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## BELLS OR NO BELLS?

**A** LITTLE village in Somerset has come into the news! Ruishton's three bells have now been augmented to six. Nothing very remarkable about that—albeit a commendable effort—but the occasion of their dedication by the Bishop of Bath and Wells gave him the opportunity to declare his policy in dealing with complaints about bell-ringing; also with suggestions that the Church has more important channels for her money-raising energies than the provision or upkeep of bells!

It is stimulating to find a Diocesan Bishop so outspoken in the defence of church bells and the ringing of them for services. Here is an extract from his address as reported in 'Pulman's Weekly News': 'I often get pathetic letters from people who protest to me about the ringing of bells on Sunday mornings an hour before they wish to get up. They say, "Why should our sleep be disturbed by this unseemly noise?" They give themselves away completely in writing letters of this sort. They surely make the biggest mistake in the world if they think I am going to take any action whatever to prevent men being called to worship in the presence of God and in fellowship with one another.

'I often meet those who ask whether in these days the Church ought to spend large sums on its bells. After all, we are confronted with problem after problem in restoring our ancient churches and handing on our heritage unimpaired. We are called to make substantial sacrifices to retain the Ministry in our countryside and to train new men for the Ministry. There is also the responsibility for the Church overseas and for those new areas of population with no church at all.

'So it is said we ought to put first things first and devote our resources to those purposes which are vital and essential to the Church. Indeed, there is something most cogent in that argument and it would spell disaster for the Church if we did not pay proper attention and fulfil our responsibilities in those directions.

'On the other hand, I am sure something of real value would pass from the life of the Church if our bells remained silent. The ringing of bells is something almost peculiar to the life of the English Church. The bells are not in the church tower merely to provide amusement and

healthy exercise for those drawn to the art of campanology; they are a reminder of those invisible things of God upon which the whole of our life must ultimately be based. They are to remind us of man's highest duty—to offer himself in worship before God.'

The first complaint the Bishop refers to hardly calls for serious notice. For except perhaps on festivals such as Christmas and Easter the bells are rarely rung before 9 o'clock on a Sunday morning. The majority of reasonable people in good health would have had their night's rest by that time and all habitual churchgoers would expect to hear the bells. It is probably safe to say that the complaint originates from those who care little or nothing for worshipping, but who, if a day's trip were on their programme, would be up and about early enough. The sound of the bells could be a prick to conscience. And the Church must give her call 'whether they will hear or whether they will forbear.' That is not to say that the local church authorities as well as the ringers will not meet cases of desperate illness near at hand with kindly consideration at all times.

Secondly, it has yet to be proved that money subscribed and spent upon the provision or restoration of bells has been diverted from the other needs of the Church at home and abroad. The argument in that vein would apply equally to the provision of organs and the upkeep of choirs and church fabric. If the adjuncts to worship are to be thought of as unessential in one place they must, *pari passu*, be considered unessential everywhere. But that they have a very vital part to play in educating people in worship and elevating the emotions above worldly things no reasonable mind can deny. That the provision of bells has a peculiar appeal is evidenced in countless parishes where the cost has been forthcoming without diminishing in any way the generosity of the people in support of the many other calls of the Church in and beyond the local environment.

Finally, underlying the Bishop's remarks is the assumption that where there are bells there must be the ringers to ring them. But, sad to say, that is not always so. It is a timely reminder that, however strong and enthusiastic a band may be at any time, the need for interesting others in the art remains vital. So many factors do contribute to weaken or split up the number. And the main objective always must be to raise and sustain a resident Sunday



service band independent of casual visitors, or of ringers who live at a distance and come when they are free. Experience has only too often shown that bands which have rejoiced in a high state of development for a period have faded away sooner or later through lack of insistence upon recruiting. Surely it is not an impossible suggestion that every member of a band should make it his or her patient and untiring mission to seek for and encourage at least one other into the service of the belfry. C. C. C.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.

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

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

### A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. .	Treble	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ..	7
WILLIAM HIBBERT .. ..	2	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. ..	8
JOHN S. MASON .. .. .	3	CYRIL J. WATTS .. .. .	9
JAMES PHILLIPS .. .. .	4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. ..	10
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. .	5	JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. .	11
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ..	6	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Rung the mark the bi-centenary of the Guild by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths

OXFORD.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST.

