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## RINGING IN HERTFORDSHIRE — III.

### Two Jubilees of the Association Recalled — Greater Facilities for Ringing

By H. V. FROST (The Hon. General Secretary)

The Jubilee of the Association was celebrated in 1934 with an excellent dinner at St. Albans, which was attended by a large company of clergy and ringers. Dean Henderson launched an appeal at this dinner for the augmentation of the Cathedral bells from eight to twelve, and this was successfully carried out. The treble was given by Dr. S. J. Madge, F.S.A.; the second bell was given by 'Members and friends of the Hertford County Association to commemorate their Jubilee, also as a memorial to Edward Percy Debenham, their President for the Jubilee Year'; the third was given by Mr. W. Worthington, and the fourth by public subscription. These bells were first rung to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George V. in 1935.

The Diamond Jubilee of the Association was also celebrated at St. Albans in 1944, and again was a most enjoyable and well attended event.

In 1937, representatives of the Herts and Beds Associations met the Lord Bishop of St. Albans to discuss the formation of a St. Albans Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers with him. It was decided that, although there would be obvious advantages, there would also be serious disadvantages. His Lordship explained that he wished to bring the two Associations closer together, but that it would be fatal to have one Association and one committee. The Hertfordshire Association finally resolved that they would welcome a closer fellowship with the Bedfordshire Association by means of Joint Meetings and Ringing Days.

#### DEFINITION OF PEALS

The original Rules of the Association were redrafted in 1888 by E. P. Debenham and, with few amendments, were in use until 1936, when they were revised. This was once more the case in 1948. It is interesting to note that in the early rules, 'No peal of less than 5,000 changes on seven bells and upwards, or 5,000 in seven different methods on six bells was to be entered in the Peal Book.' In 1893, peals of Minor in one or more methods were recognised, provided that each 720 was called differently.

In 1923, the Association adopted the rule that 'No peal of 5,000 changes or upwards on five or more bells shall be entered in the Peal Book, that is not recognised as such by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.' The decision to adopt this ruling placed the Association in the position of giving a lead to all other Associations to accept anything (such as spliced peals) that had the recognition of the Central Council.

Before this rule was accepted, many peals of Doubles had been rung in the county and their particulars were published in the Annual Report, but as no provision had been made in the old rules regarding such peals, many were not entered in the Peal Book. No doubt the Doubles ringers felt very aggrieved at not getting their peals 'booked' in those days and yet, in contrast, some of our leading conductors have recently expressed no desire for their peals to be entered or 'booked.' However, the majority of the members have decided that the Peal Book entries shall be continued at the expense of the Association, the old peal 'booking' fees being charged towards the cost of printing the Annual Report. The Association possesses two large Peal Books, both beautifully bound and written, and a new Peal Book is being presented this year.

The annual subscription of a Ringing Member of the Association was originally one shilling and remained so until 1938, when it was increased by sixpence. In 1950 the annual subscription was raised to half-a-crown. The subscriptions of Honorary Members (now known as 'Associate Members') have remained at the original five shillings and 'Distinguished Members,' residing out of the county, joined the Association on the same terms as the Ringing Members until 1896, when non-resident members could become Life Members on payment of five shillings.

#### FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES INCREASE INTEREST

Financial difficulties incurred by the high cost of printing the 1948-50 Report have resulted in the acceptance of an interest free loan of £150 by a friend of the Association, and determined efforts on the part of the members to repay the loan in the shortest possible time. In fact, the serious position of the Association has resulted in an increased interest being taken in its affairs, and already £75 has been repaid.

The facilities for ringing in the county have greatly increased since 1884, when there were three rings of ten, seventeen of eight, thirty-three of six and twenty-three of five, compared with the present total of one ring of twelve, six of ten, thirty-three of eight, thirty-eight of six, and nine of five. The great majority of all these rings are ringable.

The work of the Association has grown with the years and the original nine bands and 92 ringing members have now become 60 towers with 500 affiliated members. There are, of course, many towers without ringers, and several where there are not enough to ring for services. Thus there is still much that the Association can do to preserve and further the Art.

As no history of any ringing organisation would be complete without an account of its peal records or its leading ringers and conductors, this subject will be dealt with in another article.

[To be continued]



## TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

### A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Consisting of 2,160 Belgrave, 1,152 Cambridge, 1,008 Yorkshire and 720 Superlative with 75 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 8
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	E. ALAN JACQUES .. 9
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 4	JOHN R. SMITH .. 10
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 5	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 11
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CATERS

JOHN HILL .. .. Treble	JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 7
HERBERT LANGDON .. 3	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 8
JOHN B. SANSOM .. .. 4	JOHN S. MASON .. .. 9
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 5	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Richard F. Deal and to mark the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. .. 7
HAROLD P. BURTON .. 3	*ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 8
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 9
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

\* First peal of Royal in the method.

A birthday compliment to William Bottrill.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 2	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 4	*BRYAN S. COPE .. .. 9
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 5	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † 250th peal.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Oct. 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

### A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. Treble	EDMUND MALIN .. .. 6
JEFFREY B. WEBB .. .. 2	FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK .. 7
CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 3	WALTER J. COPE .. .. 8
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. 9
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 5	MARK M. CULLING .. .. Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS, No. 10.

Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.

\* 100th peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve on the occasion of his enthronement as Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

### A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT .. .. Treble	FRANK WHITE .. .. 6
EDWIN DREWITT .. .. 2	HENRY C. WHITE .. .. 7
MRS. P. LEWINGTON .. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. 8
RICHARD WHITE .. .. 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 9
FREDERICK A. WILKINS .. 5	FRED WHITE .. .. Tenor

Composed by late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.  
Rung on the 60th anniversary of R. White's first peal, which was rung at Great Tew, Oxon.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	RONALD H. DOVE .. .. 6
FRED BENNETT .. .. 2	LEONARD DRAKE .. .. 7
*MARGARET HAWLEY .. 3	†EDWARD BRADLEY .. 8
JOHN T. DUFFIN .. .. 4	LESLIE FISHER .. .. 9
MARK L. LOCKWOOD .. 5	FREDERICK SEAGER .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First ten-bell peal. † First peal of Caters. The conductor's 600th peal.

Rung as a tribute and farewell to the former Vicar of Leeds, the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve, Lord Bishop of Lichfield, whose enthronement took place on the previous day.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

### A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	SAMUEL BIRCH .. .. 6
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 2	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 7
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 3	EDGAR T. SMITH .. .. 8
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5	DAVID G. WOOLLEY .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

Rung to commemorate the enthronement of the Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

DONALD M. SALISBURY .. Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 5
JOSEPH C. JENNINGS .. 2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. .. 3	HARRY J. MILLATT .. 7
FRANK V. GANT .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Deal on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).	Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.
*MICHAEL BARNES .. .. Treble	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 5
JACK BRAY .. .. 2	GEORGE W. MOODY .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	PHILIP BARNES .. .. 7
HAROLD MORWOOD .. .. 4	W. BRIAN BRAY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal. 250th peal as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to Canon F. Harford Cross, who was inducted Vicar of this parish on September 29th.



## MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	.. Treble	*DENNIS KNOX	.. .. 5
C. HENRY HARDING	.. .. 2	†ANDREW C. SINFIELD	.. .. 6
*BRYAN PATTISON	.. .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	.. .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP	.. .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	.. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. No. 5).

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th Surprise peal.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	.. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER	.. .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE	.. .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH	.. .. 6
MRS. J. R. SMITH	.. .. 3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	.. .. 7
WINIFRED M. BURTON	.. .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH	.. Tenor

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

## ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DONALD SMITH	.. Treble	WINIFRED KEYS	.. .. 5
RICHARD WILSON	.. .. 2	*LESLIE WELLER	.. .. 6
†HENRY WEAVER	.. .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL	.. .. 7
GEORGE FRANCIS	.. .. 4	RAYMOND P. WOOD	.. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

\* First peal of Major. † 50th peal.

## CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

ROGER CHICKEN	.. Treble	THOMAS COOKE	.. .. 5
*SAMUEL C. WALKER	.. .. 2	THOMAS M. COX	.. .. 6
STEPHEN THOMPSON	.. .. 3	CYRIL MORDUE	.. .. 7
J. WILLIAM ROBSON	.. .. 4	DENIS A. BAYLES	.. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* 25th peal. First of Kent and Oxford Major by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 6th.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Wilfred Nicholson, a ringer at this church, to Doreen Shield, which was solemnised this day at this church.

## FOXEARH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	.. Treble	JANET M. SPURGIN	.. .. 5
STUART T. HUME	.. .. 2	LESLIE D. MILLS	.. .. 6
MRS. LESLIE MILLS	.. .. 3	DONALD L. MILLS	.. .. 7
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	.. .. 4	THOMAS BIRD	.. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

## GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Oldham Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's Twelve-part.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

OGDEN MOORES	.. Treble	*REV. A. R. ASTIN	.. .. 5
ERNEST MOORES	.. .. 2	FRED PRITCHARD	.. .. 6
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR	.. .. 3	WALTER E. HOWARTH	.. .. 7
JOHN T. WALMSLEY	.. .. 4	ERIC CASTERTON	.. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. TAYLOR.

\* First peal 'inside.'

A farewell peal to Rev. R. H. Cadman, LL.B., Vicar.

## HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 768 London, Rutland and Ealing, 576 Bristol and 384 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Wembley and Eastcote, with 156 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

COLIN E. WRIGHT	.. Treble	JOHN F. GROVE	.. .. 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	.. .. 2	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	.. .. 6
*DAVID W. BEARD	.. .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	.. .. 7
FRANK V. GANT	.. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	.. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

\* 75th peal. First peal of Spliced Surprise in ten methods by all the band and for the Association.

## KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

ROBERT E. LESTER	.. Treble	JOHN S. WYBREW	.. .. 5
NORMAN R. BAILEY	.. .. 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	.. .. 6
*JACK PILGRIM	.. .. 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	.. .. 7
ALAN G. FEVER	.. .. 4	RONALD W. STEWARD	.. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

\* First peal of Kent Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

## KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	.. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON	.. .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	.. .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH	.. .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY	.. .. 3	TERENCE A. THORNBUR	.. .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	.. .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	.. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

A birthday compliment to Harold J. Poole, President of the Guild.

## LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR	.. .. 5
*NELIA M. LEAHY	.. .. 2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	.. .. 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS	.. .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	.. .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH	.. .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	.. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Bristol.

Rung as a welcome to the recently inducted Rector, Rev. Norman Barnett.



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PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Thurstans' Five-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. .. Treble	ORRELL DAVIES .. .. 5
*ERIC HORNBY .. .. 2	HARRY PARKER .. .. 6
PETER CROOK, SEN. .. .. 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. 7
REGINALD WORRALL .. .. 4	HARRY HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal of Triples.

Rung to the honoured memory of former ringers at this church.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Davies' Transposition.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 6
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
*HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 4	HAROLD WALKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung on the occasion of the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at Sheffield.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

ENID SOFTLEY .. .. Treble	ROBERT BELL .. .. 5
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY .. 2	STANLEY HEWITT .. .. 6
MRS. N. I. LEA .. .. 3	KENNETH LAWSON .. .. 7
MRS. M. LAWSON .. .. 4	CHARLES N. LEA .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.

First peal in the method by all.

Rung in appreciation of 43 years' service in the belfry by Mr. William Robson, on his leaving to take up residence in Newcastle.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

TONY PRICE .. .. Treble	*ROBERT G. LAY .. .. 5
*JANET S. BAILEY .. .. 2	JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 7
FRANCES A. THRELFALL .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).	Tenor 16 cwt.
WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. Treble	ALBERT H. BENNETT .. 5
RAYMOND OVERY .. .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. 6
JOHN P. MORRIS .. .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 7
FRANK DEWEY .. .. 4	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

THROWLEY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
*JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 2	MARK W. MARSHALL .. 6
WILFRED W. RING .. .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 12).

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 24 cwt.
EDWIN J. UPTON .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER J. BADRICK .. 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 2	HARRY C. JONES .. .. 6
DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 3	WALTER AYRE .. .. 7
ROBERT W. METCALFE .. 4	DONALD CARTWRIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Frederick J. Reeve, captain of this tower for 27 years, a member for 60 years, and the first secretary of the Western District, who was interred at Tring Cemetery on Thursday, October 22nd. R.I.P.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

J. Topp's Two-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. approximately.
*STANLEY A. GUPPY .. Treble	WALTER H. POOLE .. .. 5
HERBERT W. PEARCE .. 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. .. 6
ARTHUR H. REED .. .. 3	RONALD G. BECK .. .. 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. .. 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

\* First peal of Major.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).	Tenor 18½ cwt.
*HARRY EDWARDS .. Treble	BERTRAM C. HINES .. 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 2	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 6
HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 3	JOHN SITCH .. .. 7
PERCY GREEN .. .. 4	HARRY TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. 5
*STANLEY G. PONTING .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 6
ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 7
LUTHER J. HONESS .. .. 4	†ROY CHANDLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

A birthday compliment and to mark the occasion of the birth of a grandson to the 7th ringer, and also a late birthday compliment to Arthur R. Miles, captain of the local band.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Lancaster Branch.)  
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE .. Treble	ALAN CASSON .. .. 4
FRANK POSTLETHWAITE .. 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 5
*DOROTHY SCHOFIELD .. 3	*ROLAND F. ECCLES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

\* First peal in three methods. 25th peal as conductor.  
Rung as welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. J. B. Phillips, and Mrs. Phillips, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Schofield.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
JAMES G. NEWMAN .. Treble	ALAN J. BROYD .. .. 4
DENNIS KNOX .. .. 2	*BRYAN J. RIGG .. .. 5
MALCOLM G. HOOTON .. 3	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

\* First peal.



## EVERTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, HUNTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	C. HENRY HARDING .. 3
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 2	FRANK W. LACK .. 4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. Tenor	

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

## FAWLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz., London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. Treble	*JOHN H. GILBERT .. 4
*NELIA M. LEAHY .. 2	*MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 5
PATRICK PAGE .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells.

## KINGSWOOD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

An extent each of Beverley, London, York, Bourne, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*MICHAEL ARMSTRONG .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 4
MARY FULLER .. 2	†JOHN E. CARNELL .. 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal. † First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods for the Association and in the county.

## WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

GEORGE CHALLANS .. Treble	EDWARD A. DOBB .. 4
*FREDA ROBINSON (14) .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN .. 5
HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal. D. H. Rooke has now 'circled the tower.'

## CHILTON, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt. (approximately).

*PETER DAVIES .. Treble	*WILLIAM GILKS .. 4
DOUGLAS JORDAN .. 2	WILLIAM CORDEROY .. 5
*DAVID LAWSON .. 3	*ROBERT DANDRIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS JORDAN.

\* First peal.

Rung to mark the occasion of the birth of a daughter to the wife of the 4th ringer.

## ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

*ROBERT E. LESTER .. Treble	†JOHN S. WYBREW .. 4
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 5
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 3	††JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

\* 100th peal. † First six method Minor peal. †† 50th peal.



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## BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

HERBERT C. BOGGIS .. .. Treble	FRANK PEARSON .. .. 4
LIONEL A. LESTER .. .. 2	REGINALD H. DRANE .. .. 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. .. 3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

## LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

LESLIE PIERCE .. .. Treble	LEONARD SHARPE .. .. 3
KENNETH G. BROWN .. .. 2	*MICHAEL DACK .. .. 4
ALAN G. FEVER .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

\* First peal.

## BOXLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

WILLIAM R. MANSER .. Treble	*PAUL F. NOAKES .. .. 4
MARY TAPLEY .. .. 2	*FREDERICK MECK .. .. 5
FREDA M. BURBRIDGE .. 3	REGINALD L. SILLS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

\* First peal.

Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to Freda Burbridge.

## CHILDSWICKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in 10 callings. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*BARRY BINDOFF .. .. Treble	†REV. T. P. HEARN .. .. 4
CHARLES ROUSE .. .. 2	DUDLEY SURMAN .. .. 5
ALFRED BINDOFF .. .. 3	*ARTHUR NEWBURY .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival of the Church.

## CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*EDWARD A. DOBB .. .. Treble	*LEWIS HEMSTOCK .. .. 4
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 2	*ERNEST PRESTON .. .. 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

## HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Norwich Surprise (C.C.C. 146-151, fourth obs.), two of Cambridge Surprise (58-59), Oxford Treble Bob (149), Kent Treble Bob (144), Plain Bob (34).

OLIVER NORMAN .. .. Treble	JOHN R. G. SPICER .. .. 4
FRANK WARRINGTON .. .. 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. 5
FRANK W. LACK .. .. 3	NORMAN MALLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

A birthday compliment to Gwen.

## LOWER HEYFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

ERNEST G. ORLAND .. Treble	BRIAN D. HILL .. .. 4
*DONALD S. PAYNE .. .. 2	MICHAEL F. AMOS .. .. 5
RICHARD S. HOLLAND .. 3	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

## MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROGER J. FOX .. .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. .. 4
EDMUND C. ATYEO .. .. 2	THOMAS J. SETTER .. .. 5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

\* First peal

## ST. BRIDES MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's, plus the ten different extents twice repeated.

EDMUND J. MORRIS .. Treble	WILLIAM T. PETTY .. .. 4
*DAVID W. EVANS .. .. 2	GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. 5
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 3	†TREVOR M. RODERICK .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

\* First peal. † 75th peal for the Association.

## SANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in twelve methods: one each of New, Union, Reverse St. Bartholomew and All Saints; four each (four callings) of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, and Stedman; and ten (10 callings) of Grandsire.

*REX M. DIXON .. .. Treble	MICHAEL ORME .. .. 3
*MAURICE A. COLLINGS .. 2	†DEREK P. JONES .. .. 4
PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal of Doubles. † 25th peal.

The first peal of Doubles in twelve methods for the Association and by all the band, and believed to be the first peal ever rung on the bells.

## BERGH-APTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 4
*JOHN S. WYBREW .. .. 2	*ALAN G. FEVER .. .. 5
GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT KNAITH, SPENCERS PLACE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

*LEONARD STILWELL .. 1—2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3—4
FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor size 11 in G.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5—6
MRS. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3—4	*SHEILA PARKER .. .. 7—8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal.



**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**

The Northern District held its October meeting at Offley on October 24th. The bells were going soon after 3 o'clock but the attendance did not come up to expectations, possibly due to the petrol situation and the unsettled weather. The special method went as well as any during the year and when some Spliced Kent and Plain Bob had been rung one member commented it was like having 'jam with fish.'

Tea was provided by Mrs. A. Smith at the Cock Inn and it was a pity that so few turned up to enjoy this grand spread. Mr. Geoffrey Carter took the chair for the business meeting. As Royston bells are not available, Baldock will be the next meeting place on November 28th with Albion Treble Bob as the special method. Further ringing continued until 8 o'clock when the bells were lowered in peal. The sum of 6s. was collected for the General Fund. Towers represented were Baldock, Clifton, Hatfield, Henlow, Hitchin, Norton, St. Albans Abbey, Stotford and Tewin.

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**OBITUARY****MR. F. RIDGWELL**

The death occurred on October 24th of Mr. Frederick Ridgwell, of Earls Colne, in his 72nd year. Mr. Ridgwell was Northern Divisional secretary of the Essex Association from 1929 until 1936; he then became District Master for a further two years.

The funeral was conducted by Canon H. Monks at the Parish Church on October 28th. Several ringers gathered to pay their last respects, amongst them being Miss Hilda G. Snowden, District Master, Messrs. L. W. Wiffen, F. Claydon, E. J. Butler, F. S. Limb, W. Arnold, W. J. Wade, R. Lyon, G. Larkin and Mr. and Mrs. G. Trendell. The bells were rung half-muffled following the service.

