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MY GREATEST JOY IN RINGING

By JOHN E. COOK

WHAT vast and inexhaustible sources of pleasure we gain from our art. Its branches are almost too numerous to quote. Yet I should like to dwell on one branch that gives me the most pleasure. I shall for clarity put it in the form of an account of a tower we visited.

We cycled along a narrow country lane, and the calm and peacefulness of the whole scene made a marked impression upon us all. Then, as if breaking into our train of thought, appeared the village and dominating the scene was our objective, the church. Not a magnificent building as some of its city brethren, but nevertheless possessing a quiet dignity all of its own.

After obtaining the key from the ivy enshrouded rectory, we proceeded from the warmth of the summer's day into the refreshing coolness of the old church. Here one could certainly rest and feel at peace with man and nature.

The key we had obtained was rusty and turned with a protesting creak in the lock of the tower door. The door swung open groaning on its hinges as we began to climb the dust-covered stairs; the windows are but pale murky lights, the dust of years clinging to them. At length the ringing chamber is reached. Here we find a picture of stark desolation. Two bell ropes hang down from their holes in the ceiling and the remaining few holes stand out like eyeless sockets. On the wall stands a peal board bringing back the memory of a generation of ringers long passed away, and everywhere is dust and decay as if this room itself died with ringers who shared its day of glory.

After leaving the ringing chamber we made our final climb to the bells. Here the birds had certainly found a resting place, and here in comparison with the rest of the tower life still goes on.

After an hour of hard work the bells are cleared of their encumbering shroud of sticks. Tools are brought out,

headstocks tightened, rims nailed back on wheels and bearings cleaned and oiled. At last after almost three hours on the bells we descend to the chamber to adjust the new rope which we have brought with us. 'Look to' is called and the bells one after the other rise in peal, and out across the village and countryside the bells sound their message for the first time in this century. After a quarter has been rung the bells are lowered, the ropes being left behind as a gift.

The Rector is delighted to hear his bells for the first time and promises to do all in his power to provide the bells with ringers. One day we shall probably hear of the bells being rehung and a new generation will carry the torch which went out so many years ago.

This illustrates my greatest joy in ringing; probably by many I shall be dubbed a crank. But, nevertheless, true happiness is found in doing that which you love the best.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of October 16th, 1914

THE 'G.O.M.' OF RINGING

The ringers of Sheffield and district on Saturday honoured, in the person of Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, one who for many years has been looked upon as one of the pillars of the Exercise. Last month Mr. Hattersley reached the age of 70 years, and it was but natural that his friends should desire fittingly to mark the auspicious occasion . . . for Mr. Hattersley has merited as few men have done the appreciation of ringers throughout the country. . . .

[Though best remembered by his compositions, Mr. Hattersley was a highly skilled practical ringer. He called his first peal in 1863 at the age of 19, which was considered a clever performance at that time of day, and altogether took part in some 200 peals, among them the 120 course-ends peal of Stedman Caters at Cheltenham in 8 hours 20 minutes, in which he related that for a period of five hours no word of correction had to be spoken.]

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON, E.C.3.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 41 cwt.

BROOKE K. LUNN Treble	JOHN B. SANSON 7
*JOHN WATERS 2	GEORGE W. CECIL 8
SELWYN H. DEARDEN 3	FRANK E. DARBY 9
ALFRED B. PECK 4	CYRIL G. J. WATTS 10
BRIAN D. THRELFALL 5	JOHN PHILLIPS 11
HERBERT LANGDON 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JULIA M. PRESTON (St. Anne's) Treble	
SHIRLEY V. RYMER (St. Hugh's) 2	
ROBIN G. TURNER (Jesus) 3	
RODNEY B. MEADOWS (Exeter) 4	
WILLIAM H. JACKSON (Christ Church) 5	
JOHN E. SPICE (New College) 6	
DEREK P. JONES (St. Edmund Hall) 7	
*EWART H. EDGE (St. Edmund Hall) 8	
PETER BORDER (Hertford) 9	
WILFRID F. MORETON (St. John's) Tenor	

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. The first peal of Surprise Royal for the Society.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	ALAN PENDLEBURY 6
JACK N. BROWN 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH 7
THOMAS LEE 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 8
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
THOMAS C. LARKEY 5	THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ALAN E. PEDLER Treble	A. CHARLES BAKER 5
REGINALD G. HOOPER 2	†BRIAN GRINTER 6
ENID L. ROBERTS 3	ALBERT M. TYLER 7
ERIC SUTTON 4	*JOHN F. PEDLER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLER.

* First peal on eight tower bells. † First peal in the method.

First peal on tower bells as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to John F. Pedler and Miss R. Ann Clarke on their forthcoming marriage. Also to celebrate the birth of a son (Simon Antony Huntingford) to the Rev. Richard H. Easton (curate of St. Ambrose) and Mrs. Easton.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.
SUSAN JACKSON Treble	*JOHN J. STANIER 5
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	ALLAN MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal 'inside.'

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK E. WALKER Treble	JOHN R. COOPER 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 6
JOHN L. MORRIS 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
DENIS BERESFORD 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON 2	*SAMUEL J. HAYNES 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	ERNEST W. RAWSON 7
ROLAND BENISTON 4	PETER J. STANFORTH Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH

* First peal in the method.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Heywood's Variation.	
JOHN THOMAS Treble	PATRICK HARRIS 5
RALPH HARRIS 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 6
E. TREVOR NEWBURY 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 7
MRS. J. THOMAS 4	EDWARD MOORE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor calling his first peal of Stedman.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

EDWARD C. BARTON Treble	WILFRID S. PALIN 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 6
*CYRIL J. EADES 3	GEORGE KENWARD 7
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD 4	ALBERT J. DUNK Tenor

Composed by S. BIDDLESTON.

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung to mark the retirement of the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. B. Crouch, M.A., R.D., after 20 years as Vicar of Borden. Also for the silver wedding of the Vicar and Mrs. Crouch, and for the former's 70th birthday, and for the 21st birthday of his daughter, Mary.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Composer's Rutland No. 6.	
MRS. K. F. J. PARR Treble	SQUIRE CROFT 5
*MRS. O. L. ROGERS 2	ALAN F. THIRST 6
THOMAS E. DAVIES 3	DAVID J. CHARNLEY 7
WILFRID G. WILSON 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* 51st peal on these bells. First peal of Rutland Surprise Major on the bells for the Association and by all, except ringers of 3rd and 6th. All are members of the Isleworth company.

A birthday compliment to Christopher Rogers, also to Mr. F. Precey, of Wool. Dorset, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JACK DAFTERS Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
RALPH BIRD 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*DONALD A. THEEDOM .. Treble	†TERENCE BOLLINGBROKE .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	S. ANTONY JESSON .. 6
MRS. F. E. WILSON .. 3	FREDERICK E. WILSON .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 4	JOHN DANIELS .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Stedman.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss J. E. Wilson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson, and Sergt. J. R. Birks, R.C.M.P.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

IVOR SCOTT Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
ROBIN G. TURNER .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY .. 4	ALAN A. POTTS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

A wedding compliment to Arthur Fidler and Jean Margaret Lee, married at Loughborough on September 25th.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 AFFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

The first peal in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DONALD A. THEEDOM .. Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 7
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

*First peal of Major.

A 65th birthday compliment to George Broughton, captain of the local band, and a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*BETTY NOLDER .. Treble	SQUIRE CROFT .. 5
†DAPHNE LUKE .. 2	NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH .. 6
OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY .. 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

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

Rung for the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels, and as a farewell compliment to Prebendary H. Claude Harland, M.A., Hon. C.F., Vicar of St. Stephen's, 1941-1954. Rural Dean of Ealing 1947-1954.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5120 ELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. Treble	GORDON BENFIELD .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

The first peal in the method. Renamed Elford instead of Lindoff's London.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 20½ cwt.	
*STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. Treble	R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN .. 5
C. FREDERICK JUKES .. 2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 6
*HENRY HUBBALL .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES .. 7
NORMAN G. LEECH .. 4	DAVID M. LEES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

*25th peal together.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ALICK CUTLER .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. 5
ELSIE K. FULTON .. 2	CECIL C. MAYNE .. 6
D. KAY ADKINS .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
*PETER D. BEEDIE .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung for the dedication of St. Barnabas', a daughter church of the parish of Harrow Weald. Also to mark the 1,350th anniversary of the foundation of the Diocese of London.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PAMELA M. WOOD .. Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY .. 5
†ARNOLD BOWERS .. 2	†MARTIN T. J. AXFORD .. 6
†FRED BENNETT .. 3	IRVIN SLACK .. 7
JOHN W. MILNER .. 4	†ROGER F. E. AXFORD .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGWAY.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. ‡First peal in method.

Rung for Gift Day. Also an 86th birthday compliment to H. Rowley, for 65 years a ringer at Horbury. A birthday compliment to J. W. Milner.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*DAVID CORNWALL .. Treble	ANTONY E. COX .. 5
DOREEN COKER .. 2	PERCY NEWTON .. 6
ROLAND BIGGS .. 3	ARTHUR NEWTON .. 7
WALTER LEE .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

*First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.



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**NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF 5056 LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb.

JOE HOBBS	Treble	TERENCE G. MORTON	5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES	2	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	EDWIN J. UPTON	7
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	4	WALTER AYRE	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, in the county, and by the Association.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Canon Guy Beech, always a friend of ringers, who is going into semi-retirement at Petworth, and for the Harvest Thanksgiving.