### A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE .. .. .	Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES .. ..	7
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ..	8
BRIAN BLADON .. .. .	3	GEORGE GREEN .. .. .	9
WALTER F. JUDGE .. ..	4	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. .	10
ALAN R. PINK .. .. .	5	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. ..	11
PHILIP WALKER .. .. .	6	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

NORWICH.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 20, 1955, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

### A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

WILLIAM LOVE .. .. .	Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	7
*CEDRIC CURSON .. .. .	2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. ..	8
*CLIFFORD BIRD .. .. .	3	GEORGE SAYER .. .. .	9
†DAVID HEIGHTON .. ..	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	10
*STANLEY W. COPLING ..	5	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. .	11
‡MICHAEL GOODMAN .. ..	6	BERT GOGLE .. .. .	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells. ‡ First peal other than one of Minor.

Rung by members of St. Peter Mancroft Guild for the church's quinquagesimal celebrations.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

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

### A PEAL OF 5000 GRANDSIRE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

KATHLEEN E. WELLER ..	Treble	ROYDON DAVIES .. .. .	6
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ..	2	STEWART F. W. KIMBER ..	7
JOYCE A. ENGLAND .. ..	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ..	8
GILLIAN R. PARSONS ..	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	9
DAVID E. PARSONS .. ..	5	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. .	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD W. BULLOCK ..	Treble	SQUIRE CROFT .. .. .	6
WILFRID G. WILSON .. ..	2	WILLIAM WENBAN .. ..	7
MRS. KATHLEEN F. PARR ..	3	*WILLIAM T. COOK .. ..	8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ..	4	THOMAS E. DAVIES .. ..	9
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. ..	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. S. Bullock, wife of the treble ringer, and also to Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT BISCOP.

### A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

PETER BERESFORD .. ..	Treble	JEFFREY B. WEBB .. ..	5
*ANN BARR .. .. .	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ..	6
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. ..	3	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. .	7
*JOAN BERESFORD .. ..	4	*GEORGE E. OLIVER .. ..	Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON (No. 4). Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*HELEN M. BRANT .. ..	Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS .. ..	5
†ALBERT DISERENS .. ..	2	‡NOEL J. DISERENS .. ..	6
BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. ..	3	‡RONALD F. DISERENS ..	7
MICHAEL H. MAISEY .. ..	4	‡JOHN N. DISERENS .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

\* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together. § 25th peal together.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

RICHARD WHITE .. .. .	Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER .. ..	5
J. RICHARD CHAUNDY ..	2	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	6
BRIAN BLADON .. .. .	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. ..	7
EDWIN G. MOORE .. .. .	4	WALTER F. JUDGE .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

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

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

CECIL CLARKE .. .. .	Treble	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ..	5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. ..	2	EDWARD F. CONNOCK .. ..	6
RONALD D. SHORT .. ..	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. ..	7
MARJORIE LEGG .. .. .	4	KENNETH MEDWAY .. ..	Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

First peal in the method by all the band.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

### THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ROSEMARY E. ASHLEY ..	Treble	HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. ..	5
FRANK E. PERVIN .. ..	2	GEORGE GARDNER .. ..	6
L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. ..	3	DAVID A. CARPENTER ..	7
JACK W. T. TAYLOR .. ..	4	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DAVID A. CARPENTER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. T. Gedney, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. E. Pervin.

## CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WALTER E. WILKINSON .. Treble	*G. ALEX DIMMOCK .. 5
DOREEN DUTTON .. 2	RONALD KENRICK .. 6
*PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 3	*ERNEST GOWER .. 7
*CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

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

Rung as a memorial peal to Thomas W. Hammond, of Liverpool, who was cremated the same day.

## CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR B. COOPER .. Treble	†LESLIE BARLOW .. 5
*MARK J. BARKER .. 2	SYDNEY J. MERRY .. 6
*FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 3	BENJAMIN BARKER .. 7
WILLIAM LANCASTER .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal of Major.

## GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

H. WALTER SMITH .. Treble	JOHN WARNER .. 5
FRANK CLAYDON .. 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 6
TERRY EARLE .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

## GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN .. Treble	TERRY EARLE .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD .. 6
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	GEORGE W. PIPE .. 7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Bruerton's Four-part.	
*MARIAN ARCHER .. Treble	†BARRY HOLLAND .. 5
CYRIL RUSBY .. 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 6
JOHN S. SEAGAR .. 3	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 7
†HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

\* First peal. † 25th peal together. First of Major as conductor.

## HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5152 DUNHOLME SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	GEOFFREY PAUL .. 5
GWEN I. RUSBY .. 2	DENIS A. FRITH .. 6
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.

First peal of Surprise as conductor. The first peal in the method.

## HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

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

*PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 5
†DAVID J. TAYLOR .. 2	HENRY D. BUTLER .. 6
FREDA CLAYTON .. 3	*JOHN R. MAYNE .. 7
WILLIAM WENBAN .. 4	W. NORMAN GENNA .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the wedding of H. George Hart and Elsie K. Fulton, which took place at this church prior to the peal.

## PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 2	PERCY SWINDLEY .. 6
ARTHUR G. WATKIN .. 3	H. STEWART BAILEY .. 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 4	FRANK T. PARRY .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (C.C.C. 36).

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

Rung on the 104th anniversary of the birth of the first Lord Leverhulme, founder of Port Sunlight. Also in memoriam Thomas W. Hammond, who was cremated at Anfield this day.

## ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BRAGG .. Treble	DUGALD MACPHERSON .. 5
MRS. M. BROWN .. 2	SHIRLEY J. CORKE .. 6
ERNEST GARDNER .. 3	DEREK R. JUDD .. 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by EDWARD J. BRAGG.

Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Dart to the parish.

## ASHFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 20, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

MAISIE VANTOM .. Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
*OLIVE M. BOULDEN .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. 7
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

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## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*JOHN F. WOOD .. .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	JOSEPH THORNEY .. 6
SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
JAMES W. GROUNDS .. 4	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (the Rev. G. Ivor Williams).

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

## TREDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of five extents of Stedman, nine extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and April Day; six extents of Grandsire; and 240 each of Pitman's and Morris's arrangements. Tenor 9 cwt.

LESLIE ASTON .. .. Treble	†SHIRLEY PARSONS .. 3
*CAROL EUSTACE .. .. 2	†PATRICIA D. PROWSE .. 4

CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

## CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. Treble	*CYRIL LEWINGTON .. 4
KENNETH MEDWAY .. .. 2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 5
MARJORIE LEGG .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* First peal of Doubles.

In memoriam E. J. Avery.

## KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Sept. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*E. MARION KEY .. .. Treble	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 4
BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 2	ARTHUR R. WRIGHT .. 5
ALAN G. FOSTER .. .. 3	ERIC EDGINTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR R. WRIGHT.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

## ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. Treble	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 4
RONALD CHAFER .. .. 2	HARRY HALL .. .. 5
JACK BRAY .. .. 3	PHILIP BARNES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

## KIRKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. Treble	PHILIP H. SPECK .. .. 4
WILLIAM SYKES .. .. 2	JOHN MOORE .. .. 5
*FRANK RAYMENT .. .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

\* First peal of Minor.

## STISTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS .. .. Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 4
*ROBERT J. LINSELL .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5
*JACK H. BRETT .. .. 3	TERRY EARLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

\* First peal in the method.

## CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DENNIS SMEDLEY .. .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. 4
HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 2	†JOSEPH SAXTON .. .. 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. 4	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Minor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

## STOCKLAND, DEVONSHIRE.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of 20 extents of Stedman (10 callings), 12 of Plain Bob (4 callings) and 10 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

*RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. Treble	*ALBERT W. DYER .. .. 4
WALTER H. POOLE .. 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED .. .. 3	*CYRIL F. JOYCE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

\* First peal in three methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Joy Rowe and Mr. Nigel Tedbury, married at the church before the peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

## SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 6, 1955, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 2,160 of Plain Bob and 1,440 each of Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1-2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3-4
*ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

Witnessed by MR. D. LAWSON.

## BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., Sept. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. SMITH .. .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5-6
JOHN VERNON .. .. 3-4	MICHAEL VERNON .. .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Johnson, of Leire.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT TRENTWOOD.