Mr. Ridgwell's peal list numbers about 130, 30 of which are London Surprise. He also took part in the first peal of Belgrave Surprise rung for the Association. His early ringing took place at the village of Greenstead Green, from where he joined the Police Force, attaining the rank of inspector.

It was after his retirement that he took an active part in peal ringing and the affairs of the Essex Association. Mr. Ridgwell had done much to further the art in North Essex, together with his lifelong friends, Frank Claydon and Arthur Saunders (who are still happily with us). They cycled miles for practice and peals, ever willing to help the beginner.

Mr. Ridgwell was outstanding in his ability to organise: everything he undertook ran smoothly and efficiently. He was a well-loved character and will be sadly missed. We mourn his death but go forward with his shining example to guide us in the years to come.

An In Memoriam peal of Spliced Surprise Major was rung at Halstead on October 31st.  
H. G. S.

**MR. JOSEPH A. WAITE**

The death took place at his home in Birmingham on October 9th at the age of 69 years, of Mr. Joseph A. Waite.

For many years he was a member of the Barnwood tower and the Gloucester Society of Ringers. On the death of his father he was appointed captain of Gloucester Cathedral ringers. He was buried at Barnwood and in the evening the bells were rung half-muffled. A widow and daughter are bereaved.

**MR. F. J. REEVE**

Mr. Frederick James Reeve, well known in Tring and West Herts for his bellringing activities, died on October 19th at his home, Dinard, Dundale Road, Tring, aged 80.

He was a member of the Tring Parish Church ringing team for 60 years and for 27 years was captain. He had been unable to ring for the last five or six years owing to his failing health. However, his interest in the art never wavered; in fact only a short while before he died he was talking about the bells he loved so much.

He was a past president of the Herts County Association of Church Bell Ringers and a sidesman at Tring Parish Church. In the course of his travels up and down the country Mr. Reeve rang in 247 towers and 28 counties. His peals numbered about 20.

Friends from the Herts Association, Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Bedfordshire Association were present at the funeral conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. K. Lowdell.

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The first peal at Foxearth, Essex, for about 17 years was rung on October 24th and four of the ringers who participated were not then born. Owing to a clock case in the centre of the circle peals are not easy to get as the treble and the fifth ringers cannot see each other. Vision is also difficult between the second and seventh. This was Mr. Thomas Bird's third attempt to score a peal on the bells and also his 99th peal. The band wish him good luck for his first century.

A saying that might well go down in ringing history is attributed to Mr. P. L. Taylor by Mr. Sidney Harrison in his article on music in 'John o' London's Weekly': 'You can no more measure a sound than you can measure a perfume.' Mr. Harrison had spent a happy morning at the Loughborough Foundry and he subscribed to Mr. Taylor's view by his comment, 'There are imponderables in sound that demand recognition and defy analysis.'

Crossword puzzle: A bell at one end and a fool at the other. Answer: A rope.

Congratulations to Miss Joan Beresford on ringing her 100th peal. It was achieved in her own city and on the Cathedral bells of Lichfield.

The peal of Cambridge Royal at St. John's, Leicester, was arranged to enable Mr. W. Bottrill, of Luton, Beds, to ring a peal at this church, he having been taught to ring at Anstey by the late W. Willson, of St. John's. The Anstey ringers rang at St. John's on alternate Sundays for evensong in those days.

After a lapse of 15 years the Helmingham service band have added Spliced Surprise to their collection of 47 Surprise methods. Mr. G. A. Fleming especially thanks Mr. C. W. Beecroft for standing in without notice and taking him safely home. The last bus passed with two more leads to ring at 9.40 p.m.

On October 29th a programme was broadcast in the Midland Home Service children's hour called 'Time Slips By.' It was the first of a new series about hobbies. Included was a recording made by young ringers at St. James' Church, Shirley, Warwks. Some very good rounds were rung by eight of these young people and the voices of four of them were heard. The interview was made by Mr. Norman Paintner, perhaps better known as Philip Archer.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret to hear that the Freemasons' peal attempt at Dorchester Abbey of Plain Bob Major was brought round at half-way after 2,520 changes. Another attempt is planned for next spring. Brethren were present from places as far apart as Norwich, Epsom, Nottingham, Crayford and Swindon.

Mr. Raymond Overy has been on holiday at King's Lynn and during his stay in Norfolk a peal was arranged for him at Sutterton by Mr. Norman V. Harding. The last time the two rang together was in a peal of Norfolk Surprise at Warnham 22 years ago.

A new puppy arrived at the house of an enthusiastic ringer and promptly tore up 'The Ringing World' as it was delivered regularly by post through the letter box each week. Attempts to teach the puppy the importance of the journal failed and it had to be destroyed! Told by Mr. N. Chaddock at the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner.

Some 30 years ago the late Dr. Barrow, of Rothbury, Northumberland, made a set of tubular brass bells. These were produced and played at the annual service of the Thropton Presbyterian Church by the present owner, Mr. W. Logan. At one time Morpeth ringers frequently rang at Rothbury and the late Dr. Barrow was an honorary member of their Association.

Mr. C. H. Kippin writes that whilst he does not disagree with the sentiments expressed by the anonymous writer who endorsed a peal report of the Pudsey at Southampton with the words, 'Why do they call me big-head?' the compliment was undeserved on this particular occasion, as the facts stated were strictly correct. C. H. K.'s first peal of Pudsey was rung several weeks earlier but the report did not appear until after the second peal was rung. No doubt he will receive an anonymous apology.

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# JASPER SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

## Sheffield Revisited After 15 Years

THE 21st Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner was held at Sheffield on October 24th. It is 15 years since the function was held at Sheffield and it was a great success.

The president of the Yorkshire Association (the Ven. C. O. Ellison), supported by the officers, vice-presidents, Messrs. P. J. Johnson, D. Smith and A. E. Sellars, L. W. G. Morris (general secretary), G. Binfield (treasurer), A. E. Marsh and J. J. L. Gilbert (district secretaries), W. E. Critchley (peal secretary) and H. Chant (Ringing Master), welcomed a representative company of about 120.

Apologies for absence were received from the Bishop of Sheffield, the Provost, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Miss M. D. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ditcher, Mr. S. Wright, Mr. W. Barton and Mr. H. Lofthouse.

An excellent meal was served, and after the loyal toast had been honoured the president proposed 'The Church and State.' He said that this toast gave the opportunity to speak on every subject under the sun. Establishment worked in two ways: the State gave its sanction to the laws and customs of the Church as shown in the Prayer Book, and the Church gave its sanction and approval to affairs of the State, as, for instance, the Coronation. The Church also acted as the conscience of the State. One thing he particularly wanted to stress was that the clergy were not paid by the State.

The president told an amusing story of the Colonel of an Indian Regiment in Queen Victoria's reign who always insisted on having a full parade of his troops on Ascension Day. When asked why he was so insistent on this parade he said, 'Surely we ought to commemorate the day when our gracious Queen ascended the Throne.' He trusted that the Church would always be their mother, and he State not too much of a grandmother.

The Assistant Bishop of Sheffield (the Right Rev. G. V. Gerard) briefly responded, and recalled his days as a curate at Barking, where he learned the ways of ringers. He regretted that in the days of his youth Rugby football took up so much of his energy that he had no time to devote to ringing. He wished that he had learned more about ringing, as when he was in New Zealand he had a ring of bells but no ringers.

## SHEFFIELD A GREAT STRONGHOLD

Mr. P. J. Johnson submitted the toast, 'Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association.' He said that before the Yorkshire Association was founded, Sheffield was a great stronghold of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and there was no more ardent a member than Jasper Snowdon. It was seriously debated whether or not they should have a Northern Branch of the Ancient Society—but the example of the Devon Guild was followed and they decided on a new association.

Snowdon had always been insistent that figures of compositions should be included in peal record books, and he (Mr. Johnson) pointed out that every method rung by the Yorkshire Association had been published in their annual reports. In addition, Mr. W. Barton had proved over 3,000 compositions they had rung, and any false peals had been set on one side. Mr. Johnson referred to the good work of William Snowdon, who, in collaboration with W. H. Thompson, produced the first edition of *Grandsire*, amongst many other useful books to the Exercise.

Then there was C. H. Hattersley, a native of Sheffield, who did much to forward the work of the Exercise, especially in the realm of *Stedman Cinques*. To the late Canon Marshall, who was their president for 35 years, he paid a high tribute, as also to the late George Bolland, a

great Minor exponent. Mr. Johnson alleged that George possessed 350 clocks which he wound up every night!

## JOE HARDCASTLE

He particularly wanted to include the name of Joe Hardcastle, of Bradford, who is still alive and over 80 years of age. Amputation of both his legs made it impossible for him to ring now. Joe's grandfather, who rang in 1817, used to say he would continue to ring the tenor until his grandson (Joe) was old enough to take it off him, and this he did. Joe took part in the famous Australian tour. They must not forget George Halksworth, another Yorkshire stalwart, was now 87 years.

'The Visitors' was submitted by Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, who said that when he was a boy he used to read every word in 'The Ringing World' more than once, and the reports of such functions as that dinner fascinated him. What impressed him more was the opportunity they provided to meet famous people of the Exercise in the flesh, and to see well-known heavy bell ringers on the tenor box at Sheffield, Leeds and York gave him as big a thrill as that of a teenager who saw and heard Frank Sinatra for the first time! It gave him great pleasure to welcome the visitors to Sheffield.

The Very Rev. Monsignor Canon J. Dinn, of St. Marie's, Sheffield, responded, and said as he only lived 30 yards from the tower of his church they would appreciate that he had ample opportunity of hearing his bells. He was greatly indebted to those members of the Yorkshire Association who rang at his church. He had recently been staying with a friend in Rome, whose impression of that great city was that it was a place of bells, yells and smells!

The Archdeacon of Sheffield also responded, saying he came from a city of bells—Bristol. He quoted one of the rules of the Ancient St. Stephen's Society: 'Let no man presume to take a bell rope in his hand until he had knelt in prayer or until the captain had taken up his rope.' Change ringing was the peculiar glory of the English people, and long might it flourish.