PENTRE, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.*

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOSEPH LOVETT	Treble	A. RYAN PRICE	5
WILLIAM L. LAMBERT	2	†ROY BRABHAM	6
*KEITH G. JONES	3	†KENNETH HARTNOLL	7
*TUDOR EDWARDS	4	HARRY CRABB	Tenor

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

A 72nd birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd; also a farewell to Roger Jones, a local ringer, leaving to join H.M. Forces.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.*

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MISS G. BURCHNALL	Treble	FRANK VERNON	5
*MISS K. BURCHNALL	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	6
GEORGE FOSTER	3	HAROLD DENMAN	7
NATHANIEL T. MOXON	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* 200th peal and 200th peal together. First peal of Bob Major as conductor.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

ALBERT CATTERWELL	Treble	JOHN WARNER	5
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	TERRY EARLE	6
*GEORGE W. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
DIANA M. MATTHEW	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* 100th peal of Major.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Oct. 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, QUEEN,*

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

DORIS E. COLGATE	Treble	FRANK H. HICKS	5
*THOMAS E. SONE	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
†BERNARD G. MOORE	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	4	RAYMOND OVERY	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

* 150th peal of Surprise. † First peal of Superlative.

A farewell to the Rev. D. P. Hall, O.B.E., M.A., on his retirement.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., Oct. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN C. BROWN	Treble	*ALAN J. BROWN	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	DAVID VINCENT	6
BASIL JONES	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS	4	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (six callings).

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*ANTHONY LOCKE	Treble	FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	4
A. HUBERT EPLETT	2	CLEMENT W. JOSE	5
DAVID N. PENROSE	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal.

In memoriam Sidney Jose, father of the 5th ringer, who passed to his rest on September 2nd.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Sept. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents

Tenor 8½ cwt.

PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	Treble	J. EDMUND HENDERSON	4
*MAVIS WILSON	2	WILLIAM TYSON	5
RICHARD OLIVER	3	ROBERT B. SKELTON	Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.

* First peal 'inside.'

A wedding compliment to Mr. John C. Carpenter and Miss Ann E. Pannell, whose marriage took place at the Church of St. Martin of Tours, Chelsfield, Kent, on July 24th.

LITTLE BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 8 extents of St. Simon's, 8 of Plain Bob, 6 of April Day and 20 of Grandsire, two of each calling in all methods.

Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE BAILEY	Treble	ERIC HORNBY	3
ETHEL WISE	2	VICTOR NEAL	4
HENRY PARKER			Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

This is the first peal on these bells. First peal of Doubles in four methods for ringers of treble, 2nd and 4th.

TERLING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in seven methods, six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	Treble	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3
MARY DOWSETT	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	4
DENIS A. S. SYMONDS			Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in seven Doubles methods by all the band.

A 16th birthday compliment to Miss Mary Dowsett.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

BARRIE HENRY	Treble	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	4
JOHN KING	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	5
BURLEY P. MORRIS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Sept. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob and 240 of Morris's arrangement.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

JOHN R. BRINSON	Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT	4
ALBERT PETERS	2	*JOHN E. CURRELL	5
*KENNETH COLLIER	3	FRANK S. PARRAMORE	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. V. L. M. Lawson on his retirement.

*TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*MICHAEL P. CLEAVES .. Treble	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 4
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 2	MARIE K. ROBERTS .. 5
*DAVID P. STUBBINGS .. 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

*First peal.

BECKFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

MRS. J. THOMAS .. Treble	JOHN THOMAS .. 4
*MISS A. BAILEY .. 2	J. ATTWOOD .. 5
*MISS J. NEWBURY .. 3	E. T. NEWBURY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

*First peal in Surprise method. First peal on bells since restoration. Rung as a compliment to Miss J. Newbury on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

WILLIAM M. MANN .. Treble	CHARLES E. G. BANHAM .. 4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*BRYN O. HUGHES .. Treble	†JOHN R. MAYNE .. 4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. 2	*RICHARD G. OUSTON .. 5
*DAVID J. L. WARD .. 3	†HAROLD E. CLAYTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

*First peal. †First peal of Cambridge Minor. *First peal of Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells, and the first peal on the bells for 23 years.

Rung for the wedding of Dr. Robert W. Rowan to Miss Jane Dentith, which took place on September 18th at the Church of St. Mary, Handsworth, Birmingham.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

ROBERT J. ANDREWS .. Treble	ROY COLLINS .. 4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 2	JACK R. WORRALL .. 5
JOHN A. MARTIN .. 3	JAMES F. DODSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720.

*CHARLES J. COPP .. Treble	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 2	W. NEVILLE BROWN .. 5
†DENNIS SIMPSON (13) .. 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Canon G. W. Clarkson, Vicar of Newark-on-Trent, upon his appointment as Bishop of Pontefract.



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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*ROY COLEMAN Treble	†HOWARD COLLINGS .. 4
*MARION E. HUNT 2	KENNETH MEDWAY .. 5
MARJORIE LEGG 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal of Minor 'inside.'

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 27 minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Wavertree College, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

*G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND Treble	GEORGE SAYER 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	DAVID HEIGHTON 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT.. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

*First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

Rung with best wishes to the conductor on his leaving to study at Bristol University.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*PAMELA LEANING Treble	*REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM 4
*MRS. B. HOLMES 2	GEORGE CHALLANS 5
*HAROLD WAGSTAFF 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

*First peal in five methods.

EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*CECIL DARBY Treble	*PERCY TURNER 4
DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 2	†ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 5
J. HARRY COOK 3	FRANK BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung by his fellow ringers for the wedding of Mr. John Morris, captain of the Eaton ringers, and Miss Gertrude Ann Hazelwood.

FLETCHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW AND ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN W. MEADE Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4
*GEORGE FRY 2	*KEVIN S. HOHL 5
*COLIN A. TESTER 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

*First peal of Minor in four methods. First peal as conductor in more than one Minor method.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

LITTLE HADHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CECILIA,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in eight methods, called differently: Four each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, eight each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, three of Stedman and seven of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

MICHAEL ORME Treble	DAVID SUTCLIFFE 3
RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW 4

DEREK P. JONES.. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The first peal ever rung on the bells.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

LEONARD WOOLLARD .. Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD 4
RAYMOND PECK 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
JACK PILGRIM 3	WILLIAM F. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

An extent each of Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*DRUMMOND M. RANDALL.. Treble	RALPH BIRD 4
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	†STEWART F. W. KIMBER.. 5
MARY FULLER 3	JOHN E. CANNELL Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's Cambridge, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	PETER HALLAM 4
WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 2	C. ROGER HAYWARD .. 5
JOHN A. SMITH 3	JOHN VERNON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

*150th peal

Rung as a welcome to Father Manson at the Harvest Thanksgiving and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Ball on the birth of a daughter.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 34 six-scores, four 240's. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ANTHONY LOCKE Treble	CLEMENT W. JOSE 4
FREDERICK J. ROBERTS .. 2	VIVYAN WILLIAMS 5
DOUGLAS BURNETT 3	*RAYMOND H. MOYLE .. Tenor

Conducted by VIVYAN WILLIAMS.

*First peal.

Rung to celebrate the Feast of St. Kea.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*SUSAN JACKSON 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	*R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 7-8

Composed by A. M. TYLER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

*First peal 'in hand.'

BEDFORDSHIRE, HERTFORDSHIRE, MIDDLESEX AND LONDON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,

In a Motor Coach travelling between Henlow and Stepney,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 1-2	ROBIN G. TURNER 3-4
JOHN KING 5-6	

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Farnham District**

It is a good thing that the Farnham District have Joint Ringing Masters as was proved at the meeting on September 11th at Holy Trinity, Hawley. Owing to a slight mishap Mr. Tom Page was unavoidably late in reaching the meeting, but Mr. John Wells was able to 'hold the fort.'

Despite the shocking weather and the traffic for Farnborough Air Display there was a good attendance. After the ringers' service, conducted by the Rev. K. C. Davis, tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by a short business meeting during which five new members were elected.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening was fair, methods ranging from rounds to Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The bells were 'rung down' at 8.30 p.m. M. A. C.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first autumn meeting of the St. Albans District was held on September 18th at Hatfield. During the afternoon several young ringers from Kimpton and Hertford made full use of the opportunity of ringing with more experienced ringers.

After a service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. S. E. Woods), about two dozen ringers sat down to an excellent tea kindly provided by ladies of the parish. During the business meeting it was announced that Kimpton has altered its practice night to Saturday, 7 to 8 p.m. The District now has a tower to visit whenever there is no other meeting in the area.

Methods up to Cambridge Royal were rung before having to lower the bells at 7.30 p.m., when handbells were rung to round off the evening. G. D.

SURREY ASSOCIATION**Northern District**

Twenty-six members and friends visited Benhilton on September 25th for the quarterly District meeting. In the absence on holiday of the Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, ringing was under the direction of Mr. A. J. Adams. An encouraging feature of the meeting was the high proportion of learners present.

Following tea at the Red Lion, Sutton, the General Master, Mr. R. Davies, took the chair for the routine business meeting. One new member was elected. 'The Ringing World' representative expressed the opinion that the response for new readers in Surrey was disappointing and in such a densely populated district better results ought to be attained.

After the meeting those present took part in Evensong at Benhilton, followed by ringing to 7.45. Carshalton bells were also available.

A FIRST PEAL IN CHESHIRE

Inspired by the article of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, the first peal has been rung at Little Budworth, Cheshire. The bells are a mixed lot—three of Rudhall's, one of Barwell's and one of Warner's—and they swing in an oak frame. A short run revealed defects. A thorough examination in daylight followed. The clappers were taken out, greased and packed and replaced, the bearings were well greased and the frame tightened and wedged. After a couple of extents of Doubles the bells went better than expected and a good peal was rung. As the result of the peal an attempt to teach a new band will be made in the near future.

**RINGERS' STAND AT
CHELTENHAM EXHIBITION**

Prestbury ringers had a stand at the Cheltenham Hobbies Exhibition, which was visited by over 9,000 people. To show the public how a church bell rings a flat wood model of a bell, complete with wheel, stay and slider, and hung on plain bearings, was exhibited.

Four posters were made and headed 'Why We Ring,' 'What We Ring' and 'Our Organisation,' and a plain course of Grandsire Doubles set out in full with an explanation. Members of the public interested were invited to visit us at practice. The artist member of the band made a lovely banner to head the stand, which was decorated with red, white and blue crepe paper twisted to resemble sallies.

