, ringing included a good half-course of Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters. Listening members were of the opinion that these bells were noisy outside. After lunch we were introduced to what proved to be one of the best treats of the whole week, a visit to St. Chad's (12, tenor 39½ cwt. in D). A good circle, all bells easy to handle and light clear trebles made ringing enjoyable. Methods included Cambridge, Stedman and Bristol on the back eight.

Off again to Ludlow, where we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and their daughter Margaret, Jack Thompson and Ralph and Mrs. Edwards. This was our first eight-bell tower (tenor 22½ cwt. in D), and some very good ringing, including London and Spliced Surprise in five methods, was accomplished. The first day's ringing finished at Leominster (10, tenor 22½ cwt.) with Cambridge, Stedman, Treble Ten and Yorkshire-Major. And so back to the Montrose at 9 p.m. for a late dinner.

Tuesday found all up bright and cheerful, especially as we were awakened with early morning tea, delivered and made by Simmonds and his boys and girls. No mention yet of anyone having climbed the Beacon! Off promptly with Wolverhampton the first stop, and touches of Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Royal, Rounds and Treble Twelve on the very enjoyable ring (tenor 33 cwt.). At Willenhall (10, tenor 16 cwt.) who should meet us but Fred Collins. By bad luck the Cambridge Royal came to a sudden end through a broken rope. Fred joined in the ringing and we were quite satisfied that the standard to which he is accustomed had been maintained.

Wednesbury was another bright ring of 10 (24 cwt. tenor). After the green fields and country roads it was quite a change to stand nearby and view the surrounding imposing industrial area, which stretched away on all sides. After lunch we journeyed on to Walsall (tenor 26 cwt. in D). Stedman Cinques refused to 'go,' but Roddy Pipe had the satisfaction of ringing his first half-course of Cambridge Maximus. Our party here was augmented by Mr. and Mrs. and Margaret Beamish, Henry Fearn, Brian Woolley and Ralph Edwards.

Travelling through Birmingham with Henry as guide, we made our way to Dodderhill, where various methods were rung on the grand eight (18½ cwt. tenor). The last stop of the day was at All Saints', Worcester, a nice ten (tenor 23 cwt. in E flat).

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

Wednesday morning's weather looked dull and threatening. We made good time to Hereford Cathedral and all were struck with the beauty of this magnificent building. A long climb brought us to the belfry, where we found a pleasant ten (34 cwt. tenor). Wilfrid Moreton and Mr. Davis met us here. Some found the exceptionally large belfry and timbers a little distracting and some did not appear to be quite so wide awake as usual.

On to Ross-on-Wye with its glorious scenery with which young and old were thrilled. We found a nice eight here (tenor 24½ cwt.) and a well-kept belfry, in which stood a vase of mauve sweet peas. Our stay here ended all too soon and we said goodbye to Ross with regret. Lunch was provided in Gloucester, but no ringing.

Painswick, with its reputed 99 yew trees in the churchyard and musical bells (tenor 26 cwt. in D) came next. The ringing did not reach the heights to which we have become accustomed. At Cirencester we were met by F. Lewis, sen., E. H. Jeffries, Brian Braden, Miss B. Enid Lloyd-Roberts and Eric Sparkes. The twelve bells (tenor 29 cwt.) proved to be a little difficult.

The rain had left off when we reached Cheltenham and here we found the easiest to handle twelve so far (tenor 22½ cwt.). We renewed acquaintances here with Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, and in such distinguished company had to be on our best ringing behaviour—all ringing was good.

A NIECE OF JASPER SNOWDON

A switch round in arrangements found us at our last stop for the day, Great Malvern Priory with its good old eight (tenor 22½ cwt.). The locals joined us here and participated in the various methods rung. After our usual 'late' dinner we were informed that Mrs. Archer, of Great Malvern, a niece of the famous Jasper Snowdon, had called to see us. She listened to two courses of Stedman Triples on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Mayne and Mr. and Mrs. Barker, and told us this was the first time she had ever heard handbells rung.