## WASTAGE OF LEARNERS

Mr. C. McGuinness submitted 'Continued Prosperity to the Yorkshire Association,' and deplored the decline of some of the older companies, which was mainly due to failure to teach and bring on young recruits. He wondered whether the tremendous wastage and loss of learners was due to the learners themselves or their instructors, and advised youngsters to go all out to experience the best in ringing. He firmly believed that Yorkshire would produce ringers who would keep abreast of the times.

Mr. N. Chaddock proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World' and, after paying a very warm tribute to the work of the Editor and 'The Ringing World' Committee, stressed the importance of the paper, which went to all parts of the world. He urged greater support, both as regards circulation and the submission of suitable articles to the Editor for publication.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood responded and urged the importance of getting a larger circulation. He thought the Exercise had not yet fully realised its responsibilities in this or in feeding the paper with suitable articles of interest. They owed a great debt of gratitude to those generous readers who sent in donations.

The toast of 'The Chairman' was given by Mr. W. E. Critchley, and in his reply the president paid tribute to the organisers, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert and Mr. N. Chaddock, who had put in such tremendous work to ensure the success of the gathering. He would do all in his power to help forward the prosperity of the Association.

During the evening a course of *Grandsire* Caters was rung on handbells by N. Chaddock

1-2, W. F. Robinson 3-4, J. J. L. Gilbert 5-6, W. F. Moreton 7-8, W. E. Critchley 9-10. Selections on handbells were given by pupils of Mr. N. Chaddock, and piano duets by Margaret Mills and Jean Blackburn.

A peal of *Stedman Triples* was rung prior to the dinner at South Austen, conducted by Clement Glenn.

## THE COMPANY

Supporting the president were the Right Rev. G. V. Gerard, the Ven. W. E. Harrison, Monsignor Canon J. Dinn, the Revs. H. Ferraby, J. W. Kennedy and D. K. Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. L. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sellars, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Chaddock, Mr. and Mrs. S. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turley, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. Watkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Bamforth, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hetherington, Mr. and Mrs. C. Raddon, Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, Mr. and Mrs. B. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Staveley, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. and Miss D. Ryder, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. E. Short, Mr. and Mrs. N. Moxon, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brearley, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ward.

Messrs. S. F. Palmer, H. Chant, D. Smith, L. W. G. Morris, J. F. Smallwood, E. Critchley, H. Walker, W. Moreton, F. Cardwell, A. Hibbett, J. Scott, E. Bunker, P. Longley, J. A. Ainsworth, F. Harrison, F. Brant, C. Glenn, J. Cheshworth, J. Ambley, G. Benfield, B. Sullivan, F. W. Rishworth, Chapman, W. Robinson, P. Reeves, M. Thorley, B. Holland, R. Birch, P. Ketteridge, G. Chaddock, R. Preston, A. Johnson, J. Seagar, D. Holland, D. Armstrong, E. A. Thorpe, H. Hurst, L. Bumphrey, H. Scott, Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

The Misses E. Bates, J. Beresford, E. M. Bryce, D. Brant, M. Rodgers, V. Hinchcliffe, M. Drabble, D. Shaw, M. Shearsmith, N. Bickerdyke, L. Birkenshaw, M. Mills, J. Blackburn, S. Bray, J. Bunker, J. Easterbrook and E. Bingham.

## THE HESSE MEMORIAL WEEK-END

Ringers from London, Bristol, Devon and Somerset met together on the third week-end in October for the annual gathering to honour the memory of Major John H. B. Hesse, of Wrington. The late Major Hesse was a well-known ringer throughout the country and it was he who was the prime mover in the augmentation of Wrington bells from six to ten in 1911.

On the Friday evening, a good peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Portishead in 2 hours and 50 minutes, and on the Saturday afternoon an attempt for Plain Bob Royal at Wrington was unsuccessful after more than two hours' ringing.

Following the peal attempt, Mrs. Hesse entertained the party to tea at a nearby hotel, and Mr. A. A. Hughes caused great amusement by recounting some of his nautical experiences, not to mention his first experiments with chewing tobacco!

Mr. Stafford Green thanked Mrs. Hesse for her hospitality and she suitably replied. Mr. Knight also thanked those present for coming, several having to travel considerable distances to do so.

The evening concluded with handbell ringing in several methods, including one or two of extremely doubtful pedigree!

The company included the Vicar of Wrington (the Rev. B. Leigh), Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight and Messrs. H. Bailey, L. Derrick, J. T. Dyke, R. Fry, Stafford Green, A. A. Hughes, W. Kingcott, G. Massey, A. Reeves, H. Sanger, V. Savage and E. J. Taylor. M. J. H.



# A NEW HANDBELL RECORD

## 15,840 Plain Bob Royal

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 17th, five members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild assembled at 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth, to attempt a peal of 15,840 changes of Plain Bob Royal on handbells. The bells went into changes at 2.9 p.m. and 'This is all' came at 10.11 p.m., the peal thus taking eight hours and two minutes to ring, an average of 32.86 changes per minute. The ringing and striking were good all the way until the end of the 86th course (two courses from home), when the first and only trip occurred. For a short time the striking was a bit uneven, but the coursing order was kept right, and the bells were soon running quite evenly again, a little slower perhaps, and the peal was finished without any further trouble.

Once again the umpire, Mr. Arthur V. Davis, did his job very thoroughly. He timed courses and blocks of courses and checked all calls and course ends. We all most sincerely thank him, writes the conductor, Mr. D. T. Matkin, for his part (a very necessary one) in the performance. We also thank Sheila Parker, the witness, for her part in the proceedings, also for seeing that the umpire was fed at the proper time, and for having the teapot ready when we had finished. I've never seen cups of tea put out of sight so quickly.

The two ladies, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay and Miss Kathleen E. Fletcher, are, once again, to be congratulated upon a great performance. From start to finish they rang their pairs of bells with that perfect confidence which is so necessary on a job like this. Kath just sat and pegged away setting a beat which was held all the way. The pace slowed down a bit towards the end, but the beat was always there. Marcia sat there in her usual unconcerned way, occasionally catching someone's eye, and then a broad smile would break out. Jimmy Daniels, not yet 21, who, at short notice, deputised for Mr. Roy Hurst (unforeseen circumstances prevented him from taking part), rang his pair with deliberation and more than backed up Kath in maintaining the beat. Bill, on the trebles (another one who rings in a most unconcerned way, and appears at times as if he is going to have a nap) made no more trouble of it after eight hours than if he had just rung a touch.

This peal now becomes the longest length of Royal to be rung in any method on either tower- or handbells, being exceeded only by the 19,738 Stedman Caters at Guildford, conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling.

The two ladies also still hold the record for their sex. Incidentally, the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild now hold the record for lengths of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal 'in hand.'

### THE BAND

**WILLIAM G. YOUNG.** Age 35. Chief clerk at the Winchester Depot of the Hants and Dorset Omnibus Co. Was taught to ring both tower- and handbells at Poole, during 1931, by Frederick Townsend, and rang his first peal (tower bells) at Wool, Dorset, in 1933. Rang his first peal 'in hand' at Bournemouth in 1941, conducted by Arthur V. Davis. In 1948 teamed up with Mrs. Marshallsay, Roy Hirst and D. T. Matkin and rang the trebles in all the first peals in Bournemouth of Spliced Major (up to ten methods), Little Bob and Gainsborough Little Bob Major. Moved to Winchester about three years ago, but goes frequently to Bournemouth at week-ends for handbell ringing. Also rang the trebles earlier this year to the 13,139 Grandsire Caters. Peals now total about 160, mostly 'in hand.'

**MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.** Age 44. In the tobacco and fancy goods business. Taught to ring tower bells during 1928 at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, by the late Harry

Bennett, and received first instruction in handbell ringing from Frederick Townsend at Poole. Took up handbell ringing seriously in 1940 during the ban and, with Arthur V. Davis as conductor, rang in the first handbell peals in Bournemouth of Grandsire Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, also Bob Minor, Major and Royal. Later was in all the first peals 'in hand' of Bob Maximus, Spliced Major up to ten methods, Spliced Royal in three, four and seven methods, Spliced Maximus in three methods, Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters, Little Bob and Gainsborough Little Bob Major, with D. T. Matkin as conductor. Also rang 3-4 in the 13,139 Grandsire Caters earlier this year. The first (and so far the only) lady to ring 100 or more peals in one year. A good method ringer and a good striker. Peals now total 505, conducted 93.

**DANIEL T. MATKIN.** Age 51. A native of Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, but moved to Birmingham when quite young. Was taught to handle a tower bell at Solihull towards the end of the first world war by John Bragg, received first instruction in handbell ringing from Edgar C. Shepherd about the same time. Rang first peal (Bob Minor 'in hand' in April, 1919, conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd. Lived several years at Ludlow, Salop, and while there rang with the late C. R. Lilley, first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Major and Double Norwich Major. Rang first handbell peal of Grandsire Triples at Coalbrookdale, Salop, in 1922, conducted by the late William Saunders. On returning to Birmingham was for a number of years a service ringer at St. Martin's, Bull Ring, and then Ringing Master at Edgbaston Old Church, until moving to Bournemouth in 1947. Total peals rung 558, conducted 321. Tower bells rung 207, conducted 70. Handbells rung 351, conducted 266. The latter include 6,048 Spliced Major in seven methods and the 13,139 Grandsire Caters.

**JAMES E. DANIELS.** Age 20. A bank clerk. Taught to handle a tower bell at the age of 13, at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, by Herbert A. Mitchell, in April, 1946, and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples on tower bells) on November 22nd, 1947. With his ringing pal, Michael Best (now on National Service), came to the handbell practices at 26, Wellington Road, and rang his first peal 'in hand' (Grandsire Triples on 7-8) on October 7th, 1948. Has since taken part in Spliced Major (up to eight methods) and in which he has rung each pair except 5-6, Spliced Royal in three and four methods, Bob Minor, Major and Royal and Grandsire Caters. Has also rung the standard methods, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise, on tower bells. A good method ringer and striker. Peal total about 80 peals.

**KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER.** Age 45. A teacher at the Uplands Boarding School for Girls, Parkstone, Dorset. Taught to handle a tower bell at Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, October, 1926, by her father, W. H. Fletcher, and Harry Wingrove, and rang her first peal (Cambridge Surprise Major 'inside'), at West Wycombe, on September 29th, 1928. Joined up with the Wellington Road band in 1949, and rang her first handbell peal there (Grandsire Triples on 7-8) on October 7th, 1949. Has since rung 72 peals 'in hand' which includes Spliced Major (up to eight methods), Spliced Royal in three, four and seven methods, Spliced Maximus in three methods, Bob Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus, Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters. Generally rings on the 'back end,' and can set a beat and hold it. Tower bell peals total 176, conducted two, and include Spliced Surprise in four methods. A very safe method ringer, a good striker and useful in the tower round the 'back end.' Total peals now 248, conducted two.

## THE METHOD

By D. T. MATKIN

23456 W M H

42635	—	—	—
65234	—	—	S
26534	—	—	—
53264	—	—	—
25364	—	—	—
36254	—	—	—
23654	—	—	—
62354	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—
63524	—	—	—
52634	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—
36425	—	—	—
42365	—	—	—

34526	—	—	—
56423	—	—	S
42563	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—

23465 'A'

42356 'A'

34265 'A'

32456 'A.' with single  
for last bob Home.

Repeat the whole.

Contains the extent of 4, 5, and 6, in 6ths.

## RYE GRAMMAR SCHOOL COMMEMORATION DAY

Last year a ringing band was formed at Rye Grammar School and rang for the Commemoration Day and carol services in October and December. Then the band consisted of ten ringers (five boys and five girls), and only rounds and Queen's were attempted.

This year three senior boys and one girl had left, but another girl and two boys had learned during the year, providing a band of nine for the commemoration service on October 5th. Two old scholars—Michael Laurence and David Hodgson—had not left Rye (the former is to join the Fleet Air Arm and the latter is going to Oxford) and they came and helped.

For the services plain courses of Grandsire Doubles, rounds and Queen's were rung. The ringers were Anthea Doust (16), Christine Wollans (16), Margaret Twindale (16), Ruth Carey (16), Pat Foster (16), Jack Moore (15), Robin Hodgson (16), John Barnes (15) and John Small (17). All except John Barnes are Sunday service ringers at Rye Parish Church, but all the girls are boarders.

The school band hopes at an early date to record its first quarter peal.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Wigan Branch at Southport

The first meeting of the Wigan Branch at Christ Church, Southport, since the bells have been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank provided much pleasure for the ringers attending, who praised the tone and 'go' of the bells. It was at this tower that Surprise ringing was reborn in Lancashire.

At the business meeting Mr. J. Ridyard was nominated for election to the Central Council and Mr. J. Ashcroft was nominated as a vice-president of the Association.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Forward Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Duffield, Cambridge, London, Yorkshire, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## GREAT BIG BOB

Dear Sir,—Your correspondents from Cambridge appear to be under the impression that 'Great Big Bob' is a new method. But let me hasten to assure them that this type of method has been practised for many years in some Lancashire towers.

The following lead is a very firm favourite, leaving, as will be seen in the example, a very wide scope for the tenorman, who, if he wishes, can go back as far as 12ths place (and quite often does). At the other extreme the bell on the lead can go down to minus 3rds place, and then, if he is able to, rise up to one of the many places which awaits him 'inside.'—Yours sincerely,  
R. KENRICK.  
Southport.

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2135476	8
2 314567	8
3 2 41657	8
3 4 26175	8
4 362715	8
46 37251	8
6 473521	8
674 5312	8
7654132	8
7 561423	8
5 716243	8
51 72634	8
1 52 736	48
125 374	6 8

P.S.—Grandsire calling is very suitable.

## NOTES AND BEAMS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Speed has now, apparently, been led to modify his views; but he is still preaching his gospel of 'arbitration,' and, to that extent, confirming my comments on some recent M.C. decisions.

Yet, as a comparatively young man, he has set HIMSELF up as an arbiter of the value of the work and views of:—

(1) One of the oldest living and most respected members of the Exercise, Mr. George Baker.

(2) The Methods Committee.

(3) The life's efforts of a lesser one, with cheap sneers at the convenient title (Grid Analysis) given to one aspect of that work, i.e., the mathematical (in the true sense—logical) investigation of method structure.

Mr. Speed might do well, as one connected with the Christian ministry, to bear in mind the Christian parable about foreign bodies in the eye.

One thing emerges that must be made quite clear, even if only in fairness to all those unbiased ones who have so kindly spoken of the interest and help they have derived from the results of one's work, in their own studies of method structure. It is this: The very axioms which he says are an essential premise to any logical exposition of the matter are those on which our conclusions are logically based; yet he derides them. They are, in fact, simply and solely those which have long been established by custom and usage throughout the Exercise—and no others.

Anyone who cares to examine the 'Memorandum' from the library of the Central Council may determine this for himself.—Yours still questingly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

London, W.1.

Everton bells are again in the news. This time it is a peal of Doubles. Not one of the band could qualify as being an expert in bell notes but all agree that they sound 1, 2, 3, 4. 4.

## FIRST MAYOR TO RING IN PEAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Frost, in his interesting review of ringing in Hertfordshire, states that the late Col. H. Baker is believed to be the first Mayor to take part in a peal (1907).

When my father, in 1886, called the first peal on Monmouth bells, the Mayor of Monmouth, Mr. William Honeyfield, was one of the band.  
Crayford, Kent. E. BARNETT.

## WILLIAM SHORT AND HIS RECORD

Dear Sir,—We have read with great admiration the exploits of the twelve-bell pealers, the Surprise experts and the 1,000 pealers. Can anyone tell us about the five and six bell men whose towers (although in the majority) are so often sadly neglected? Who has rung most to help these out?

The late William Short in his wonderful career called and took part in many peals of Doubles and Minor while acting as instructor to Hereford and District. Can anyone tell us what his total was?—Yours sincerely,  
Leicester. ERNEST MORRIS.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### Newbury Branch

The annual meeting was held in Newbury on October 10th, ringers being present from Beenham, Bucklebury, Chieveley, Brightwalton, East Garston, East Ilsley, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, Thatcham and visitors from Aldershot, Andover, Bowden, Highclere, Radley, Tidworth and Wavendon.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. James, assisted by the Guild Master, the Rev. C. Eliot Wigg, with Mr. Sellick at the organ. Tea was served by Mrs. Curtis and helpers.

Mr. R. Crook (Ringing Master) took the chair at the business meeting, and welcomed the Master of the Guild, who said he was pleased to see many new members since his visit two years previously. He missed the late chairman and old friends who had passed on.

Apologies were received from Mr. Hibbert (general secretary), Miss Waterhouse, Mr. Blunden, Mr. Rosier, Col. and Mrs. Foster. The following new members were elected: Miss H. M. Williams, Mr. D. A. Theedom, Mr. W. C. Hibbert, Mr. R. A. Churches, all of Newbury tower, and Miss Gillian Brown, of Thatcham. After the meeting ringing continued until 9 p.m.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Meeting at Brockdish

Despite heavy rain, 24 ringers, including David Heighton, who cycled 40 miles from Norwich and back, attended the autumn meeting of the South Norfolk Branch on October 17th. The ringing included Cambridge Surprise and Spliced Minor in four methods.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted by the priest-in-charge, the Rev. L. Wilson.

The Rev. F. E. Vokes presided at the tea and business meeting in the Village Hall, supported by the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, Mr. W. L. Duffield (vice-president), Mr. E. Whiting (Branch Ringing Master), the Rev. L. Wilson, Messrs. H. Moss and C. F. W. Phillippo (committee members) and Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary). Four new members, all of the Brockdish company, were elected, viz., Messrs. W. Chilver, E. A. Chilver, S. J. Burlingham and F. J. Burlingham. The branch chairman congratulated the Brockdish ringers on the rapid progress they had made since the Coronation.

It was decided to visit Diss on February 6th, 1954, for the annual meeting of the branch.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Maidstone District

The annual District meeting was held at Maidstone on Saturday October 17th, 20 towers being represented. From modest beginnings the afternoon ringing session culminated in an excellent course of Superlative, when tea was the order of the day, served by a group of ringers' wives in the Parish Room.

Canon C. B. Sampson, Vicar of All Saints', presided over business, first thoughts being of Mr. G. H. Spice, the Association's general secretary, who was leaving hospital that day. The District secretary, in his report, said an average attendance of over 50 at meetings, including 80 at Yalding on Whit-Saturday, was the best for some time. Of the nine non-affiliated towers, two—Boughton Monchelsea and Yalding—were expected to join in the New Year, three had no ringers at all, leaving only four on which to concentrate attention. The 23 affiliated towers were then briefly reviewed individually. The District's varied activities had continued unabated.

The election of officers for 1954 was, in fact, a re-election with Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher as District secretary, and Mr. W. R. Manser and Mr. Alex Waddington as District representatives. Borrowing a nautical expression this was interpreted as indicative of a happy District ship with plenty of evidence that not a few members were playing increasingly responsible roles in District affairs.

The proposed programme of meetings for 1954 was then agreed, hopes of a strawberry tea at Chart Sutton in June being raised considerably. Discussion on the summer coach tour revealed a strong faction for going far afield, and it appears likely that Sussex will be a generous compromise between East Kent and Hampshire.

Motions for subsequent committee discussion having duly been considered, Mr. R. L. Sills, Editor of 'The Belfry,' reported that recent production difficulties had now been overcome and that the next issue would appear at the forthcoming dinner. Mr. Manser, chairman of the Dinner Committee, then gave an encouraging report of progress behind the scenes.

Remaining business was perforce a little hurried and at 6 p.m. we reassembled in the lovely choir of All Saints' for evensong, handbells, as is our custom now, adding their own beauty to the service. So back to the ringing chamber for a busy evening session.