**A PEAL OF 5092 SPLICED ROYAL**

Consisting of Plain Gainsborough and Little Bob, with 144 changes of method.

MRS. J. BRAY .. .. 1-2	JACK BRAY .. .. 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 3-4	PHILIP BARNES .. .. 7-8

C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Sims 1, Miss B. E. Stewart 2, W. H. Viggers 3, R. W. Hinde 4, D. M. MacPherson 5, Miss S. J. Corke 6, G. K. Williamson (cond.) 7, E. J. Bragg 8. Rung for Evensong as a farewell to the Rev. J. G. Grahame.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Flack 1, C. Harwood (first in method) 2, R. Newman 3, Pat Hutton 4, L. Hughes 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, W. Collins 8. Rung as a farewell to Miss Pat Hutton, who is leaving to take up teaching.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Walden (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Tunbridge (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Cox 3, Miss M. R. Andrews 4, P. P. Brown 5, Miss B. Thompson (first as cond. in method) 6. Rung for Evensong.

**BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.**—At St. John's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Titchener 1, F. Skidmore 2, Miss S. Parker 3, J. E. Daniels 4, C. Conway 5, A. Coote 6, M. J. E. Best (cond.) 7, G. E. Evenden 8. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday, and as a farewell to C. Conway.

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. A. Pratt 1, Mrs. E. C. Jarvis 2, H. G. Felton 3, C. Barker 4, R. J. Lincell 5, H. Reason 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, T. Earle (cond.) 8.

**BRAMLEY, YORKS.**—1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Cox 1, W. Lee 2, P. Dawson 3, D. Thorp 4, D. Cox 5, D. Fenton (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

**CLAVERTON, SALOP.**—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Francis, jun., 1, J. Marsh 2, G. Goodson 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, C. Jones 5, F. Bennett 6, F. Hinton 7, J. Courtman 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nock, parents of Mrs. F. Bennett, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

**EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.**—On Sept. 12th, 1,320 Chase Doubles: W. Palmer 1, C. Deem 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, M. Board 4, J. Quick 5, N. Skinner 6. First in method for all. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Palmer.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On Sept. 8th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): K. Small 1, G. Hurrell 2, F. Hurrell 3, B. Aldridge 4, Mrs. R. Ling 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. Rung for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Also a birthday compliment to J. Sims. Also on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): J. Sims 1, F. Hurrell 2, K. Small 3, F. Richardson (cond.) 4, J. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder 6, G. Hurrell 7, P. Down 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to E. B. Crowder on completing 60 years of ringing.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sept. 18th, at the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bayley 1, M. J. Lindegen (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Fellows 3, P. J. Rigby 4, P. J. Morton 5, M. G. Morton (cond.) 6. Rung prior to Benediction.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. Holmes 1, D. Frith 2, B. Hunt 3, H. E. Stickley 4, R. Read 5, P. E. Parry 6, B. Buttery 7, H. R. Woods (cond.) 8, T. Hall 9, A. Hill 10. First quarter on 10 bells by 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10. Rung for Evensong, and also a compliment to Miss P. Holmes, who is shortly leaving for college at Wokingham, Berkshire.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Thomas (first quarter of Triples) 1, W. White 2, Miss G. Bishop 3, Mrs. P. H. Woodley (first quarter) 4, M. Bishop (cond.) 5, G. W. Bishop 6, H. L. Bishop 7, J. C. Napper 8. Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

**HAREFIELD, GLOS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Plain Bob, 480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): M. Ling (first quarter) 1, P. Hurcombe (first quarter 'inside' in three methods) 2, G. Green 3, R. G. Corby 4, F. E. Tranter (first as cond. in three methods) 5, J. Cobb 6.

**HONITON, DEVON.**—At St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, J. Real 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, C. Manley 4, W. Webb 5, C. Lowman 6. The 50th quarter peal for the conductor. Rung for morning service. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, C. Webb 2, J. Coombs 3, A. Hodge 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, C. Lowman 6. Also at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, C. Manley 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, J. Coombs 4, W. Sparks 5, W. Webb 6. Rung for morning service.