Twenty-four copies of 'The Ringing World' were used to paper the table, showing various pages, and also the following books were fixed so that they could be studied by those who were interested: The Central Council's 'Handbook on Preservation, Etc.' 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners,' 'Village Bells,' W. G. Wilson's 'Notes for Beginners,' A. Waddington's 'Beginners' Grandsire' and 'Hints on Girl Guide Badges—No. 4, Bell Ringer.'

The stand was manned each evening except on Tuesday, and most people in the hall had a look; quite a large number read the posters and asked questions. One man wanted to know of a book containing all the changes possible on eight bells, so that he could learn them. It transpired on questioning him that he was responsible for chiming the hemispherical bells at Brilley, in Worcestershire, and wanted to be able to ring the changes there. He went away satisfied that it would not be possible, but with a list of books to get so that he can chime plain courses in various methods by making out charts. C. R.

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A FINAL REMINDER

Quarterly Postal Subscribers should forward their renewal subscription (6s.) to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall, without delay.

With deep regret we announce the death of Flying Officer Eric A. Dench, when a Marathon crashed near Calne, Wiltshire, on September 30th. He was 26 years of age. An appreciation of his life will appear in our next issue.

With a peal at Edgware on September 29th Mr. John R. Mayne has rung peals of Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus.

Congratulations to Mr. L. Stilwell, of Hordsham. He conducted a peal at Pulborough on October 6th, which was the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

September 24th was an important landmark in the ringing record of Mr. J. Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green. It was the 50th anniversary of his first peal. He conducted a peal of Stedman Triples at Norton on that day.

'Market Harborough Advertiser' had a feature article on the Peterborough Guild meeting at Guilsborough. Here there are only four ringers for the six bells. We trust the article will stimulate recruits.

At the Hatfield ringers' annual service on September 12th a peal book, presented 'in memory of past members of the Hatfield Guild of College Youths called to higher service,' was dedicated. The first peal for the Guild was in 1790.

Mr. Tom Collins, who has held several offices in the Middlesex Association and is a well-known Cumberland, was thanked for his 50 years' work in the belfry for St. Martin's Church, Ruislip, by the curate (the Rev. Lloyd Jones) prior to the sermon at Evensong on September 26th. Tom is captain and secretary of the Ruislip ringers, and his friends wish him many more years of active service.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Two ringers who left England many years ago and are now living in Toronto, Canada, paid visits to their old towers last week. Mr. Bernard Swinson, a well-known St. Albans Cathedral ringer and composer, proved he had forgotten very little in the way of methods. Mr. Harris Burgess, who helped to introduce change ringing to Harpenden and left there 27 years ago, handled his bell well despite his age of 79. Neither knew the other was in England or in Canada!

Mr. F. Nurden, of Dumbleton, who has been in Tewkesbury Hospital for the past two months suffering from severe burns, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry on September 1st was the first peal in the method for Ernest J. Jelley and the 200th peal for John A. Acres. There was a transposition in the report appearing on page 595.

On account of the weight and 'go' of their bells, the Powick band of ringers rang a farewell peal to David Trumper, who is taking up his studies at Birmingham University, at Mathon, Herefordshire, on September 26th. The permission of the incumbent was much appreciated.

Cycling overnight on September 11th, three Leicester Guild enthusiasts arrived at Winchester Cathedral at 10 a.m., only to find that the service had started earlier than expected. This was a prelude to a cycling tour of the Isle of Wight, in which ringing was enjoyed at Ryde, Freshwater and Godshill. At the last tower they were impressed by the ability of a gentleman to ring Surprise methods although he had been totally blind for several years.

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THE CUMBERLANDS AT DINNER

Ringers' Service to St. Leonard's, Shoreditch

From as far afield as Newcastle-on-Tyne, members attended the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at the Old Bell, Holborn, on October 2nd. Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, the Master, was a genial chairman; he was accompanied by Mrs. Hawthorne. Other officers of the Society present were Mr. T. H. Francis (senior steward), Mr. F. J. Matthews (junior steward), Mr. P. N. Bond (hon. secretary), Mr. W. R. Winterton (hon. treasurer), Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. A. R. Ling (trustees) and Mr. R. F. Deal and Mr. H. E. Audsley (auditors).

Mr. Peter Bond, who proposed the toast of 'The Church,' reminded the assembly of 'the diversity of gifts' in the service of the Church, and he felt that theirs, as ringers, was no small one. Service ringing was their main task, although they all found ringing a fascinating hobby. Their thanks were due to incumbents for the use of bells—and at times it was a case of short notice, as some of those who indulged in 'tower snatching' knew. He had never been refused permission to ring on bells.

To-day there was a great movement towards synthetic or recorded bells, particularly in small towers. Only that day he heard of a certain vicar at Lincoln who had installed such apparatus without a faculty. He was afraid he would be up against a famous ringer who was on the Faculty Committee. One great criticism of synthetic bells was that it took away people from the service of the Church. In coupling the Rev. Meredith Davies' name with the toast, he thanked the Vicars of St. Martin's and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, for their friendship to the Society.

PUSH BUTTON BELLS IN THE STATES

The Rev. Meredith Davies, in his reply, said he had just returned from the United States. In the churches he visited there was never a belfry. It was 'push button' bells. They had no idea in the States of ritual in a service or that bell ringing was a form of service to the Church.

He would like to pay a tribute to the Cumberland Youths who came to St. Leonard's. They not only rang the bells but also greased them. One young man had scraped and painted the belfry—for the love of the Church. While they had men of that calibre he had no fear but that the Church would go on.

When he returned home the bells of St. Leonard's were rung as a welcome to him. Last year a recording was taken of St. Leonard's bells and he took it with him to America. When he met the English wives of G.I.'s they always spoke of the bells at home.

The toast of 'The Society' was submitted by the Master. He prefaced his remarks with the regret all felt that Mr. George Cross, the past Master of the Society, was not with them. In a letter to him expressing his regret, Mr. Cross wrote that this was the first he had missed since the dinners were recommenced in 1935. Another apology was from probably their oldest member, Mr. Albert E. Edwards, who joined the Society in 1894.

The current year had been most successful. Five peals had been rung and 32 new members made and there were others in prospect. Meetings had been held at Sevenoaks, Windsor, a joint one with the Middlesex at Twickenham, and at Croydon.

As to their Sunday ringing, he hoped that they would be able shortly to ring for one service each Sunday at St. Martin's and Shoreditch. That should not be impossible if they could all get together and let Mr. Tom Francis know if they had any spare time. One of his ambitions was to arrange with their co-partners, the Ancient Society of College Youths, to form

bands to ring at most London churches on Sundays. That was a great task but it should not be beyond the realm of possibility if the two Societies got together.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was wittily proposed by Mr. F. J. Matthews. He had a special word of welcome for Cumberlands from Newark-on-Trent, whom he suspected of trying to get their Vicar back, as the Rev. Charles Edwardes came from Newark to St. Martin's, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuinness from Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Mrs. J. D. Matthews and Mrs. Smith, the widows of two stalwarts of the Society, the singers and tune bell ringers, who were from the neighbourhood of Thames Ditton.

Two College Youths present came in for a special greeting from Mr. Matthews—Mr. W. T. Elston and the Master, Mr. John Chilcott. Speaking of the Master, he said he was the youngest Master in the history of the Society. He had shown that his standards were very high and he carried out his duties with skill and diplomacy. He also welcomed the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

RINGER'S FIRST DUTY ON A SUNDAY

Replying on behalf of the visitors, Mr. Chilcott said there were many in the room who were just as much his friends as members of the College Youths. While the two Societies were, by tradition, rivals, that rivalry to-day was of a friendly and sporting nature—each trying to do a little better than the other.

Mr. Hawthorne, he said, had referred to the need for co-operation in ringing in City towers. That co-operation did exist because College Youths, Cumberlands and other Societies did ring on Sunday evenings in City churches. He felt very strongly that on a Sunday a ringer's loyalty was first to his own band, then to his Society and finally to ringing in general.

Mr. T. W. White also replied. In a reference to 'The Ringing World's' drive for new postal subscribers he mentioned that 300 had been enrolled. It was encouraging, but with goodwill and enthusiasm it could be easily improved upon. The responsibility rested on each one of them to increase the circulation of the journal.

The entertainment was delightful and varied. Two good touches 'in hand' were rung by St. Martin's ringers, Thames Ditton handbell ringers rang tunes, Mr. Norman Joyce was an able pianist of classical music, and Mr. and Mrs. Halsey delighted with duets.

BELL LOST 161 YEARS AGO, FOUND

Story of a Gambling Debt

In answer to an appeal to his parishioners for scrap iron, the Rev. Wilfred Watts, Rector of St. Mary's, Hambleden, near Oxford, has found a 51 lb. church bell, missing from his church for 161 years, in the clock at Greenlands, a Thames-side mansion.

The story revolves around an 18th century game of cards between the rectors of Hambleden and Fingest. The Rector of Fingest first lost his money, then his furniture and finally gambled away the church bells.

The winner decided that Fingest's bells should be melted down and made into one bell for his Church of St. Mary, Hambleden. But although he won at cards he thought he was the loser to the bell founder, whom he accused of stealing scrap metal from the bells he had melted down.

In retribution the bell founder made the Rector the small church bell, which later disappeared and has now been found. It will be used for christenings.

ANOTHER COLUMN OF BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Raymond Overy gave a talk to the Burgess Hill Rotary Club on September 17th on bell-ringing. St. Peter's, Brighton, ringers kindly lent him a model bell for demonstration purposes.

After the peal at Borden on September 25th the Vicar and Mrs. Crouch were waiting for the band to take them to the Maypole Inn opposite the church. In good Kentish beer a silver wedding toast was drunk to them and also 70th birthday honours to the Rev. W. J. B. Crouch.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes: Peals at All Saints', Halifax, are few and far between. Eighteen were rung from 1891 to 1906, but the recent peal is only the third since then. The other two were in 1924 and 1926. The Shobrooke peal was the first on the bells.