Among those present from beyond the District boundary we were particularly glad to see ringers from Hitchin and Norton, towers visited on the recent Hertfordshire tour, as well as Mr. William Wenban, from Harrow Weald, who before the war was a Maidstone District ringer at Staplehurst, and who has now found fame as umpire to the record-breaking handbell band at Bushey.  
E. S. J. H.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of November 7th, 1913

### THE BELLS OF SHOREDITCH

A famous peal of twelve will be heard again to-morrow, rung as in the days of old, for the bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, will then be opened after complete restoration. It is long now since their voices resounded in the permutations of a peal, but this enforced silence is at an end.

[Nearly 300 ringers attended the opening, and the first touch, 250 Stedman Cinques by a band of Cumberlands, included some famous names: Henry Dains 1, Benjamin Foskett 2, Miss E. K. Parker 3, John D. Matthews 4, Arthur N. Hardy 5, Frank I. Hairs 6, Frank Bennett (conductor) 7, Edwin Barnett, sen. 8, George A. Card 9, James Hunt 10, James Parker 11, Harry Flanders 12.]



# MAIDSTONE DISTRICT'S TRIUMPHANT EVENING

## Provides Kent C.A. With First Dinner-Dance

ON Saturday, October 17th, the ringers of the Maidstone District made history, not only on their own account, but for the whole Kent County Association, on the occasion of their dinner and dance at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant, Maidstone. For while the ringing calendar almost bulges with annual dinners, many of which have achieved great distinction, this was the first such event in the 73 years' existence of the K.C.A.

The idea had been hovering round for some three years; indeed it was the fame of the repast of the king of social chefs, served by a much younger association, which had whetted our Kentish appetites. Nor was the company of ninety, drawn from towers in all parts of the district, from Wrotham to Egerton, and beyond, disappointed, and the courageous step taken last May to book the restaurant for its only remaining autumn Saturday was amply rewarded.

It was our great privilege to have Canon C. B. Sampson, Vicar of Maidstone, to preside. From the moment we sat down at tables beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, with tasteful menu cards bearing the familiar outline of a bell, the success of the evening seemed assured.

After the loyal toast, Canon Sampson called on Mr. Alex Waddington, district representative on the K.C.A.'s General Committee, to propose the toast of 'The Church.' Mr. Waddington said that this traditional bell-ringers' toast usually emphasised the clergy and their relations with ringers, rather than the Church as a body spiritual—which it would be quite presumptuous for him to do—and he took this opportunity of expressing formally his gratitude for the goodwill, and even tolerance and forbearance, of incumbents in affording so readily the opportunities of practising

### NOT FANATICS

Some vicars may perhaps show a certain distrust of the madness of their ringers—'Ah, the man's a fanatic,' he heard one say of a ringer only the week before. This may betray a feeling that ringing has become an end in itself, but the district had little to fear on that score, for the enthusiasm of its ringers in no way meant that their art had become isolated from the worshipping life of the church. He paid a tribute to the district's ringing parsons, saying how ringers delighted in this sharing of their craft, and valued the understanding which it established.

For the parson it involves real effort and often much sacrifice to give time to regular practice amidst the crowded evenings of parish life. A visit earlier in the year to Yalding had also shown what a vicar can do in organising the recruiting and teaching of a group of young people who are keen and regular churchgoers; such support and encouragement was a wonderful assurance for the future. But if he had stressed rather the value of the active participation of the clergy in our art, the speaker continued, we also do appreciate the general friendly and helpful attitude of the clergy towards the Association, for constantly we meet kindness and co-operation when making arrangements for meetings, practices, outings and even

peal attempts.

In response, Canon Sampson said: 'I thank you, Mr. Waddington, very much indeed on

behalf of us all, and myself and fellow-clergy. I thank you all for keeping the ringing going so well in these difficult days.' He then went on to name three of the many reasons why he wanted to express his appreciation to the ringers of the district. 'Your art is propaganda of the very highest and best, reminding people that there is a church still to go to. It is also a great heritage and a very British art.'

At this point the Canon was informed that he should have said 'English art.' to which he readily assented, saying that the Scots were, of course, horrified of bells (vehement dissent quickly squashed). Continuing, Canon Sampson said: 'Secondly, ringing brings young and old together in fellowship, enabling them to work together in the Church's ministry, in town and country parish, both men and women. Thirdly, you ringers have advantage over us clergy of being able to link the Rochester and Canterbury Dioceses, your district traversing the diocesan boundaries. There are members of both

is recorded on a peal board at West Malling, a peal of Stedman which had 622 calls, in other words at the great majority of the 840 'sixes' composing it. The stream of 'bobs' can well be imagined, but the conductor had other ideas. 'Bob,' he shouted, 'now go on making them until I tell you to stop!' Then there was the famous inaugural peal on the bells of the Imperial Institute, when the band included such famous names as Sir Arthur Heywood, founder and first president of the Central Council, Canon Coleridge and J. W. Washbrook. On this occasion Newman rang the tenor, which will give you a good idea of his capabilities. It is said, too, that he once applied for the post of public hangman, not an unsuitable one for a ringer maybe, but he was unsuccessful.

Another noteworthy was Alfred Palmer, who along with Tom Mannerling, of Maidstone, was one of the finest handlers of bells in the county, but at the same time was rather temperamental. Thus at Aylesford once he 'stood'

his bell after over 5,000 changes of a peal of 6,000 because of the heat, having earlier protested against going for the shorter peal. Then between the two world wars Louis Head, Charlie Sone and Tom Sone had kept the flag flying. Louis Head, it may be recalled, was composing and conducting peals at a very early age, and had he so wished could have made a great name for himself as a peal ringer. As it is he is an acknowledged ringer and composer of Stedman. Finally, in these post-war years, the district had produced a new generation of ringers which augured well, and what Maidstone really lacked now was a ring of bells worthy of the county town.

Response to the toast was made by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, secretary of the Maidstone District, who said that while it was appreciated that the Parish Church of Maidstone had commitments of great priority in bringing the witness of the Church into the new housing areas, perhaps the money required for restoring the bells adequately could be found with the help of the town's business, civic and cultural organisations once their interest had been aroused. Dr. Hatcher then expressed the district's great pleasure in having with them that evening as guests Canon and Mrs. Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, recalling the long and valued services

Mr. Mitchell had rendered to the Association as secretary and treasurer, and conveying to the company the best wishes of Mr. George Spice, the present general secretary, only recently out of hospital.

Referring to the district boundaries, Dr. Hatcher explained that these were drawn when the railway was the main form of public transport, but though now playing only a minor role in linking the towers and districts together—a proposal to revise them had not long since been rejected, convincing evidence that the six districts were far more than geographical locations, indeed were living entities of vigorous growth and fellowship.

So came the turn of the dance, which, under the able master of ceremonies, Mr. John Manktelow, provided a mixture of old, new and square, interspersed with handbells and games.

Any account, however, would be quite incomplete if it did not pay warm tribute to the work of the organising committee, of which Mr. William Manser was chairman and Mr. Mark Couchman secretary. E. S. J. H.



A popular interlude was the handbell ringing of R. L. Sills 1-2, M. S. Cloke 3-4, P. C. Wright 5-6, S. G. Waters 7-8.

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dioceses here to-night. For it seems to me that some form of supreme unity is needed in the Church to bring people together in one body, and you are contributing towards it.' Finally Canon Sampson warmly congratulated Dr. Hatcher and all who had been responsible for arranging such a delightful evening.

### NOTED RINGERS

The toast, 'The Maidstone District,' was proposed by Mr. Edwin A. Barnett, hon. secretary of the Central Council. Mr. Barnett said that in 25 years of ringing this was the first time he had joined in the activities of the Maidstone District, though he could claim some connections with it because his mother used to live at Leeds (turning to the Canon, remarking, 'I mean, of course, THE Leeds, near Maidstone'—laughter), and because not long ago he had been obliged to spend six months at Lenham. On an occasion like this, therefore, it was a good excuse to recall some of the district stalwarts of earlier days. There was Frederick J. Newman, an eminent ringer and conductor, who rang in a number of notable peals. His name



## A STOCKTON-ON-TEES CORONATION TRIBUTE

### Dedication of New Ring of Ten

ON Saturday, October 17th, the recast ring of ten bells (tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb.) at Stockton Parish Church was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Durham (Dr. A. M. Ramsey). The completion of the repair work to the tower and the recasting and rehanging of the bells in this Coronation year mark the completion of nearly ten years' work at a cost of £30,000 towards restoration of the church.

There were two direct links with the Coronation in the presence of the Bishop and Lady Jane Stewart, of Wynyard Park, Stockton, who was one of the Queen's maids of honour. The church was filled to capacity with a congregation of about 2,000 people, including the Mayor and Corporation, the heads of the more important industries of Tees-side and representatives of every organisation in the district as well as 75 ringers from as far afield as Pyworthy in Devon, London, Leeds and Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The service was opened by the Vicar of Stockton, the Rev. R. T. Heselon, who by his enthusiasm and example has led the people of Stockton to restore their church to its present excellent condition. Following the bidding, which made special reference to the Coronation and also to Christopher Wren, the architect of the church, a hymn was sung followed by Haydn's anthem, 'Achieved is the glorious work.' The first lesson ended, Benjamin Britten's anthem, 'Deo Gratias,' was sung by the Richard Hind Girls' Choral Club, who by their efforts over the past three years raised the money to recast the tenor.

### THE DEDICATION

Following the second lesson and a hymn was the dedication of the bells. The ropes were presented to the Bishop by the churchwardens, Mr. H. H. Thompson and Mr. E. Leng, saying:

'Reverend Father in God, we request you to dedicate these bells placed here to commemorate the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II., to the glory and praise of God.'

The Bishop then dedicated the bells and banded the ropes to the captain of the tower, Mr. E. P. Rock, giving this charge:—

'Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee as appointed head of the belfry, and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

The bells then rang out for the first time, the ringers being representatives of the Durham and Newcastle Association, the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, the Ladies' Guild and Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the founders.