By 9 a.m. on Thursday we were at Tewkesbury Abbey, where we had very good ringing on this handy ring of twelve (tenor 21½ cwt.). Next came Stow-on-the-Wold. On the journey suggestions were made for a small competition—bands were duly drawn for and Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and Mrs. Pipe appointed as umpires. Methods selected by the various 'bosses' were Yorkshire Surprise, Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Cambridge. Jim Pipe's team, who rang Double Norwich, were declared winners, although it was a near thing.

After lunch at Chipping Campden, a beautiful village, we adjourned to the church, and the eight here (tenor 24 cwt.) proved to be the most difficult we had met during the week. Next Stratford-on-Avon with a lovely ten (tenor 19 cwt. in E), where some of the pilgrims rang their first half-course of Yorkshire Royal.

EVESHAM AND PERSHORE

On to Evesham, where we had tea first, followed by ringing at the detached tower. The bells proved to be an excellent twelve (tenor 36½ cwt.). The usual friendly argument developed, started by the experts, as to whether they were the best ring so far. The stay here was all too short, but we had not yet finished for the day and once more we were on the road to Pershore Abbey. Pilgrims who had made a previous visit spoke with awe of the climb to the cage which constitutes the ringing chamber. However, on braving the hazards we were able to enter the cage in relays, and three leads of Treble Bob was the order for all. Considering all the circumstances all acquitted themselves well on this eight with its 28 cwt. tenor.

Friday was our last day in this delightful country. Ringing started on the nice eight (tenor 22½ cwt.) at Almondsbury. Mr. Emlyn F. Hancock was there to greet us and the bells were soon going to London, Stedman Triples, Superlative and Yorkshire. There were murmurs of 'How many steps?' when the party saw the tall tower of St. Stephen's, Bristol. The ten bells (tenor 21 cwt.) go well and are quiet sounding in the ringing chamber.

After a walk to the Ship, Redcliffe, for lunch (George Fleming is believed to be still looking for the gentleman who said it was only a stone's throw from St. Stephen's), we adjourned to St. Mary's with its massive spire. After handling and hearing this lovely twelve with its 50½ cwt. tenor in B, the argument really got under way as to which are the best bells on which we had rung during the week.

Our last tower of the day was at Ledbury—a lovely eight, tenor 24 cwt. in D. A crowd in the market square assembled around Arthur and Bill, who were exercising their prowess as tune players, much to the delight of the 'locals.'

PRESENTATIONS

After dinner that night Bill Simmonds, on behalf of the party, thanked Jim Pipe for his efforts in arranging yet another excellent tour, and coupled with his remarks the name of Sylvia Pipe. As a token of gratitude he asked them to accept the small gift of a bedside lamp and hoped when it was switched on in the future it would remind them of the happy days spent around the Malverns and the Beacon.

John Mayne, in a precise and apt speech, thanked Les Woods for his untiring efforts, and on behalf of the whole party presented him with a cigarette case engraved with a map of England.

Our special thanks are due to all local ringers and others who helped in the organisation, and to all local ringers who met us at the respective ports of call and made us welcome; to Eveline Barrett, who undertook the task of finding the postcards of the towers; Barbara Harris for entertaining on the piano at the end of the day, and to our enthusiastic handbell ringers and songsters for their share in the diversions.

On Saturday morning we were at last ready for the journey home, and en route visits were paid to Oxford Cathedral before lunch and High Wycombe after.

For those who have a flair for statistics, we travelled in all just over 1,000 miles. Ringing took place in 31 towers, situated in nine counties, i.e., Bucks, Oxon, Gloucestershire, Shropshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Herefordshire and Somerset. There were 13 peals of 12, nine of 10 and nine of 8. Roddy Pipe (13) and Pat Clarke (16) each rang their first half-course of Cambridge Maximus, Don Mills (14) first of Stedman Cinques, and Stewart Hume (16) first on twelve bells.

And now it is farewell and hoping we shall travel again next year to another unexplored part.

'PILGRIM'

BEDWELTY, MON.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire and Plain Bob Doubles: B. Thomas (first quarter) 1. A. R. Price (cond.) 2. Miss H. Evans 3. G. Flower 4. Miss I. Powell 5. B. Davies (first quarter) 6. Rung for 8 a.m. harvest festival Communion service.