In the band that rang the first peal of Surprise Royal for Oxford University Society at Macclesfield on September 25th was Miss Julia Preston, who was on three weeks' holiday from Switzerland. She has since returned for another year. The band thank Mr. John Worth for making the tower available. He had postponed a local attempt to make it possible.

A member of the Lawton, Cheshire, band for many years, Mr. John Boffey, was married at St. Mary's, Sandbach, on September 25th to Miss Vera Bourne, of Sandbach. The following ringers from Lawton took part in the ringing after the ceremony: Mr. and Mrs. W. Longman, Nancy Longman (13), David Longman (10), Mr. E. Harper, Mr. J. Booth and Mr. G. Bossons.

After a lapse of nearly nine years, a peal has again been rung at St. Peter's, Pentre, in which four junior members rang their first of Grandshire. Sixty peals have been rung on these bells since 1900, but this was the first rung for a harvest festival.

A new band, St. Giles', Ashted, celebrated its second birthday on October 1st by a quarter of Grandsire Doubles. The last quarter of Doubles by a resident Sunday service band was rung here 50 years ago. They hope shortly to ring a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. The Society have recruited a junior section from choirboys, who recently gave a recital on handbells.

A recording was taken of the ringing of the bells at Blunsden, Wilts, for the wedding of Mr. Donald H. Henge, an American ex-Service man, and Miss Pam Cresser for despatch to the bridegroom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Heth, of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, U.S.A. Rounds, Queen's and Stedman Doubles were rung. The organist, (Mr. J. Manners) and five members of the choir at the wedding were ringers.

The peal of Superlative Surprise rung at Buxted on Sunday, October 3rd, enabled Mr. William Rogers to complete the circle at this tower after 31 years. Fortune was kind to the band, for after about 45 minutes the 6th rope began unravelling, but it held to the end. Its ringer, Mr. Leonard Stilwell, was covered with fluff, and deserves credit for the way in which he handled his bell to avoid any unnecessary strain on the rope.

A week-end feature in the Irish ringing calendar is the annual service at St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork. The service on September 19th was attended by a large number of ringers. For one and a half hours before the service and for some time afterwards the eight bells of the Cathedral were rung. Tape recordings of the ringing were played back to the company, who assembled for a sumptuous tea in the school house, where they were welcomed by the Dean of Cork. On the previous day a peal was rung at Doneraile, a nice six upon which no peals had ever been previously attempted.

OXFORD GUILD VETERAN'S 78 YEARS' SERVICE

Mr. F. V. H. Sinkins Leaves Slough

At their practice on September 30th Slough Parish Church bellringers bade an official farewell to Mr. Frank Sinkins, whose long ringing career began and ended in their tower. Since the death of his housekeeper, 18 months ago, 89-year-old Mr. Sinkins has been living alone and, much against his wishes, his daughter has persuaded him to leave Slough and to live with her at Streatham.

Born in 1865, Mr. Sinkins learned to ring, in company with the late William H. Fussell, at Slough when he was eleven years old. He rang regularly every Sunday and practice night.

To mark his 78 years' service to the belfry, the Slough ringers presented him with an enlarged framed photograph of himself taken on their 1954 annual outing. The belfry captain, Mr. W. Birmingham, referred to his claim to fame as the son of Mrs. Sinkins, whose pink is known to every lover of flowers and which is incorporated in Slough's Borough Coat of Arms. His departure would sever an historical link with the town. He spoke of his work as a workhouse master, as a professional musician who knew Edward German, Lionel Monckton and Sir John Stainer, and said that despite his being a 'musician' he was an excellent ringer and striker, which didn't always follow. Not many people, he said, could fall downstairs and break a collarbone at 87 and get away with it. The augmentation of Slough bells to ten was, he said, entirely due to Mr. Sinkins' inspiration.

Mr. Sinkins had rung eight peals at Slough and was the last survivor of names on most of the peal boards. His first peal was rung at Slough in April, 1888, and although he had not rung a peal on the ten he came very near to it by ringing for over three hours before he was taken ill. He was still ringing quarter peals, having rung one the previous week, and was to attempt another as a farewell the coming week. It was a great pity his very old friend, Bill Judd, with whom he rang for many years at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, had recently been ill and could not be with them that evening.

The Rector of Slough (the Rev. Claude Williams) then congratulated Mr. Sinkins on his splendid record, and on behalf of his ringers presented Mr. Sinkins with the photograph, and from himself a gramophone record token.

In his reply Mr. Sinkins said how greatly he would treasure this gift and how much he wished he could remain in Slough, and promised, if possible, to visit Slough when he celebrated his 90th birthday in January.

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A PEAL RUNG IN FOUR COUNTIES!

An outing to London on October 2nd will long be remembered by a party of ringers from the Kettering and Bedford Districts, perhaps not least for the handbell ringing in the back of the bus. After the last man had been picked up at Henlow it was suggested that a handbell peal of Minor be attempted there and then, and after one hour and 33 minutes, and after travelling through Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Middlesex and London County, rounds came up for the seventh time outside St. Dunstan's, Stepney. The band were fairly comfortable except when passing over the rough road in Enfield, when some of the backstrokes came down rather hard on to their knees!

The lovely ten at St. Dunstan's were very soon going well, and Cambridge Royal was among the methods rung. A run through Cable Street, over Tower Bridge, brought us to St. George's, Camberwell, where we were allowed to ring through the kindness of the local captain. After lunch came the fine 12 at Southwark Cathedral, where, after getting used to the bells, we rang some quite good Stedman Caters and half a course of Cambridge Major on the back eight.

Next came an hour on the lovely new eight at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, which had only been rung about six times before our visit since their rehanging by the Whitechapel Foundry. These bells were ideal for Major ringing, and we rang Superlative and Yorkshire in fine style. After tea in the Strand, we set off towards St. Luke's, Chelsea, where we were awaited by Mr. Lott and some of the local ringers. The ten bells obliged us by going well to a good course of Cambridge Royal and the standard methods. As the last tower of the day, we were privileged to use St. Margaret's, Westminster, bells for over an hour, and were delighted to renew acquaintances with some old friends.

P. I. C.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Sowerby's New Bells Give Pleasure

Over 50 members of the Western District of the Yorkshire Association accepted the invitation of St. Peter's, Sowerby, to ring on the recently recast octave on September 25th. Visitors included friends from across the Lancashire border and Mr. Paul L. Taylor, who was complimented on another excellent job by the Loughborough Foundry.

The quarterly business meeting followed an excellent tea, and Canon Sykes (the Vicar) welcomed the Association to Sowerby and reminded the members of ringers' responsibilities to the Church.

The last item on the agenda was the presentation by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, of a donation from the Association's Bell Repair Fund towards the cost of the recasting of the bells. This was gratefully accepted by Mr. G. A. Briggs on behalf of the local company.

EASTERN DISTRICT AT BEVERLEY

Good use was made of the fine ten at St. Mary's, Beverley, on October 2nd, when the Eastern District held their autumn meeting at the church.

Four new members were elected at the business meeting presided over by Mr. A. E. Sellers (vice-president). These were Miss Lidgley (Hull), Mr. C. Hart (Pattington), Messrs. P. Newstill and K. Heptonstall (Selby).

Sympathy was expressed with Mr. J. P. Pows, of Eastington, in the death of his wife, and to the relatives of the late Mr. H. Lake, former leader of St. Mary's, Beverley.

Goole was selected for the next meeting, and the chairman appealed for support for the Snowdon Dinner to be held at Doncaster on October 30th.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY IN CANADA

A Meeting With Ringers

When the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Fisher arrived at Victoria, British Columbia, on H.M.C.S. 'Ontario' on September 7th, they were welcomed by the Cathedral bells, and stopped at the Cathedral on their way to Government House, where they were the guests of the Lieutenant Governor of the Province. During the evening the bells of Christ Church Cathedral were again specially rung from 8.30 to 10 p.m.

On Sunday, September 12th, during the morning service, the Archbishop of Canterbury dedicated the memorial window in the bell tower to the late Bishop of London, the Right Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington Ingram, in whose memory the tower has been built. During his sermon His Grace specially mentioned his appreciation of the ringing of the Cathedral bells and how church bells formed such an important part of the church services in the United Kingdom, and how pleased he was to learn that the same tradition was being carried out in Victoria.

After the service the Premier of British Columbia, Mr. W. A. C. Bennett, presented His Grace with three British Columbia jewels, to be set in the Archbishop's special cross. Immediately after the presentation by the Premier, the bellringers were introduced to the Archbishop of Canterbury, who had a personal talk with each member. The ringers then returned to the belfry and rang a 30-minute touch of Grandsire Triples.

Owing to the large number of people who were unable to be accommodated in the Cathedral, the service was broadcast outside as well as on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation network all over Canada.

On the Sunday evening there was a special service held in the Memorial Arena and approximately 8,000 people attended. A broadcast ribbon of the Cathedral bell ringing was made a few days before this special service and this was put over the amplifying system of the Arena, so that the ringing of the bells was heard both inside and outside the building previous to the service.

Those taking part in the ringing were:—Mrs. C. C. Guthrie, Miss Margaret Izard, Miss Margaret Horne, Miss Ann Duggan. Dr. D. Longridge, A. Izard, C. Millard, J. V. Donaldson, Godfrey White, Alex. Hogg, Douglas Boniface, and Miss Mary Emmerton.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

Congratulations were extended by Miss Thompson (vice-president), who presided at the Midland District meeting at Bottesford, Leics, on September 25th, to Mrs. H. J. Poole on ringing her 500th peal. Good wishes were extended to Mrs. I. Hitchborne on her recent marriage, and the secretary was asked to write to Mrs. J. R. Smith, who has now left the Leicester district to live in Norfolk, and send her the members' best wishes. Mrs. Smith has been one of the most loyal members of the District since its formation in 1946 and both she and her husband, John, will be missed very much.