After prayers by the Rural Dean, Purcell's Bell Anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord,' was sung, following which Dr. Ramsey gave his address.

### HAPPINESS AND CRISIS

He said it was a happy day for Stockton in that the service marked the completion of the restoration of the church. The church and civic community joined together in thankfulness for the occasion, which would for ever commemorate the Coronation.

The church had been built under the leadership of the Town Council and through the enterprise of the people, and had stood for over two centuries. But the day, besides being one of happiness, was one of crisis, said the Bishop.

Far and wide in the world and in our own land there was a forgetfulness of God. There were far too many who neglected to worship Him, far too many who were quite ignorant and indifferent to the Christian faith. Too many disobeyed the divine laws, as could be seen in broken homes and too much practical lawlessness.

In such times it fell to Christian people to bear their witness to the primacy of God.

The offertory hymns over, Stanford's 'Te Deum Laudamus' was sung.

As the congregation left the church the bells rang out with the fine music of Stedman Caters, and many comments were to be heard about the excellent tone.

After tea the bells were rung until 9 p.m. Demand for the bells was great and periods between rings small. Methods rung ranged as far as Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Ringings also took place at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, during the evening, and thanks are due to the Vicar, Mr. P. W. B. Semmens and Mr. T. Cox for this facility.

Mr. J. P. Fidler was present representing John Taylor and Co., and one felt that he must be proud of yet another first-class achievement by his firm. In the words of one ringer present, 'Loughborough has done it again!' Both sound and 'go' are truly excellent.

In addition to the tenor mentioned above, other donations of particular note were the recasting of the ninth by the women's organisations of the town, and the eighth by the Vicar and churchwardens.

The ten bells now hang on one level considerably lower in the tower than their predecessors. During the evening the architect (Mr. F. W. Turnbull) and the builder (Mr. D. V. Ormston) spent a short time in the gallery above the bells whilst they were ringing and, bearing in mind the great crack which had appeared in the tower due to the instability and excessive weight of the old bells and the work they had done in repairing it, pronounced their complete satisfaction.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Welcome a New Tower to Membership

The Salisbury Branch held their quarterly meeting on October 17th at Durrington, a village near Amesbury on the edge of Salisbury Plain. There were five bells here, dating from between 1604 and 1660; this year as their Coronation effort the parishioners raised a fund to provide a new treble to complete a ring of six. The work was carried out by Mears and Stainbank and the new bell was dedicated on Trinity Sunday.

The new band, under the leadership of Mr. Alec Toomer, have been practising for 11 months and have achieved a very good standard of striking. They are very anxious to go on and master change ringing, and have applied for membership of the Guild. The following were elected as members at the meeting on the proposition of Mrs. B. Hibberd, seconded by Mr. W. Chalk: The Rev. G. Clayton (Rector of Durrington), Messrs. L. F. Baggot, L. J. Baggot, E. Batchelor, E. Kerridge, S. H. Price, —, Tanswell, D. R. Sheppard, A. Toomer (capt.) and Colin Wilkinson.

Mr. Toomer spoke on behalf of the Durrington band saying it was fitting that a meeting should be held there this year and thanking all who had contributed to the bell, mentioning especially the unremitting efforts of the Rector.

Thirty-five members and visitors were present from 12 towers, including nine from Durrington, and ringing was enjoyed both at Durrington and Netheravon during the afternoon and evening, some of the new recruits being piloted through their first plain course of Grandshire.

The Rector conducted the Guild service and spoke of the tower as symbolising the strength of the church and the bells thundering forth the message of the living church. Special mention must be made of the tea prepared by the local ringers' wives, the like of which has not been seen for many years!

## ALTAR CANDLES PROVIDE LIGHT FOR PEAL

### Adventures at Oaks-in-Charnwood

The peal of Double Bob Minor at Oaks-in-Charnwood, reported in our last issue, was not accomplished without incident! On arrival no light could be got either in the belfry or vestry below. After fiddling about in the dark for some time, a note was found indicating that the electricity was cut off.

Finding a couple of altar candles, we ascended the tower and raised the bells while the conductor rushed off on his cycle to a nearby ringer and returned with two small night-lights. By this time it was getting very late, but a start was made in the eerie surroundings of shadows and flickering lights.

All went well for two 720's when one of the candles, which had been placed on a chair back in the centre of the ringers, fell off, leaving us with still less light. A. E. R. manoeuvred this candle with his foot and, ringing one-handed, ducked down and got it—then succeeded in lighting it from the candle on the ledge behind him. After a spell he transferred it to the chair, but lo! after a few moments it fell off again!

Further manipulating was done and once more he succeeded in lighting it, but wisely left it standing by its companion. No other incident marred the proceedings and a good peal was rung.

But the late start meant that 'Uncle Ernest' missed the usual bus, and very nearly the next one. A hurried descent and hasty car ride to Coalville was further hampered by four ladies in distress! Their car was stranded in the ditch by the roadside, having lost a wheel. We could not wait to do anything for them beyond promising to send out a relief from a garage.

This was done, but poor 'Uncle Ernest,' arriving home nearly an hour late, got a stinging lecture from 'Auntie Beatie,' who threatened not to let him out again. Explanations were of no use, but doubtless when the next peal is arranged he will turn up smiling as usual. M.

## WEDDING OF MISS M. J. FREER

On Saturday, September 26th, the wedding took place between Miss M. J. Freer, of Merton Park, and Mr. M. E. Calvert, of Northampton, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Merton. The bride is a well-known member of All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, company and has rung extensively in Suffolk, where for four years she was a member of the Stowmarket band.

The church was already decorated for the harvest festival on the following day and was filled with relatives and ringing friends from neighbouring towers.

The bride wore a dress of ivory cloque with a full-length tulle veil and carried an all-white bouquet of eucharist lilies, stephanotis and roses. She was given away by her father, Mr. S. R. C. Freer, and the service was conducted by the Rev. S. H. Heaton-Renshaw.

Before and after the service, touches were rung on the bells by R. Sanders, J. Euston, S. Howard, H. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. E. Beauchamp and Miss B. Harris.

The reception was held at the bride's home and among the many presents and telegrams received were several from ringing friends in the district.

The honeymoon was spent touring in Hampshire and Dorset.

**SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. M. Lodge 1, Miss J. E. Race 2, H. G. Godlard 3, F. J. Wood 4, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 5, D. J. Crouchman 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Harris; also a birthday compliment to Jean E. Race.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.**—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Seabrook 1, F. S. Poole 2, Kathleen Glenister 3, J. Easley 4, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 5, L. Seabrook 6. For the festival of St. Luke.

**ARRETON, I.O.W.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): W. Upton 1, J. W. Meade 2, F. Taylor 3, B. Stirland 4, F. W. Burnett 5, B. J. Luff (cond.) 6.

**BOURNE, Lincs.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Bourne, 576 Cambridge): J. Pollard 1, A. E. Scott 2, H. M. Day 3, C. Wade 4, J. H. Musson 5, J. W. Haw (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. R. H. Nicholas and Miss Paricia Sharpe, who were married at Bourne Abbey earlier in the day.

**BRAMLEY, HANTS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. Urwin (first attempt) 1, Mrs. O. Upton 2, Miss S. Bowden (first quarter 'inside') 3, Mrs. C. Osler (first of Triples) 4, C. Osler 5, Miss J. Baby 6, W. Clift (cond.) 7, C. Herridge 8. A farewell to Miss S. Bowden, who is being married and leaving the district.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.**—At St. Modwen's Church, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: C. G. Smith (first quarter of Triples) 1, Audrey S. Noble 2, Rhoda Hemmings 3, Mrs. S. H. Jones 4, J. H. Brittan 5, T. Pryce 6, S. H. Jones (cond.) 7, A. W. Skelton 8. Rung for the anniversary of the victory at Trafalgar.

**CAWTHORNE, YORKS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 New London Pleasure: W. Broadhead 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Burgess.

**CLAVERTY, SALOP.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Joan Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, F. Bennett (first 'inside') 3, G. Goodson 4, C. Jones 5, W. Francis, jun., 6, E. Drew (cond.) 7, J. Courtman 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Hinton, mother of F. Hinton of the local band, who was interred the same day.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): J. Carpenter 1, E. Oliver 2, R. Oliver 3, W. Tyson 4, R. B. Skelton 5, P. G. Draffan (cond.) 6, D. Wilkinson cover bell. Rung for the harvest festival service. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Foreman (first quarter) 1, J. Carpenter 2, E. Oliver 3, W. Tyson 4, R. B. Skelton 5, P. G. Draffan (cond.) 6, D. Wilkinson cover bell.

**DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,140 Doubles (120 each All Saints', Marchington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford, April Day, Plain Bob, 60 Grandsire): Doris Hicks (longest length) 1, R. Old 2, E. Nobles (cond.) 3, J. G. Chapman 4, C. T. Windram 5, C. H. Bushell 6. Rung by Sunday service band for dedication festival.

**EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. L. Bishop 1, Pam Webb 2, Jill Bishop 3, H. K. White 4, A. Woodley 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, T. F. East 7, D. Napper 8. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Hitchman (first quarter) 1, Pam Webb 2, Jill Bishop 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, G. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, T. F. East 7, J. Napper 8.

**EGHAM, SURREY.**—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss M. Collins 1, E. Butler 2, N. Smith 3, Mrs. D. Hiscock 4, R. Shepherd 5, M. Harbott 6, W. Peck (cond.) 7, J. Greenough 8. A farewell to J. Greenough, who moves to Margate after being a regular service ringer at Egham for over 25 years. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Smith 1, F. Fairhead 2, W. Edwards 3, Mrs. D. Hiscock 4, M. Williamson 5, M. Harbott 6, W. Peck (cond.) 7, J. Greenough 8. For harvest festival.

**GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, S. Gilbert 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, R. H. Brooker 6, N. Mallett 7, W. Ransom 8.