QUARTER PEALS

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Castledine 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. B. Scoot 4, C. Harwood 5, W. Collins 6, E. G. Buck 7, J. S. Dear (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob Major for 1, 2, 3 and 5. For harvest festival.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Linch 1, O. Castleman 2, J. Kesterton 3, R. Barrow 4, P. Wells 5, N. Abell 6, W. A. Skinner (cond.) 7, M. Abell 8. For harvest festival.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Pamela Cooling (first quarter) 1, Mary Fensome 2, P. Jarvis 3, M. W. Marshall 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, H. Jarvis 6. For harvest festival.

BOLTON, LANCs.—At the Parish Church of St. Peter, on Sept. 5th, 1,488 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Thornley 1, I. P. McEwan (first in method) 2, Jean C. Brown 3, G. Pearson 4, A. Pendlebury 5, A. J. Brown 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, A. Greenhalgh 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Alan Pendlebury.

BOW, E.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. W. Otley 3, C. M. Meyer 4, D. G. Hollis 5, A. W. J. Butler 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, L. S. Wood 8.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, F. D. Wesley 2, W. Yates (cond.) 3, H. Jones 4, C. Gough 5, F. Vickers 6, G. W. Holland 7, F. Pateman 8. Rung for the county harvest thanksgiving service.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Lewis 1, A. G. Watkin 2, J. E. Usher 3, E. Usher 4, J. C. Jones 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, J. E. Ellis 8. For the harvest festival, and as a 72nd birthday compliment to E. Usher.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: B. Danbury 1, E. G. Webb 2, Miss V. M. Westray 3, E. R. Iveson (first 'inside') 4, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 5, L. V. Roberts 6, G. A. Blewer 7, W. W. Shorter 8. A birthday compliment for the mother of the 2nd (Mrs. E. M. Webb).

CAMPION, BEDS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): S. N. Stevens 1, T. W. Allen 2, W. P. Billington 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, D. R. Brazier 5. A farewell to the Rev. McGee, Rector at Campion for the past 20 years.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. G. Huchstep 1, B. Pattison 2, W. C. Marshall 3, M. S. Lancfield 4, A. J. Lancfield 5, M. W. Marshall 6, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 7, H. Parkes 8.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Callwood 1, E. Pimlott (cond.) 2, R. Barratt 3, A. Campbell 4, A. Street 5, G. Barber 6. For harvest festival.

CHELSEA, S.W.—On Oct. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Bartlett (first away from tenor) 1, Miss J. M. R. Atkins 2, J. H. Lott 3, C. H. Wood 4, Miss J. M. Weddell (cond.) 5, C. M. Meyer 6, P. A. Carter 7, P. G. Williams 8.

DLRINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 4th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Cooke 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, Miss M. P. Reed 3, R. W. H. James 4, T. Hill 5, T. Senior 6, D. R. Airey (cond.) 7, L. Venus 8. For harvest festival.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. Clarke 1, Miss B. Dowling 2, Miss E. Cleat 3, Miss M. Brown 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, W. Elkins 6, A. P. Cannon 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 3. First of Major rung by a local band at this tower. For harvest festival.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Sweet 1, J. Walton 2, E. Wadman (first of Stedman Doubles) 3, W. Stevens 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, C. Clarke 6. First of Stedman on the bells.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Olney (14 years, first quarter) 1, D. R. Brazier 2, T. P. Harris (cond.) 3, T. W. Allen 4, W. P. Billington 5, C. D. Mann 6. For harvest festival.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 14th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. Chilcott 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, J. Phillips 3, R. Mackerill 4, J. Allsop 5, H. Langdon (cond.) 6, J. Stephenson 7, W. Rawlins 8, T. Setter 9, H. Page 10.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. D. F. Goodhew 1, G. Schleuter 2, B. Elliott 3, F. Harrington 4, H. W. Smith 5, Dr. L. Castleden 6, R. C. Heazel (cond.) 7, G. Saunders 8.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. R. Beetham 1, G. E. Ruck 2, Miss J. Wells 3, J. F. Penfold 4, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 5, Mrs. C. Court 6. Rung for the 20th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Court, and the birthday of Miss J. Ruebotham.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Rigby 1, A. Booth 2, G. Mansfield 3, W. Wise 4, C. Massingham 5, A. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon R. E. Ford, who was interred in the afternoon. He was one-time treasurer of the old Towcester and District Bellringers' Association.