**HORBURY, YORKS.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Atkinson (first in method) 1, P. Wood 2, E. Atkinson 3, R. Axford 4, N. Hunt 5, J. Cutts (first in method) 6, M. Hunt 7, M. Axford 8, H. Rowley (cond.) 9. Rung as a compliment to the ringing master (Mr. H. Rowley) on attaining his 87th birthday.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Schofield 1, A. Foxall 2, J. D. Kape (cond.) 3, A. Hepinstall 4, R. Biggs 5, N. Cornwall 6, D. Cornwall 7, V. Evans 8. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

**LAUNCELS, CORNWALL.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Pearce 1, C. C. Mayne 2, P. M. Mayne 3, H. Stacey 4, C. Sangwin 5, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6.

**LOUGHTON, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. White 1, Miss C. Ford 2, Miss S. Green 3, S. Ford 4, D. Riley (first as cond.) 5, F. Thomlin 6. Rung for evening service.



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## QUARTER PEALS

**EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles, consisting of 480 of Norfolk, 240 of Old and 540 of Plain Bob: Mrs. E. M. Hicks 1-2, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 3-4, I. A. C. Butcher 5-6. First 'in hand' by 5-6. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of 5-6 on being elected secretary of the Northern Division of Sussex Association.

**FULHAM, S.W.**—On Sept. 11th, 1,279 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Garnett 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, A. B. Peck 3, H. Belcher 4, W. S. Langdon 5, B. K. Lunn 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, T. Setter 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, H. M. Page 10.

**HADLOW, KENT.**—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Honess 1, G. Fry 2, Pamela J. Butcher 3, A. Kelvie 4, H. H. Usborne (cond.) 5, J. Medhurst 6.

**LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGH.**—At the Parish Church of St. Collen, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Ellis 1, E. M. Jones 2, E. G. Roberts 3, J. D. Jones 4, A. Bailey (cond.) 5, J. Lewis 6, F. Jones 7, W. Young 8. 7, 6, 8 covering. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. Alun Thomas, M.A., R.D. (Vicar) and Mrs. Thomas on the occasion of their silver wedding.

**MEREWORTH, KENT.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Ann Chantler (first quarter) 1, L. Honess 2, Pamela J. Butcher (first in method) 3, H. H. Usborne (cond.) 4, A. Kelvie 5.

**NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 1, G. Cole 2, Miss J. Williams (first 'inside') 3, T. Ridgman 4, E. G. Cork 5, G. Skinner 6, G. S. Luxton 7, J. T. Leach 8. Rung after Evensong to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Fowke).

**OVERTON, HANTS.**—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. G. Holmes (first of Triples) 1, H. J. Balaam 2, N. R. Grover 3, C. Osler 4, J. Weaver 5, B. Garrett 6, P. R. Sanders (first as cond.) 7, A. Taylor 8.

**POUGHILL, CORNWALL.**—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. C. Mayne 1, P. M. Mayne 2, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 3, H. Stacey 4, C. Sangwin 5, F. Pearce 6.

**RADYR, GLAM.**—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shirley Ray 1, Janet B. Harvey 2, T. Lewis 3, N. Gardner 4, W. Dare (cond.) 5, G. Ray 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. Rung as a farewell to Janet B. Harvey, who left for Homerton College, Cambridge, on September 22nd.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Laurence's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,280 Dorchester Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, B. C. Stirland 2, R. W. Rex 3, A. Diserens 4, R. F. Diserens 5, G. K. Dodd 6, J. N. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First blow in the method by all.

**REDBOURN, HERTS.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Penney 1, B. A. Cornell 2, M. V. Frost (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Hobbs 4, G. Dodds (cond.) 5, J. Ewer 6.

**ROADE, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. King 1, W. Richardson 2, S. Swannell 3, H. Curtis 4, A. Osborne (cond.) 5. First quarter by an all-Road band. Rung for dedication festival.

**ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.**—On Sept. 11th, 1,320 Minor (being 720 of Double Oxford and 600 of Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Mrs. Beavan 1, Mollie Tilbury 2, P. Morgan 3, J. J. Webb 4, F. E. Roberts 5, R. T. Jones (cond.) 6, A. Hazelden 7. Rung for the patronal festival after meeting short for Triples.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTS.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Frost (first quarter) 1, G. Penney (first of Minor) 2, F. W. Ellis (first quarter) 3, R. D. R. Brown (first quarter) 4, J. E. Ewer (first of Minor) 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6.