West Midland District

Good use was made of the ring of 12 at St. Matthew's, Walsall, when the West Midland District visited this tower on October 2nd. Preb. A. T. Jenkins conducted a service in the Lady Chapel and tea was served by members of the Church Refreshment Committee. Three new members—two from King's Norton and one from Walsall—were elected.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A SURVEY OF ALL RESOLUTIONS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Corby, I have not been able to consult Mr. C. K. Lewis before writing this, but I do not think he will object if I give an assurance that, even though the handbook itself may not be available before the next Council meeting, a survey of the various decisions made by the Council since its inception will appear in 'The Ringing World' in sufficient time for members and others to form their own opinions on them. I entirely agree that they cannot at present do so.

Mr. Lewis and I are in the process of listing all the resolutions which the Council has passed. I fear we are going over old ground here, but we judge this to be the only way to set about the job. The actual handbook as originally conceived is a rather ambitious project, but considerable progress towards collecting the material was made by Dr. Hatcher. Mr. Corby and ringers generally may rest assured that both Mr. Lewis and I are only too anxious to complete the task.

Perhaps I may at the same time comment on the recent letter from Mr. Blagrove. The Doubles Collection will be complete so far as methods are concerned—offhand I am not sure about principles—within the agreed limits (see 'Ringing World' of June 16th, 1950, page 378), and it is because a careful re-check that all are included is being made that publication has been delayed. I presume his reference to the incompleteness of the Minor Collection is to a number of Alliance Methods which were omitted when the third edition was brought out in 1939. The re-inclusion of these in the next edition is being considered by the Methods Committee. So far as the Plain Major Collection is concerned, I should have thought that the 359 methods which are given were likely to prove sufficient for most ringers, but if anyone wishes to go beyond this I can supply the figures of the remaining 469 which come within the scope of the Council's definition of a legitimate method.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Sec.,
Central Council of Church
Bell Ringers.

WHO DECIDED TO 'CLAMP DOWN' AND WHY?

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest Mr. Corby's letter in your issue of October 1st and agree with most of it. Whatever course they may deem fit to pursue in future, however, I do think it would be just too absurd for the Council to try to enforce in retrospect a decision which for some 50 years has been so consistently and generally ignored as to render it for all practical purposes obsolete.

Next Whitsun is still a long way off and there is as yet plenty of time to argue in these columns if necessary as to the wisdom or otherwise of accepting peals of Bob Triples.

As a preliminary, however, I am sure many of us would like to know who, after all these years, prompted the Analysis Committee suddenly to clamp down on Bob Triples and why?—Yours faithfully,

G. L. GROVER,
Former Member,
Peals Analysis Committee.
East Clendon, Surrey.

STEDMAN CINQUES AT OLDHAM

Dear Sir,—The peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Oldham on August 2nd was, as claimed, the first peal in the method on the bells. The earlier peal of which the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has a note was, of course, rung on the old bells, which were recast some 30 years ago.—Yours, etc.,

S. H. DEARDEN.
Croydon.

ELFORD SUPPLANTS LINDOFF'S LONDON

Dear Sir,—It will have been noticed from the peal columns that we in Yorkshire rang the first peal recently of a method which to date has been known as Lindoff's London. The band felt that that name, although not absolutely unsuitable, did not really conform to present-day practice. We therefore decided to rename the method 'Elford,' which name has a certain connection with Lindoff himself. If anyone keeps records of compositions appearing in 'The Ringing World,' he might like to note that the name will need amending in some of my compositions of Spliced Surprise which have been published, viz.: 5,088 36-Spliced ('R.W.' 5.3.54), 5,120 32-Spliced ('R.W.' 26.3.54), 5,088 42-Spliced ('R.W.' 18.6.54), and 5,088 48-Spliced ('R.W.' 16.7.54).—Yours sincerely,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Doncaster.

THE CONDUCTOR'S APOLOGIES

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' apologise to the rest of the band who stood in a peal attempt for Bob Royal at Southover, Sussex, on October 2nd? There were six 'first attempts' for a ten-bell peal among them and it must have been very disappointing to have lost it through no fault of theirs. On checking up the figures afterwards I found I had miscalculated it, and in bringing it into rounds we were three courses short of a peal.

This attempt had been specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. J. Norris, who entertained the band to a delicious tea afterwards, and all I can say is I'm sorry to have let him down and hope to do better in the next attempt on December 4th.—Yours sincerely,

W. ROGERS.

Crowborough, Sussex.

QUEX PARK BELLS

Dear Sir,—I read with interest Miss Muriel Reay's account of her recent peal ringing tour in Kent, particularly her description of Quex Park bells, of which she says, "... in spite of four sound shutters are not particularly clear in the belfry." Unless the recently recast trebles have made a big difference, this, I think, is an understatement.

I have rung quite a number of peals at Quex Park in days gone by with the brothers Pye and J. H. Cheesman, and the latter was always of the opinion that our peals would have been far better in every way if they had been rung from the floor above where the bells could be heard much more distinctly.

I have been told by some of the old Cumberlanders who rang the first peals of Stedman Cinques and Kent Maximus on the bells in 1890 or thereabouts that they took ropes with them from Highgate and Battersea towers for their attempts. These were too short to reach the ground floor and they rang their peals from the floor above.

Writing of Quex Park reminds me of one of the most diplomatic answers I ever heard.

About 30 years ago, before Surfleet had a ring of twelve, we rang a peal of Kent Maximus at Quex. One of the band was the late Joseph E. Sykes, from Huddersfield. After the peal we were taken round the museum by Major and Mrs. Powell-Cotton, when Mrs. Cotton asked, 'What do you think of our little bells?' While some of us were doing some quick thinking to find the right thing to say in reply, Joe, without batting an eyelid, answered, 'Madam, they are the finest peal of twelve I have ever heard FOR THEIR WEIGHT'—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

SOME MODERN RHYMES IN CHESHIRE TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. Alan R. Pink's letter in your issue of September 17th, I feel bound to bring to his notice four towers in South Cheshire, and I hope he will have the pleasure of ringing here some time.

As I cannot find any old couplets about the towers mentioned, I have done my best to supply him with some NEW rhymes, which I hope will suit him.—Yours sincerely,

E. J. HOLLOWAY.

Crewe.

WISTASTON

The ploughman homeward 'chugs' his homeward way,
Near Wistaston, at end of day;
And, from the Red-brick Tower
(To which the Ivy now no longer sticks!)
He hears, perchance, at times,
The bright and lively 'six.'

ACTON

At Acton's great Tower
Six great bells are swinging;
And good ringers all,
To sound them are willing.

NANTWICH

(The old name was 'Wich-Malbank')
Wich-Malbank's fine church
(The Tower's eight-sided!)
Has eight good toned bells,
Which much joy have provided.

CREWE

Turn Eastward to Crewe,
Amid bustle and Grime,
The ten Bells of Christ Church
Sweetly finish my Rhyme.

Dear Sir,—In respect of Mr. A. Pink's letter on some Cheshire bells, I have had the pleasure of ringing at all the towers he mentions except Peover.

I can only think that Sandbach big Britons were so called because they used to 'go' very heavily, but since they have been put on steel frames and ball bearings they 'go' beautifully. As for the kettles and pans, Barthomley bells are one of the best rings here both for music and 'go.' I expect those rhyming couplets were made up a long time ago, and since then most of these bells have paid a visit to the bell founders.

W. LONGMAN.

Stoke-on-Trent.

WADHURST BELLS

Dear Sir,—When we had the bells at Wadhurst the ringers were always in trouble. Being open to the church, they disturbed the worshippers, and when a peal was attempted there were usually a few complaints from those living near. But now that the tower is silent, the people say that it is uncanny to come to church and not hear the bells or the ringers, and they continually ask, 'When are the bells coming back?'

In an effort to appease them, the ringers have removed a $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bell from a disused mission church and have hung it in the tower. Its tang, tang, is horrible, but the parishioners seem satisfied.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst, Sussex.

A FIRST OF DOUBLE NORWICH

Dear Sir,—The composition of 5,008 Double Norwich rung at Bures, Suffolk, on August 28th, and conducted by Mr. Donald L. Mills, has not before been rung. I should like to thank Mr. Mills for taking such interest in one of my compositions.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES TOPP.

Frome, Somerset.

LETTERS—Continued

BOLSOVER CHURCH'S RECORD

Dear Sir,—The recent article on peal ringing in Derbyshire by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead obviously created a good deal of local interest, and if it served no other purpose it has at least prompted several tower secretaries to verify their books and there is no doubt that more careful attention will be paid to future records of peals. The reference to the number of peals rung at Bolsover agrees in every detail with the tower peal book, and since reading the article the writer has spent some time compiling an analysis of the methods and conductors. Details of the methods reveal the following points which may be of general interest:—

(1) The following methods were rung to peals for the first time at Bolsover: Peterborough Surprise, Pudsey Surprise, Norfolk Surprise.

(2) Eighty of the 201 peals have been rung in Surprise Major methods.

(3) The popularity of Double Norwich Court Bob Major is indicated by the fact that 49 of the peals have been rung to this method.

(4) It has often been said that Bolsover bells will not ring to Triples and it must be almost unique for a tower not to have recorded a single peal of Grand sire Triples. Only two peals of Stedman Triples figure in the records, one of these being specially arranged for a visit by the famous Rev. F. E. Robinson.

(5) Those who knew Mr. John Flint would readily agree that it was never his wish to monopolise the conducting of peals at Bolsover, but it was mainly due to his influence and outstanding ability that such a variety was rung, and the records show that he called 103 of the peals. His maxim that where there are eight bells all should be rung in the method created a tradition which accounts for the fact that Triples methods do not figure in the Bolsover repertoire. The next highest totals for conductors are W. Keeble with 18 and S. Thomas with 13.