HARTEST, NR. BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Garwood 1, A. W. Rolfe (cond.) 2, F. H. Cooper 3, F. Payne 4, A. Jilings 5. First quarter on the bells since being repaired. For harvest festival.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. Orme 1, L. Fidler 2, G. Cherry 3, P. Croft 4, J. Church 5, E. Winters 6, D. Jones 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Oct. 11th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Griffiths 1, T. Holmes (first quarter 'inside') 2, Dilys Jones 3, R. W. Hinde 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, E. C. Crewe 6. Rung for the C.M.S. service.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples: F. G. Richardson 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, C. E. Wright 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, W. J. Carter 8. Rung for harvest festival.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Drury 1, Miss D. Gibbons (first quarter) 2, A. Sibbick 3, G. Oliver (cond.) 4, E. R. Warner 5, W. Saunders 6. Rung for harvest festival.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Baker 1, E. M. Baker 2, Judith D. Shedel (first 'inside') 3, W. T. Hill 4, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 5.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Willsler 1, H. Wright 2, C. Wilson 3, F. A. Abrey 4, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 5, G. Rogers 6. For harvest festival.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,500 Doubles (180 Stedman, 240 each of St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob): E. Fosberry 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, M. H. Williams 3, W. L. Weller (cond.) 4, G. Francis 5. For harvest festival.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Pierce 1, H. King 2, L. Sharpe 3, B. Hammond 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Birch 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, C. A. Wratten 3, Miss M. Matthews 4, C. W. Jose 5, C. K. Brewer 6, H. Harper 7, A. E. Matthews 8. Rung to mark Kenwyn Feast.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Hagger 1, W. Woodward 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, R. Wright 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Aug. 22nd, at All Saints Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Conquest 1, H. B. Whitney 2, M. Hooton 3, R. Piron 4, H. Burton 5, D. Knox (cond.) 7, E. Conquest 7, V. Conquest 8.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Oct. 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. W. Rose 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley (first in method) 2, G. J. W. Abbott 3, C. Savage 4, F. S. Crudge 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. First in method on the bells.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, Heywood's Variation: W. H. Theobald 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, C. Carr 3, W. H. Baker 4, F. Cosley 5, G. Alderman 6, G. Sparkes 7, H. Comins 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by 4, 5 and 6. Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. W. Lewis 1, R. C. Milnes 2, A. W. Barley 3, W. A. Muddell 4, S. L. Barley (cond.) 6, C. Copp 7. For harvest festival.

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Walford 1, Miss A. Yarde (first of Stedman) 2, F. W. Slocombe 3, G. J. Gammon 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, A. E. Hawkins 6. For harvest festival.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Arbury (cond.) 1, C. J. Turner 2, Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox 3, E. E. Retter 4, F. Southwood 5, W. Burrows 6, E. Marks 7, R. Wood 8.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (120 St. Nicholas, 480 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire, 300 Stedman): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, T. Clark 3, J. Rootes 4, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 5, C. Randall 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Pierce 1, R. Rose 2, H. King 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Parkin 1, C. Rouse (cond.) 2, M. Clifford 3, R. Taylor 4, R. Dowdswell 5, B. Lewis 6, F. Pendry 7, A. Elliott 8. To celebrate the return to the village of Lt. A. C. N. Preston that day from captivity in Korea. First quarter of Bob Doubles for all except third.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Treasure 1, Mrs. M. P. Mayell 2, A. A. Hillier 3, F. C. Mopford (cond.) 4, F. Hansford 5, L. B. Coles 6. Rung for the 86th birthday of Mr. W. Hillier, a late ringer and sexton of the church.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Waldegrave (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Relf (first quarter 'inside') 2, S. Webb 3, K. Cottrell 4, R. E. Turner (cond.) 5, V. Cherrill 6. For harvest festival.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Davies (first quarter) 1, E. Taylor 2, B. Spiers (first quarter as cond.) 3, C. Haylings 4, C. Hallings 5, P. Bennett 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of the wife of the conductor, also a birthday compliment to Robert Thomas, son of the Rector of Ripple.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Coote 1, Mrs. N. Chadcock 2, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3, A. Hague 4, F. Fisher 5, N. Chadcock (cond.) 6, W. Robinson 7, C. Wright 8, A. Firth 9, T. C. Ryder 10.

SIRLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On June 21st, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: A. Barcham 1, Mrs. E. C. Jarvis (first of Oxford Major) 2, E. W. Brown 3, J. H. Brett 4, R. Rippingale 5, O. E. Broyd 6, A. Catterwell (cond.) 7, T. Bird 8.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Jarvis (first quarter Minor) 1, P. Reeves 2, P. Jarvis (first quarter Minor 'inside') 3, C. Marshall 4, W. Marshall 5, M. Marshall (cond.) 6.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Judith Williams (first quarter) 1, J. R. Faithfull 2, Miss B. Smith 3, Miss A. West 4, E. Brown 5, D. C. Williams (cond.) 6, J. W. Faithfull 7, R. W. Rex 8. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Leahy 1, J. R. Faithfull (first quarter of Stedman) 2, J. W. Faithfull 3, D. C. Williams 4, M. J. Butler 5, E. Brown 6, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 7, O. N. Curtis 8. For harvest festival.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss O. Cheesley 1, M. Looker 2, L. Woodward 3, Miss E. Warren 4, F. Stone (cond.) 5, L. Clark 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. For harvest festival.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hubbard (first quarter) 1, H. Kilby 2, G. H. Bray 3, S. Cox 4, J. M. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, G. Deacon 8. To welcome the Rev. D. O. Forshaw as curate.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Union, Uffington, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Braywood, Welford, Merton, St. Osmund, Plain, Candlesby, Boxford): Monica Howard 1, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 2-3, K. Frith 4, R. I. Shepherd 5, A. Cooke 6. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,309 Doubles: Monica Howard 2, R. Woodcock 3, A. Cooke 4, K. Frith 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 1-6.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—At the Priory Church, on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: 1. McKay 1, D. G. H. Martindal 2, A. Eibeck 3, J. A. Haile 4, S. Richardson 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: J. T. Shipley 1, Miss A. Read 2, Miss K. Burchall 3, N. Moxon 4, Miss G. Burchall (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6, E. Midwinter 7, R. Mumford 8. First quarter for 2 and 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Chase, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): D. Issitt (first quarter) 1, Miss P. J. E. Lumbers 2, L. G. Toseland 3, B. P. Morris 4, B. F. Lumbers (cond.) 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Sprackling 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, E. Fosberry 3, M. H. Williams 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, W. L. Weller 6, L. Stillwell 7, D. H. J. Body 8. First on eight bells for 1, 2 and 4.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Marchant (first of Minor, aged 14) 1, M. Stone (first of Minor, aged 15) 2, F. Sweet 3, W. Kent 4, C. Clark 5, R. Short (cond.) 6.

WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. J. Bailey, sen., 1, F. J. Bailey, jun., 2, M. H. Williams 3, W. Dare 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, J. G. Whittington 6.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): L. Beazley 1, Mrs. Grierson 2, H. E. Flewelling 3, B. Reeves 4, L. A. Wilson (cond.) 5, S. White 6, E. F. Brooks 7, C. Dunford 8. For harvest festival.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Oct. 24th, 3 p.m. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3315

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Heanor, Oct. 24th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Also, following business meeting, a talk on the elements of conducting by Mr. D. R. Carlisle. Tea. 3343

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Dursley (8), Oct. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 3358

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Banstead on Oct. 24th. Bells from 3. Numbers for tea to H. N. Pittsow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3335

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 3349

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Oct. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method, London Scholars' Pleasure.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3322

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Boyne Hill, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 3.30 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3332