**SEFTON, LANCS.**—On Sept. 19th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: L. L. Gray 1, R. Kenrick 2, P. Coxall 3, T. Horridge 4, R. Guy 5, A. Mawdsley 6, W. Deacon 7, J. Ridyard (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas W. Hammond, of Liverpool, and Robert Smith, of Sefton.

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. C. Lyne (cond.) 1, W. Cockings 2, F. G. Kinchin 3, A. J. Pirt 4, G. Ingram 5, W. Collett 6, R. C. Chapman 7, H. Huxley 8, C. R. Steep 9, F. Powell 10. Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Brooks, for 50 years a ringer at this church.

**TAMWORTH, STAFFS.**—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Molly Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss W. Chaplin 2, E. Elton 3, Stella Hughes 4, G. Peers, jun., 5, N. Pratt 6, G. Peers, sen. (cond.) 7, N. Attaway (first quarter) 8. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthdays of Molly Smith and Eileen Wilson, two local ringers.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. K. Brady 8.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: W. G. Paul 1, G. W. Seaman 2, J. R. Mayne 3, D. K. Adkins 4, C. W. Woolley 5, S. H. Hoare 6, W. Wenban 7, R. G. Bell 8, T. W. Sheppard (cond.) 9, J. Axtell 10. First in method for all except the conductor.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonus 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. Crisp 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonus 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. Crisp 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6.

**WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: K. Holh 1, E. J. Ladd 2, J. L. Morris 3, F. W. Burnett 4, E. W. Keys 5, L. W. Weller 6, G. Francis 7, P. N. Bond (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise as conductor. Rung in honour of the birth of Julia Margaret, first grand-daughter of Harry Vaughan, captain of the local ringers.

**WOBURN, BEDS.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Goodfellow 1, B. K. Lunn 2, A. M. Stacey 3, A. H. Fulwell 4, K. G. Spavins (first quarter of Stedman Triples) 5, W. N. Genna 6, J. Chilcott (cond.) 7, A. W. Coles 8. For Evensong.

**WORTH, SUSSEX.**—On July 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Beryl Colbran (first in method) 1, Patricia M. Howard 2, J. A. Howard 3, A. E. Laker 4, I. A. C. Butcher 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6.

**YEOVIL, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Gaylard 1, A. C. Jeanes 2, J. Looker 3, R. Moore 4, T. E. Marks 5, G. Gaylard 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, H. J. Gaylard 8. Rung following the wedding of the Rev. A. Dean (curate) to Miss Pat Coombs.

## OUTINGS

### ST. MARY'S, BATHWICK, BATH

On Saturday, September 17th, 27 ringers and friends of varying age and experience left St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, at 1.15 p.m. by coach to visit four Gloucestershire towers on the southern tip of the Cotswolds.

At Wickwar Parish Church we were pleased to find the bells up, and ringing from rounds to Cambridge Minor proceeded on this pleasant six (tenor 12 cwt.).

Our next stop was at St. Mary the Virgin, Wotton-under-Edge, where, after a poor rise, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on the fine octave (tenor 18 cwt.).

After driving over the 'Edge,' on to the Cotswolds, and through really lovely scenery, we arrived at Stroud. After tea we went to the Parish Church to ring on the lovely light 10 (tenor approx. 20 cwt.). Shortly after starting a touch of Grandsire Caters the 4th rope broke. Unfortunately the bells had to be lowered in order that the rope might be spliced. One of our Admiralty contingent and the local tower master climbed through the bells and carried out repairs, after which the bells were again raised. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and some rounds were rung before the bells were finally lowered.

A short journey brought us to Holy Trinity, Minchinhampton (6, tenor 13 cwt.). Here several local ringers were awaiting us and they accompanied us to the spotless ringing chamber and eventually joined in a touch of Stedman Doubles and a course of London Minor. Grandsire, Plain Bob and Cambridge were also rung.

We arrived home at 11 p.m., tired, but pleased with our first outing, which we hope will become an annual event. Thanks are due to ringers and incumbents of the towers visited and to Mr. W. Cope and Mr. E. White for organising the outing. T.T.J.

### EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE

The bellringers of Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, held their annual outing on September 17th to the Golden Valley, Herefordshire. With other friends from the church, the afternoon was spent happily in glorious country and lovely weather. Arrangements were made by Miss D. Evins, the secretary, who unfortunately could not accompany us.

Thanks to the kindness and courtesy of the incumbents of the parishes, ringing took place at each tower visited. The first was Abbey Dore. Visitors marvelled at the interior beauty of the Abbey and surrounding country, whilst bells were rung to Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Some of the party have now realised that there are such things as bats in the belfry. Then on to Hay, where a break was made for tea.

Clifford was the next tower. Owing to the narrowness of the country road, we walked about a mile to the church, where we were welcomed by the Vicar. This is a delightful church set on a hill overlooking most wonderful country. A lovely eight delighted the ringers, and Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major were rung, not forgetting rounds for the learners. Proceedings were livened for the non-ringers by the village fete, and here several members availed themselves of much of the garden produce stall.

Returning via Hay, we next visited Bronllys. The church here is very lovely and, while ringers enjoyed Kent, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles in the detached tower, the Vicar, who met us, showed the rest of the party the most interesting features of the church.

Finally, the last lap home and Talgarth, where ringers from the tower met us and where we all enjoyed a ring of Kent, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and 'light refreshments' before the homeward journey.

A.S.

# ROUND TOWERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the note in Belfry Gossip (September 9th, page 573) re round towers, there are a great many of these in Norfolk and Suffolk and a few elsewhere. In my last book, 'Towers and Bells of Britain,' I devote a chapter to this type of tower (and their bells). Regarding the query about thatched roofs to churches, there are quite a number in Norfolk and in surrounding counties.—Yours sincerely,  
**ERNEST MORRIS.**  
 Leicester.

# THATCHED ROOF CHURCHES

Dear Sir.—Belfry Gossip of September 9th asks for information of churches thatched roofed. I did have a list of several, but unfortunately the notebook containing these was destroyed when my house in Norwich was bombed in 1942, and I cannot rely on my memory to quote any of them with certainty.

There is at All Saints' and St. Margaret's, Pakefield, Lowestoft, a very beautiful example of the Norfolk reed-thatcher's art, with a scalloped pattern. I have been told by experts that this type of roof is good for 80 to 100 years with little or no attention.

This church was completely gutted by fire-bombs during the war, but the tower and ring of five were only slightly damaged.

The church has been completely restored and a splendid job has been made of it. The restoration included augmentation of the bells to a very pleasing light ring of eight, and there is a good company of service ringers, ringing standard methods, and they have recently tackled Double Norwich.

It must be added that the original roof was of the same type as the present one.

The round towers mentioned are without doubt of Saxon origin, at least so I have been told by knowledgeable people.—Yours faithfully,  
**BEN S. THOMPSON.**  
 Lowestoft.

# LETTERS

## PRAISE FOR SOUTH MOLTON

Dear Sir,—As one who had the pleasure of ringing on the fine old eight at South Molton, Devon, during Mr. Wilfred Williams' tour this summer, may I commend the locals there on the excellent call changes they rang for the recent broadcast? It was a shame that the allotted time for so good an advertisement for the Exercise was once again so inadequate.—Yours sincerely,  
**DEREK P. JONES.**

Derby.

P.S.—I am glad to see that the Cambridge University Guild have been taking their 'Morning Exercise' as well as keeping wild, late nights. By the way, the time when you have 'Oxford' in front and 'Cambridge' behind soon comes round!—D. P. J.

## INSTRUCTION IN CHANGE RINGING

Dear Sir.—Can any of your readers inform me if application has ever been made to a County or Borough Further Education Committee for a grant to hold a course of instruction in campanology? If so, I shall be pleased to hear details. Was instruction given in a classroom, solely, or was a certain tower the meeting place? How long was the course and what was the response?

A suggestion has been made in this area that we consider this, but before making definite application we should like to know how to put it into operation and what pitfalls await us.

Trusting that I may receive some information on this matter, I am, Yours sincerely,  
**DOROTHY E. BEAMISH (Mrs.).**  
 21. Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

## BOATRACE DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—So Cambridge University ringers have invented a new method—Boatrace Delight—have they? Of course, as can easily be seen from an examination of the lead ends, the method is illegal. But then, sir, Cambridge never has preceded Oxford except by illegal methods (such as sinking the Oxford boat and so on).—Yours sincerely,  
**D. F. MANNING.**  
 ex-Oxford University.