It is unfortunate that the early records do not show the names of the individual ringers who took part in the peals at Bolsover, but sufficient information is available to confirm the remarkable standard achieved in past years and which the present generation is striving to uphold.

A. B. COOPER.

Bolsover, Derbyshire.

Methods rung to peals at Bolsover: Plain Bob Minor 2, Plain Minor (2 methods) 3, Treble Bob Minor (7 methods) 2, Surprise Minor (7 methods) 1.

Plain Bob Major 25, Kent Treble Bob Major 28, Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, Forward Major 2, Little Bob Major 5, St. Clement's Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 49.

Surprise Major: Belgrave 1, Cambridge 3, Bristol 1, London 9, New Cambridge 5, Norfolk 10, Peterborough 1, Pudsey 2, Rutland 2, Superlative 31, Yorkshire 13, Westminster 1.

Stedman Triples 2.

A Belfry Romance at St. Ambrose, Bristol

Two members of St. Ambrose Guild of Ringers, Bristol, Mr. John F. Pedler and Miss R. Ann Clarke, were married at St. Ambrose Church on September 25th by the Vicar (the Rev. Michael Hocking) assisted by the Rev. Richard Easton. The service was fully choral.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white figured brocade, with a headdress of lilies of the valley. Her sister, Miss Jill Clarke, and Miss Jean Thompson were the bridesmaids. Dr. Alan Pedler was best man to his brother. The honeymoon was spent at Torquay.

AUGUST 4th, 1914

Dear Sir,—Re the 'Memoirs of Forty Years Ago,' on reading the account on page 620 of 'The Ringing World,' the following episode was brought to my mind:—

A peal attempt for Stedman Caters had been arranged to take place at Wimborne Minster on August 4th, 1914, by such well-known ringers as the late Messrs. George Williams (then at his best), William W. Gifford (my Ringing Master), Leonard Harris and others whose names slip my memory, including your humble servant, the novice of the party. I recall cycling from Salisbury to Wimborne, about 28 miles, against a headwind, and on arrival I learned that the priest-in-charge had given permission to make the attempt, but whilst waiting for the belated arrival of the tenth member, the churchwarden had contacted his priest, and advised him that to allow the bells to be rung on such an occasion would not be in the best of taste and probably rouse the parishioners' feelings against it, and on being approached we all wholeheartedly agreed to abandon the attempt. Then, after refreshments, we all departed by various ways and means from what would have been by first attempt and, up to date, my last, for Stedman Caters. I can only add that none of us regretted the decision.—Yours faithfully,

F. PRECEY.

Bovington Camp, Dorset.

COOKHAM BELFRY

Dear Sir,—Having been taught to ring in Cookham tower by John Fowler some few years ago, I have probably carried the same salient thoughts on its ringing chamber as have its many visitors. They are as follows:—

- (1) The spacious, comfortably furnished and beautifully cared for ringing chamber.
- (2) The very long draught of rope probably causing difficulty in bell control to the less experienced.
- (3) The uncomfortable loudness of the bells, being hung just above the only floor, necessitating a deep breath being taken by the conductor before bellowing forth 'calls.'

On a very recent visit to my home tower I found that a false ceiling had been built, it giving a 14ft. draught of rope and bell control made very much easier. The bells can now be heard comfortably, and 'calls' need only be uttered in a normal speaking voice. It has also given a more cosy effect to the ringing chamber.

The supporting beams for the ceiling were erected by a local building firm, otherwise the whole of the work has been carried out by John Fowler and his ringers.

In my opinion, a rather necessary alteration has been excellently executed. Well done, Cookham! You have a ringing chamber of which you can be justly proud.—Yours, etc.,

P. TOCOCK.

Retford Grammar School

On October 1st King Edward VI. Grammar School, Retford, held their annual Founder's Day service at East Retford Church. For the first time in the history of the school the bells were rung before the service by members of the school—two members of the staff and seven boys.

The ringing began and ended with rounds on eight bells, and considering that some boys had only been learning a few months and the bells were strange to all except one boy, the striking was fairly accurate. Two plain courses of Bob Minor were also rung, but the striking was poor.

Next year it is hoped that a more ambitious ringing programme may be attempted and that the Exercise will gain more recruits from the school.

Mr. D. McNeil, a master of the school and captain of the ringers at West Retford, was in charge.

DEDICATION

ACOMB, YORK

Six bells which had been transferred from the disused St. Mary's Church, Bishophill Senior, York, were dedicated in Acomb Parish Church, York, on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels by the Suffragan Bishop of Selby (the Rt. Rev. C. F. Nkyyett).

The dedication was preceded by Evensong conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. Oxy Parker (Rural Dean of York), and the lessons were read by the curate (the Rev. J. T. Jackson) and the Vicar of St. Mary's, Bishophill Junior (the Rev. J. E. Foster).

During the singing of the hymn 'Ye holy angels bright' the Bishop, preceded by the crucifer, choristers, bellringers, bell-founders' representatives, clergy and churchwardens, walked in procession to the base of the tower. Then followed the usual dedicatory prayers and as the procession moved slowly back to the chancel the bells were rung in rounds, after which the ringers' hymn 'Unchanging God, who livest' was sung.

In his address the Bishop referred to the words of St. Luke, 'Take heed, therefore, what ye hear,' and said that on an occasion like the present he would prefer to read 'Take heed, therefore, how ye hear.' Those who heard and understood the message of church bells had a heavy responsibility if they failed to answer their call. The bells would bring to mind the most important things in life—the call to leave false ideals and worship God, and the reminder that in the domestic occasions of marriage and death, family life must be rooted and grounded in a belief in God.

The opening ringers, all members of the York Minster Society, were F. Atkinson, H. Forden, D. Forth, D. Holland, S. H. Steel and H. Walker. The contractors (Messrs John Taylor and Co.) were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

The six bells were all cast in 1770 by Pack and Chapman. They have been cleaned, re-tuned and rehung in a two-tiered cast iron and steel frame. The tenor weighs 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. The oldest of the three original bells which formerly hung in the tower, and which is dated 1633 and inscribed 'Jesus be our speed,' has been rehung with new fittings and is to be used as a weekday service bell.

The tower at Acomb is only small—the interior measurement is ten feet square—and is by no means an ideal one to hold a ring of bells. It only rises to the height of the nave roof and is surmounted by a spire. The original scheme was to bring the ropes down to ground level but as the tower forms the main entrance to the church this could not be agreed. Sufficient space has been made to form a ringing floor at gallery level. Messrs. Taylor are to be congratulated on making a good job of 'getting a quart into a pint pot.'

The most noteworthy feature of the scheme is that bells long silent in a disused church are now ringing in a populous parish which is very much alive.

H. W.

Chester Diocesan Guild

The visit of the Crewe Branch to Nantwich on October 2nd proved to be a popular meeting with 52 ringers attending, including visitors from Bristol, Coventry and Lincoln. The Parochial Church Council hospitably entertained the company after the service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. M. B. Southwell). New members elected were Miss Gillian Shrigley jun. (Wistaston), Mrs. W. F. Stenson (Crewe), honorary, and Mr. R. A. Morton, ringing member.

Mr. Ivor Nicholls supervised the ringing and there were touches on handbells. To the delight of the company Mr. H. O. Baker and his seven-year-old daughter Anthea rang a plain course of Bob Doubles, Anthea ringing 1-2 and her father 3-4-5-6.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June Grievson 1, Pamela Law 2, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 3, Valerie Mephum 4, D. H. Paine 5, R. D. Brown 6. For harvest festival.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 coverings): Hilary Saines 1, Kathleen Beasley 2, E. A. Lewis (first 'inside') 3, J. T. Symonds 4, D. Astridge (first as cond.) 5, J. Hayns 6, H. H. Hayns 7, P. Jackson 8. First quarter 1, 6 and 8. Rung to celebrate the second birthday of St. Giles' Society of Change Ringers. First quarter by a resident band for more than 50 years.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Biggs (first quarter) 1, R. L. Story 2, Mrs. J. Weaver 3, H. E. Balaam 4, J. Chesterman 5, J. Weaver 6, E. F. Gilbert (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Taylor 8. Rung for the ordination as priest of the Rev. R. D. Howe, one of the local ringers.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 19th, at the Church of SS. Michael and Paul, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. W. Moses 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, Miss B. Russell 3, E. Naylor 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, E. W. Rowe 6. First quarter of Bob Doubles by all except 4. Rung for the 'Battle of Britain' service.

BEARSTEAD, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. G. White 1, Valerie Wicks 2, V. A. Davoren 3, A. W. Bodiam 4, M. G. White 5, G. F. Cantrill (cond.) 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, O. Castleman 2, C. Linch 3, J. Kistirtun 4, P. Wells 5, N. Abell 6, A. Skinner (cond.) 7, M. Abell 8. Rung half-muffled for evening service as a token of respect and gratitude for the life of Mr. Hugh Carter.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Durham 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Betty Solly 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, T. Milsted 6, A. Hinkley 7, T. Day 8. For harvest festival.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Stanton 1, J. Marks 2, A. B. Corden 3, W. Daniells 4, R. Cadamy 5, J. Meager 6, H. Sear (cond.) 7, E. Smith 8. For harvest festival.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (720 each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Miss D. Lewis 1, J. Vincent 2, Miss Y. Wilkins 3, B. Sheppard 4, W. Trueman (cond.) 5, A. R. Peake 6. A 21st birthday compliment to A. R. Peake.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On Sept. 29th, at the Church of St. Peter 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wood (cond.) 1, N. Tompkins 2, Mildred Jones 3, T. Brathy 4, F. Brownlow 5, J. Thornley 6. A compliment to the Rev. R. G. Norburn, Vicar of Bolton, who was this day installed as Hon. Canon of Manchester Cathedral.