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Andover District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Newbury District).—Joint meeting, Highclere, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Armoury, Newbury (10) available 6.30 onwards. 3323

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Upton-Grey (6), Oct. 24th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock in the Village Hall. 3328

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Jasper Snowden Commemorative Dinner, Cockayne's Restaurant, Wolstenholme Hall, Queen Street, Sheffield, Saturday, October 24th, 6.15 p.m. Bells available for general ringing: Cathedral (12) 1-3; St. Marie's R.C. (8) 3-6; Ranmoor (10) 2.30-5.30; Rotherham (10) 3.45-5.15. A warm welcome will be extended to all visitors.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. 3312

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tuesday, Oct. 27th, 7.15, practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway; Monday, Nov. 2nd, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 3370

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Oct. 31st, at Mottram Parish Church, 3 p.m. Bells (8). Teas at moderate charge. All welcome.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 3356

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Conisborough (8), Oct. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 28th, to M. C. Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisborough, Doncaster.—Doreen E. Smythe, Sec. 3351

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at the two town towers of St. Stephen's, Newcastle, from 2.30 until 4 o'clock, and St. John's, Newcastle, from about 6 o'clock. This is instead of the meeting at St. George's, Jesmond, which is not available. Buffet tea in St. John's Vestry 4.15 prompt. 3329

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Warmley, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 27th, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 3353

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Combined practice at Bromyard on Saturday, Oct. 31st at 5.30.—A. S. Tomkins. 3357

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, Bexley, Saturday, Oct. 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 27th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 3338

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Isleworth (10), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Ringing commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, Middlesex. 3334

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.—Meeting at East Ardsley, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. Business meeting after tea.—Irvin Slack, Hon. Sec. 3368

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Barwell, Oct. 31st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Red Lion 5. Please notify by Oct. 27th, Mr. A. Hough, 144, High Street, Barwell, Leicester. 3365

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Fletton, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Make own tea arrangements. Stanground bells available after tea. 3321

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wollaston, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Names by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 3324

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Lilbourne, Oct. 31st. Names for tea, before Oct. 27th, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3360

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—St. Peter's, Northampton, Oct. 31st. Those requiring tea please notify, by Oct. 28th, Eric Nobles, Hon. Br. Sec., 14, Millway, Duston. 3361

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Prittlewell on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. Everyone welcome.—P. A. Sadler. 3352

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Opening meeting of Donington eight on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 and tea at 4.45. Names, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. S. V. Woods, Market Place, Donington, Spalding. 3364

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Caerleon (8), Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd.—J. S. Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow, Mon. 3348

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at Kettering. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30. Tea and meeting in the Central Hall at 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Oct. 31st, to Mr. R. F. Turner, 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering. Ringing at Burton-Latimer, Rothwell and Weekley, 1.30 to 3 p.m., Kettering 2.30. All available later.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 3354

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Wollaton (6, recently rehung), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, moderate charge, but essential to notify, by Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, Miss Twells, 10, Hollingwell Avenue, Wollaton, Nottingham. 3346

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—316th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 14th, at Bridge House Hotel London Bridge, S.E.1, 6 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral 2-3 p.m.; Bishops-gate 3-4; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4-5.—A. B. Peck. 3305

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual dinner, Nov. 14th, at John's Place, Carrs Corner, Tunbridge Wells, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. Ringing at St. Peter's 4-6 p.m. Names must reach me by Nov. 7th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pen-drill Place, Tunbridge Wells. 3359

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Second Annual Dinner at Stork Hotel, Walsall, Nov. 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d.; remittance with order. Accommodation is limited to 100, so early application is advisable. Ringing during the afternoon: St. Matthew's, Walsall (12) and St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury (10).—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 3341

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual committee meeting at Herberts Cafe, Maidstone, Nov. 28th, at 2.45 p.m. Agenda will be sent to committee members in due course.—G. H. Snice, Hon. Sec. 3347

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual dinner will be held in Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, commencing 6.30 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 28th. Bells so far available include Winchester Cathedral and St. Maurice. Tickets (price 10s.) now available from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 3355

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