**HARLOW, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, H. White 2, D. Hayden 3, H. Bird 4, W. Wheeler 5, S. Clark 6, B. Young 7, E. Rochester (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to W. Wheeler.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: M. Dyer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, W. O. Noble 3, H. W. Pratt 4, F. W. Lack 5, N. Mallett 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Ken Cooper and Miss Daphne Perkins, married this day.

**HERTFORD.**—On Sept. 25th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Thorn 1, J. Kemp 2, A. Wright 3, A. S. Carter (cond.) 4, C. Springham 5, J. Welch 6, G. Ditton 7, P. Saunders 8. Rung in honour of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to Hertford this day.

**LOXTON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Brinson 1, H. Hooper (cond.) 2, B. Peters 3, H. Hooper 4, F. S. Paramore 5, R. Stark 6.

**MARDEN, KENT.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Jill Haffenden 1, S. White 2, Sheila Dobbie 3, P. Carter 4, T. E. Sone (cond.) 5, W. Dobbie 6, S. G. Waters 7, F. W. Mitchell 8. Rung for the feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

**SHOREDITCH, E.**—At St. Leonard's Church, on Oct. 25th, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: T. H. Francis (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, Mrs. L. Pearson 4, Mrs. T. H. Francis 5, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 6, A. Mason 7, F. D. Bishop 8, L. Pearson 9, A. R. Ling 10, A. J. House 11, F. J. Matthews 12. Longest length of Grandsire Cinques for all except ringers of 1, 3 and 6.

**SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.**—On Oct. 11th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 600 Cambridge): A. Clements 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, W. Ransom 4, F. Warrington (cond.) 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

**TICKNALL, DERBY.**—On Sept. 6th, 1,320 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 600 Double Court): Mrs. T. J. Marriott (1), L. Warren 2, W. G. Soar 3, T. J. Marriott 4, P. Marriott 5, A. J. Marriott (cond.) 6.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob): Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkins 3, R. K. C. Wilkins 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7. Rung with tenor covering. First quarter in more than one method, and first including Surprise, by all the band.

**UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDS.**—On Oct. 18th, 1,560 Doubles (480 Stedman, 600 Grandsire and 480 Bob): T. Morris 1, E. Davies 2, Miss J. Green 3, R. Jones (cond.) 4, A. Poulton 5, G. Phillips 6. For the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Powell, and Miss J. Green's 14th birthday.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Green 1, T. E. Roberts 2, G. W. Holland 3, F. C. Case 4, W. Yates 5, W. F. Eyden (first quarter in method) 6, G. E. Green (first in method as cond.) 7, D. Taylor (first quarter on eight) 8.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On Oct. 25th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Devenish (first quarter) 1, H. Cox 2, Miss M. Denroche (first 'inside') 3, P. Devenish (first on six) 4, F. E. Corfield (cond.) 5, F. W. Wicks 6. All-local band.

**WOOLWICH, KENT.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 11th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wakefield 1, Miss M. Hunt 2, R. Johnson 3, T. Culver 4, F. Hurrell 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. A farewell to John Crickmore on leaving for Switzerland.

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**HIBBERT—LAFLIN.**—The engagement is announced between Arthur, younger son of Mr. W. H. Hibbert and the late Mrs. E. E. Hibbert, of Chapel-en-le-Frith, and Frances M., second daughter of Mr. P. Laflin and the late Mrs. A. Laflin, of Stockport. 3431

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**BEOLEY RINGERS, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—Practice night on Thursday, Nov. 12th, at St. Leonard's, Beoley, is cancelled, due to Confirmation service at 7.30 p.m. Ringing before and after service. 3433

**WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.**—These bells, re-hung by Messrs. John Taylor, Loughborough, will be open for ringing from 3 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7th. 3422

**THE ART OF CHANGE RINGING.**—A few vacancies exist for persons to attend the lectures at Clarence House, Thaxted, Essex, on Saturday, Nov. 21st, only. Persons wishing to attend should write immediately to the Warden, sending 3s. to cover the cost of lunch and tea.—Robert C. Heazel. 3439

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### MEETINGS

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting at Great Longstone (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 3440

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting, Chatteris (6), Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely, Cambs. 3394

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, Nov. 7th, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3378

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Bushey (8), Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 3372

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Pluckley (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. P. Garner, Hon. Sec. 3362

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Nov. 7th, St. Mary's, Barnes (Church Road), 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5.15. St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Mortlake (High Street), 7.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 3406

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.**—Meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 3379



**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Next meeting, Netherseale, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4.45.—J. W. Cotton. Tel. Over-seale 264. 3395

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern.—Practice meeting, Worth (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. 3405

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Ryde, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 3388

**ANCIENT ORDER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—316th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 14th, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.1, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s. Names for tickets not later than 9th, please. Ringing: Southwark Cathedral 2 to 3; St. Mary's, Bow Road, E.3, 3 to 4; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4 to 5.—A. B. Peck. 3381

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Cawthorne, Nov. 14th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify, not later than Nov. 11th, Mr. H. Rusby, Darton Road, Cawthorne, near Barnsley.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3436

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 'Tea at 5 p.m. Look up Ealing Surprise.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 3411

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.**—Meeting at Hedon, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. C. Everingham, 25, Church Lane, Hedon. 3426

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Macclesfield, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided. Notify by 10th latest.—Alan A. Potts, 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 3444

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Chesterfield District) and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Workop Priory (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Numbers for tea to Mr. L. B. Smith, 46, Woodland Drive, Workop, Notts. Bells recently recast and rehung. 3371

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter and N.E. Branches.—Joint practice, Silverton (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Refreshments 4.30. Cups of tea available: bring own food. More ringing after. All welcome.—W. H. Ware, F. Wreford, Hon. Secs. 3409

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 14th, 2.30 p.m., Winlaton, St. Paul's. Names, by Nov. 12th, to Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15 Burnley Street, Blaydon.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3410

**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

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Meeting at Felsted (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notlev, Braintree. 3389

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), Nov. 14th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 3389

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Upper Cam (6), Nov. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Nov. 10th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3420

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Hereford District.—Quarterly, Lugwardine, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road Hereford. 3423

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 11th, to Mr. A. Cook, 10, High Street, King's Langley. Tel. 2222.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3429

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Social, Saturday, Nov. 14th. St. Dunstan's bells available 2.30-4.30. Tea St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, Orchard Street, 4.45, followed by social evening. Tickets 2s. 6d. each (cash with order, please) from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 11th. 3393

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Yorkshire District.—Meeting at Queensbury, near Bradford, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 12th, to Mr. G. Ingham, 22, Russell Road, Queensbury. All welcome.—E. D. Kelly. 3400

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 14th, at St. Mary's, Woolton. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head will be provided at 5 p.m. only to those who send in their names before Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. E. L. Humphriss, Abbots Lea Cottages, Woolton.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 3366

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Cartmel Priory on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Dixon, Clogger Beck, Cartmel. 3437

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. F. Stead, 309, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton. Buses from Preston every 15 minutes, services 1, P26, P29; from Blackburn every 30 minutes, service 1.—L. Walmsley. 3377

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Todmorden Unitarian Church, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Practice method: Double Norwich. Cafes nearby.—F. Pritchard. 3435

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton District.—Meeting at Asfordby, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.45. Service 6. Names must be sent to J. H. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby. 3413

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting at Cossington, Nov. 14th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names to Miss Mary Carpenter, Temple Cottages, Cossington. 3430

**MARSDEN RINGERS' DAY.**—Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 1.30 p.m. For meat tea send names to W. Hansom, 6, Woods Terrace, Marsden, near Huddersfield, Yorks, before Nov. 12th. 3441

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Acle, Nov. 14th (note change of date). Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, Acle, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3373

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towstree Branch.—Practice meeting to be held at Paulerspury, Saturday, Nov. 14th, 5.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 3416

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—General meeting, Halesworth, Nov. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Definitely notify Mr. R. S. Payne, 21,

Hotson Road, Southwold. Business meeting to decide whether to alter annual meeting from Easter Monday to a Saturday and whether to charge a levy on peals.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 3434

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Lyminster (6), Saturday, Nov. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise, by Nov. 10th, W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 3424

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Bishop's Waltham and Swanmore, Nov. 14th. Bells 3. Service, Bishop's Waltham, 4.15. Tea 5. Inform, by Nov. 7th, W. Linter, 4, Coppice Hill, Bishop's Waltham. 3386

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting King's Somborne, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Reg Martin's Cafe. Names, by previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3392

**CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM** (near Colliers Wood Station).—Ringers' service will be held at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15th. Ringing commences at 5.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—S. Howard. 3391

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenhams Branch.—Ringers' Sunday St. Paul's, Nov. 15th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 11th, to R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenhams. 3418

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to me not later than Nov. 18th.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3432

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Nomination of District officers. Bells to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—R. I. Shepherd. 3427

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Mereworth (6), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 3419

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting at Daybrook (8) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 17th, to Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook, Nottingham. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 3417

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pinchbeck, Nov. 21st. Times as usual. Tea by ticket only. Tickets, price 4s., must be obtained before Nov. 14th from Mr. W. A. Richardson, Glen-side, Pinchbeck, Spalding. 3443

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Corringham on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn (Hon. Sec.), Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 3445

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Empingham on Saturday, Nov. 21st at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 17th, to E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec., Market Overton, Rutland. 3414

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**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Market Drayton, Nov. 21st. For tea advise F. Price, Bentleys Road, Market Drayton.—W. A. Farmer. 3425

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, E., Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please. Note changed date of annual meeting, Jan. 23rd.—Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Bngadine Street, Southfields, S.W. 18. 3428

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at North Collingham, Saturday, Nov. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 3d.) 5 p.m., if you notify, by previous Tuesday, Mrs. East, Low Street, Collingham, Newark. South Scarle after tea if required. 3412

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Redhill, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Oxford T.B. Names for tea, by Nov. 18th, to Miss Illman, 12, Garlands Road, Redhill. 3421

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—Half-yearly meeting at Wrexham, Nov. 28th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Service 3, followed by business and tea. Names for tea, by Nov. 23rd, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 3438

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