BRISTOL.—On Oct. 3rd, at Christ Church with St. Ewen, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. V. Smith 1, G. Briggs 2, F. D. Mack 3, R. J. Bowden 4, B. Grinter 5, J. M. Stallard 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, F. E. Hansford 8, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 9, Miss B. E. L. Roberts 10. Rung for the annual service of the Fraternity of St. Michael.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 coverings): Miss P. Sullivan (first quarter) 1, L. V. Roberts 2, E. G. Webb 3, B. P. Danbury 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 6, E. R. Iveson 7, W. W. Shorter 8. Rung for harvest festival and as a birthday compliment for Betty, the wife of the ringer of the fifth.

CARDIFF.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Bailey 1, T. Lewis 2, Jean Powell 3, A. R. Price 4, W. Dare 5, L. Hulbert 6, T. Yeomans (first as cond.) 7, S. Barker 8. An 82nd birthday compliment to Mrs. Bailey, mother of the treble ringer.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, S. Pulker 3, B. Pratley 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, I. Harris 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8. A compliment to Mr. Sinden, a ringer at this church, who was married this day to Miss Shirley Harvey at Holy Trinity Church, Westhill, London.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 300 Grandsire): Mrs. W. Holloway 1, Mrs. L. Busby 2, W. Holloway (cond.) 3, P. Smith 4, J. Sutton 5, D. Norris (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

DOVER, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, G. Gray 2, H. J. Saunders 3, J. D. Thomas 4, E. T. Ellender 5, E. J. Walker 6, C. George (cond.) 7, C. Devonshire 8. For harvest festival.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann S. Creasy 1, L. W. King 2, W. Eagling 3, Dr. P. H. A. Jonason 4, H. Fuller 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss Ann S. Creasy.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, Miss E. S. Wyles 2, E. T. Ellender 3, C. George 4, G. F. Gray 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, F. Pack 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to Brenda and Derek Chatfield; also to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Eades.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: P. W. Croft 1, R. Head (first in method) 2, K. C. Timbury 3, G. Cherry 4, J. Church 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Green (first of Doubles) 1, R. Trebilcock 2, F. Barrett (first quarter) 3, R. Coles 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Victor Bennett.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Minor (one extent each Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): W. Hicks 1, Miss D. M. Hawley 2, S. Steel 3, L. M. Woodhead 4, F. Terry 5, E. M. Bradley (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Alan Sheppard and Miss Mary Thornton, who were married at Sherburn-in-Elmet Parish Church the same day.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Mansley (first quarter) 1, J. R. Jenkinson 2, B. G. Henry (first in method) 3, J. V. Blackledge 4, W. Mansley 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Hinton 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, S. Taylor 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, P. J. Evans 5, P. Baldwin 6, R. Coles 7, A. L. James 8. Rung for Evensong on the heavy eight.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. F. Todd 1, L. Fidler 2, Mrs. W. Critchley 3, W. Critchley 4, P. W. Croft 5, C. M. Orme 6, E. W. Winters 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pullen 1, Audrey M. Trott 2, J. Smart (83) 3, D. Mitchell (first quarter) 4, E. F. Fosberry (first as cond.) 5, S. A. Paice 6, L. Stilwell 7, C. Denyer 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: Audrey M. Trott 1, E. R. Rapley 2, G. Francis 3, E. F. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, W. L. Weller 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. First of Stedman by 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. For harvest festival.

(St. Bartholomew's, All Saints', Grandsire and Plain HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles Bob): C. E. Hill 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, E. M. Baker 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Shedel on the occasion of their silver wedding.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Linnell 1, J. Payne 2, J. Felce 3, F. Benfield 4, E. Frost (cond.) 5, S. Earl 6. For harvest festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Erin Triples: R. Keeley 1, C. W. Powell 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, H. E. C. Goodenough 5, W. Poole 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For the patronal festival.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 26th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal: May Lomas 1, A. A. Potts 2, G. Hughes (first of Treble Bob) 3, N. D. Lomas 4, Anne Worth 5, G. Farrer 6, W. Stevenson 7, H. Farrer 8, H. Wood 9, J. Worth (cond.) 10. For harvest festival.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Carter 1, Sheila Brown 2, J. A. Grace 3, F. D. Livesey 4, D. B. Cater (cond.) 5, W. Hansom 6. A compliment to Wilfred Hansom on his coming of age, September 19th.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Gatenby (first in method) 1, Miss J. M. Clements (first in method) 2, A. J. Farndell (first in method as cond.) 3, G. R. Hawkes 4, S. Howard 5, A. S. Couldridge 6. Rung for morning service, and as a farewell to R. J. Tingley, a member of the local band, who left for Scotland the previous day.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 3, J. Bentley 4, Mary Delderfield 5, C. Randall 6. For harvest festival.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. C. A. Ward 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade (first quarter as cond.) 2, G. H. Perry 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, H. T. Corben 5, H. Cornick 6. For harvest festival.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Croall 1, S. Rayfield 2, F. Fagg 3, B. Fagg 4, W. A. Wood (cond.) 5, G. Wood 6. A compliment to G. Wood on his 82nd birthday.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 5 and tenor covering): N. Humphries (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. B. P. Walker (first 'inside') 2, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 3, J. Hale 4, R. Adams (first quarter) 5, G. A. Naylor 6, D. Baldock (first quarter) tenor. For harvest festival.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. E. Merrett (first in method) 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, J. Merrett 5, H. F. Perry 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, A. T. Langstone 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the Rev. E. C. Blaxland, former Vicar of this church, 1938-1947, who was cremated this day.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,475 Double Norwich Caters: P. Coote 1, W. E. Critchley 2, A. Firth 3, H. Scott 4, J. J. L. Gilbert 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6, D. Chapman 7, J. F. Milner 8, H. O. Chaddock 9, Rev. G. G. Grahame 10. First quarter peal in the method by all the band.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Gibbs 1, D. Priestley (first in method) 2, H. J. Richardson 3, E. E. Whitmore 4, A. J. Wilson 5, L. Groome 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7, Bob Whitworth (first in method) 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Clifton on completing 50 years as a Sunday School worker, and as a farewell to A. C. I. Whitworth, who has joined H.M. Forces, and D. Priestley, who has gone to University College, London.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wm. Simpson 1, O. Cripps (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Shelagh Kilbourn 3, I. Parry 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, P. Parry 6, A. Hickton 7, R. Newsum 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Adamson (first quarter) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Mrs. G. Manchip 3, Mrs. J. Birt 4, E. L. A. Hudson 5, W. Birmingham (cond.) 6, J. Birt 7, Mrs. W. Butler 8. For dedication festival.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Crook (first quarter) 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, G. W. Hollis 3, J. Harris 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. For harvest festival.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Oct. 3rd, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Langdon (cond.) 3, W. S. Langdon 4, J. Waters 5, A. B. Peck 6, J. E. Chilcott 7, J. Phillips 8. For harvest festival evening service.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Schofield 1, R. Smith 2, W. Paul 3, E. Durrant 4, S. Hoare (cond.) 5, R. King 6, G. Seaman 7, H. Schofield 8. For harvest festival.

WESTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. Bond 1, Miss S. Drake 2, R. O. Fry 3, T. W. Harris 4, E. King 5, T. J. Hayward 6, R. J. Cousins (cond.) 7, S. S. Woodburn 8. First of Major for 1 and 2, and first of Major of the bells. For harvest festival.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. H. Wilkinson (first quarter) 1, J. Tomsett 2, H. Cox 3, P. Devenish 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, J. Brickell 6. Rung for the wedding of two newcomers to the band, Michael Sinden and Shirley Harvey, which took place on September 25th.

OBITUARY

MR. VICTOR J. F. BENNETT

Mr. Victor J. F. Bennett died on Thursday, September 23rd, aged 62, at the Radcliffe Infirmary, after only four days' illness.

He learnt to ring at St. Giles' Church, Oxford, on leaving the choir at about the age of 14. He had been foreman of the tower since 1923 and was one of the mainstays of the Oxford Society for many years. He held office in the Society almost continuously from 1922 and he was treasurer at the time of his death.

He was not a prolific peal ringer, but, being a good musician, he most enjoyed his ringing when the striking was perfect. He rang in the 12,663 of Stedman Cinques at Christ Church, Oxford, and the 25 Spliced Surprise Major peals. He was very popular and had many friends both inside and outside the Exercise. He leaves a widow and one son.

The bells of St. Giles' Church were rung half-muffled for the funeral service on September 28th by the following: C. Coles (St. Ebbe's Church) 1, P. Walker (St. Giles') 2, H. Gearing (St. Giles') 3, W. H. B. Wilkins (St. Ebbe's) 4, D. H. Niblett (Master of the Oxford University Society) 5, E. A. White (Appleton) 6, F. Sharpe (Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) 7, G. H. Webb (St. Martin and All Saints) and Steward of the Oxford Society) 8. As the procession left the church the tenor bell was tolled by E. C. Hughes (St. Giles'). The interment was at Headington Cemetery. An attempt for a peal on these bells the same evening came to grief after one hour and 35 minutes.

An excellent peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Christ Church, Oxford, on September 27th, in 3 hours and 48 minutes with the bells half-muffled.

Dr. J. E. Spice writes: I was grieved to read of the death, at a comparatively early age, of Vic Bennett. I am sure that to all members of the Oxford University Society (birds of passage in Oxford ringing) he was the man most to be remembered out of the Oxford Society. University societies depend for their progress on the goodwill of the local ringers, and the Oxford University Society has always had this goodwill: from no one, perhaps, have they had it more than from Vic. His passing will leave a gap in Oxford ringing which may long be unfilled.

I always felt that he was a link with the past—with the Oxford of J. W. Washbrook and F. E. Robinson, though whether he ever rang with these worthies I cannot remember. Certainly no one else had such a keen sense of the great traditions of Oxford ringing. He was always ready to welcome those from 'The University,' whether to Christ Church, to St. Giles' or on one of the 'special' ringing days, and he was always glad to greet past members of the Oxford University Society on their periodical visits to Oxford.

I last saw him in February this year, when I was privileged to help record Christ Church bells for a television programme, and he seemed the same as ever. I have many memories of him—of a tense figure on the treble at Christ Church, intent on a perfect 'rise' ('... and finally by His mercy obtain everlasting life, Amen. Treble's going, she's gone'); of Vic on his autocycle, chugging up St. Aldate's from Christ Church on a Sunday morning, or from St. Giles' down to St. Barnabas'; of Vic ringing the large bell at Phil and Jim; of Vic telling stories of Oxford ringers of the past, with a pint of beer at his right hand; and of Vic carrying a candle round St. Barnabas' in procession, on the Feast of the Purification.

Many more will write their memories of a man one felt the better for having known. You, sir, may care to publish this small tribute from one who was proud to know Vic Bennett. May he rest in peace.

ST. STEPHEN'S, EALING

Retirement of Preb. Harland

The ringers have lost a great friend and supporter in the recent retirement of Prebendary H. C. Harland, M.A., Vicar 1941-1954, and Rural Dean 1947-1954, who has recently been inducted to the living of Monken Hadley, where as Rector, in his own words, he hopes to find the scope of work more manageable and the pressure less insistent. Prebendary Harland, in spite of his many duties, often found time to come into the ringing chamber on a Sunday morning and conduct an opening Office; and he always made a point of coming up and welcoming any visiting bands, to whom he always gave permission to ring. A complimentary peal to him is recorded elsewhere.

A farewell social and presentation to Prebendary and Mrs. Harland was recently held at St. Stephen's Hall and was attended by about 250 people. Prebendary and Mrs. Harland received the guests and there then followed refreshments and music and the presentations. A cheque for over £280 was presented to Prebendary Harland by Mr. A. F. Gunning, Vicar's warden, together with other gifts, and Mrs. Harland received several useful gifts. On behalf of the ringers Mr. Cockey presented Prebendary Harland with a signed photograph of the very handsome peal board commemorating the Coronation, and bearing his name, a record of which he was very proud, and to Mrs. Harland a very fine bouquet was presented by the Misses Stephanie Bedborough and June Hunt, described by Mr. Cockey as two of the prettiest girl ringers in the Diocese!

Mr. Cockey, in making the presentation, remarked that in nearly 50 years of ringing he had come in contact with many incumbents, but he could truthfully say that their late Vicar surpassed them all in kindness, tolerance and good humour, and the ringers deeply appreciated the manner in which both the Vicar and also Mrs. Harland had dealt with complaints, and the generous support which they had always received.

On his last Sunday morning the Vicar visited the ringing chamber and, after prayers, appealed to the young ringers to hold together in the work they are doing for the Church, and to back up those who are giving of their time to help them along.

ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY HAS A GUILD VICAR

An interesting service was held at St. Mary Woolnoth, E.C., on October 9th, when the Rev. John Francis Darrell Tringham was licensed by the Archdeacon of London as the first Guild Vicar of St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C.

St. Lawrence Jewry, although the church of the Corporation by usage for about 300 years, is now the official church of the Corporation of London by Act of Parliament. The advowson had been held for about 80 years by Balliol College, Oxford, and for about 200 years it has been held jointly with the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's through the union of another parish. Under the new Act St. Lawrence Jewry becomes not only the official Corporation church but a Guild church.

Being the Corporation church a number of city bodies, including several livery companies, were represented and the Ancient Society of College Youths was represented by the Master, Mr. John Chilcott. One of the churchwardens of this church is Mr. A. A. Hughes, J.P.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 18th, 1,263 Plain Bob Minor: A. Snape 1, Miss M. Hall 2, R. Boardman 3, I. Jenkins 4, S. Sage 5, S. Hough, jun. (cond.) 6. In celebration of the wedding of Edward Houldsworth, of Poynton, to Sheila Cardin, of Sale, Cheshire.

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ringing festival, Saturday, Oct. 16th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Kenilworth (6) and Chilvers Coton (10), 2-4: Bedworth (8), Bulkington (8), Stoke (8) and Keresley (5), 3.30-5.30. Business meeting at 20, Broadgate, Coventry (entrance Pepper Lane), at 6. Dinner at The Wine Lodge Hotel, 17, The Burges, Coventry, at 6.45, followed by social and entertainment until 11 p.m. Tickets (10s. each.) obtainable from district secretaries, tower secretaries and the general secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5090

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner commemorating the name of John S. Goldsmith, Lion Hotel, Guildford, Oct. 16th at 6.30 p.m., Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Guildford presiding. Ringing at Holy Trinity (8) and Stoke (6) 3-4. Commemorative service in Cathedral Crypt 5.30 p.m. 5194

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Annual district meeting, Northfleet (8), on Saturday, Oct. 16th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, 5136

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. — Practice meeting at Netherbury on the newly rehung six bells on Oct. 16th. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 5150

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. — Meeting, Kelsale (8), Saturday, Oct. 16th. 2.30 p.m., and Saxmundham 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 5161

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Notification for teas to Miss C. M. Jupp. 14, Martyns Close, Henfield.—C. W. Linington, Hon. Sec. 5142

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cropthorne, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. 5162

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A combined practice will be held at Bletchingley (8) on Wednesday, Oct. 20th, from 7.30-9 p.m. 5185

ACOMB, YORKS.—Open Day, Oct. 23rd, and meeting of SELBY DISTRICT SOCIETY. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea only for those who notify, by first post 20th. H. Walker, 1, Flavian Grove, Clifton, York. 5200

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, Sat., Oct. 23rd, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. 4. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5171

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at East Coker on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 5159

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kewstoke, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by the 20th, please, to Mr. G. Prescott, High Street, Worle.—E. C. Wickham, Branch Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 5154

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Queen Camel, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Notify early for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 5184

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and **HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Western District).—Joint meeting, Totternhoe (8), Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to R. J. Scott, Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe, Dunstable, Beds. 5163

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Breaston (6), Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, by Oct. 22nd, to Mr. W. S. Spencer, 151, Wilsthorpe Road, Breaston, Derby.—M. Hobbs, Dis. Sec. 5198

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Conisborough (8), Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 20th, to Miss D. E. Smythe, 19, Kirkby Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.—D. E. Smythe, Sec. 5197

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, Lanchester All Saints', 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5178

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5196

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5182

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Kingsteigton, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 5179

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Alveston, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 19th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 5193

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashted, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Church School. Numbers, by Oct. 21st, to Mr. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashted. 5151

HERTFORD COUNTY AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS (Northern and Biggleswade Districts).—Joint meeting at Hitchin, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15.—E. Buck, L. Bywaters, Dis. Secs. 5177

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Christ Church, West Didsbury, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Bus No. 41 or 102. Cups of tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 5201

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.—Meeting at Liversedge, Oct. 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, Oct. 21st, to Mrs. G. Jones, 8, Prospect Terrace, High Town, Liversedge. Special method, Duffield. 5186

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival Dinner and Social on Oct. 23rd. Assemble 6.15 for 6.30 dinner at Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Uppingham Road, Leicester. Tickets 10s. (number limited) from W. A. Wood, Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester. Apply early with remittance, latest date Oct. 19th. 5164

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint meeting of local Districts at Hillingdon on Oct. 23rd. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, and social 8 in St. John's Hall. Names, please, to F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Bells: St. John's (10) 3-4.45 and after tea: St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8), 2.30-4.—F. W. Goodfellow and W. F. Butler, Hon. Secs. 5156

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. James' (6), Oct. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Oct. 19th, certain.—G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 5152

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Dunblane Cathedral on Oct. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Frequent bus service from Stirling to Dunblane.—Rognvald Wilson, Sec. 5100

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The meeting cancelled at the last moment at Cefn Coed has been rearranged for Oct. 23rd, with apologies.—W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 5199

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Lavenham District.—Meeting, Glemsford, Oct. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Names to Mrs. Fenn, The Prince, Glemsford. 5187

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (Eastern Division) and **EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Mayfield (8), Oct. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, 5 p.m., must be received by Oct. 20th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 5195

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 23rd, Hursley. Bells (8) 3-7. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in King's Head Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 5172

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Tues., Oct. 19th, from Dinner Committee, Branch Secs. or Gen. Sec. Accommodation for 250. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3-5 p.m. and All Saints' (10) 3-5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5111

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD.—Dedication of new trebles on Oct. 24th at 2.30 p.m. Bells available 1.30 p.m. till 6.30 p.m. Open day Nov. 20th. Bells 1.15 p.m. till 8 p.m. 5153

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6) on Saturday, Oct. 30th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Paragon Cafe at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5191

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at St. Osyth, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Oct. 26th, please.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 5183

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—The annual District meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (Church Institute) 5 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 9d.), not later than Oct. 26th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5180

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Saturday, Oct. 30th, 4 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield. Tel. Hatfield 2866. 5192

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting, Langford, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Brize Norton and Witney towers available after tea. Please notify for tea Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 5190

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Snowdon Commemorative Dinner at Co-operative Restaurant, Co-operative Emporium, Doncaster, Oct. 30th. Assemble 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Arksey bells (8) available 2.30-5.30 p.m. Buses from North Bridge at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour. Doncaster bells unavailable (tower repairs). Peal applications to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. Memorial Hall, near church, open at 3 p.m. for handbells and light refreshments. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. Early application desired.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5203

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—317th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, Nov. 6th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5137

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual Branch tea party and meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells from 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6.30. Whist drive and dance 7.30. Names for tea essential, by Oct. 30th, to I. Kay, 59, Alva Road, Oldham. No tea tickets issued. Tickets for whist drive and dance only, 1s. 9d. Inclusive charge 5s.—F. Pritchard. 5202

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Third Annual Dinner at Stork Hotel, Walsall, Nov. 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d.; remittance with order. Accommodation is limited to 100, so early application is advisable. Ringing during the afternoon. St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), and St. Giles', Willenhall (10).—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 5204

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