Manchester.

Dear Sir,—In these days when bell-ringing is becoming even more of a science, and the ordinary ringer blinded by the brilliance of the theorists in method construction and peal composition, it is lamentable that rudeness has to be employed by some correspondents in correcting the mistaken ideas of others.

However, may I politely point out that the Cambridge University Guild's 'new method' of Cambridge below the treble and Oxford above is of quite old vintage. It was frequently practised at Kempston until 1947 under the nickname of Boatrace, and (this will shake the C.U.G.) I was always informed that the correct name was Oxford Delight.—Yours faithfully,  
**J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.**

Deal.

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From Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, we hear that the second annual festival of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers was most successful. On the opening day Mrs. A. A. Hughes gave a concert on her handbells accompanied by Professor Wendell Wescott. Mr. Albert Hughes gave a talk on 'The beginning of handbells in England and America.'

A choir practice completely drowned the sound of the bells in a peal attempt on the ground floor rung at King's Bromley, Staffs. A second attempt without the choir succeeded.

Dr. Jenny Pym, late of the Women's Hospital, Birmingham, has returned to India. Her new address is: The Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab, India.

A Ladies' Guild badge was picked up outside St. Mary's Church, Guildford, recently. Will the owner please apply to Miss W. A. Oliver, 34, North Place, Guildford.

The peal of Grandsire Royal at Geddington on September 17th replaces an attempt in the same tower last April, when it was miscalled half-way through.

The Diserens family paired in one of those domestic celebrations at Twyford on September 10th, when it was the 25th peal together of three separate pairs of the family.

After Mr. J. Chettleburgh was compelled to withdraw from the peal attempt at Handsworth, Yorks, on September 17th, Miss M. Archer kindly stood in at literally a minute's notice and rang the treble well to score her first peal.

Witney, Oxfordshire, ringers feel very happy about accomplishing a 'hat-trick' in quarter peals in connection with their patronal festival. Congratulations to the band and also to the tower secretary, Miss Angela Kitto, on ringing her first quarter of Triples.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

A letter campaign against bell-ringing is appearing in 'The Leicester Mercury.'

Objections are taken to service ringing and also to the weekly practice meeting. So far no Leicester ringer has replied in defence of our craft. This week's editorial provides useful material.

The bells of Beverley Minster will be broadcast on the North Home Service on Sunday, October 2nd, ringing for evening service.

A West Country ringer now domiciled in Surrey had a run of successful quarter peals when holidaying around his old haunts recently. One wonders if the charm he wore around his neck, a tie, once the property of a famous raisin chewing tenor ringer, in any way accounted for this.

Preliminary reports to hand indicate that the first veterans' reunion at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., last Saturday was highly successful. Between 50 and 60 were present, veterans coming from as far afield as Evesham, Birmingham and Ipswich. At one table four were between the ages of 80 and 90.

In view of the interest taken in clergymen with engineering qualifications, readers may like to know that the official reference in the Diocesan Calendar to the Archdeacon of Northampton, the Ven. C. J. Grimes, D.D., includes the letters A.M.I.E.E. Dr. Grimes is president of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

Mr. E. H. Oxenham, writing from Bampton, Devon, recalls that on September 29th, exactly 50 years ago, he rang the tenor to a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The peal was conducted by Harry Barton, and the band included William H. Fussell. William Weatherstone and Cornelius Charge. Mr. Oxenham believes he is the only living member of the band.

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## A PEAL TOUR OF DEVON AND CORNWALL

**DEPARTING** from the custom of the past three years, the 'disciples' of Saint David this year paid a visit to their near cousins in Cornwall, ringing eight peals out of thirteen attempts and scoring four peals in each county. The advance guard set out from Newport on August 19th and at Rockwell Green, with the help of Arthur Reed and friends from Taunton and Wellington, scored a peal in seven methods.

In contrast to the opening of previous tours, the following day was brilliant. At Taunton we re-welcomed Roger Fry and admitted to our circle one-half of the 'Barron Combination.' Our navigator of previous years, George Massey, complete with maps and car, had already arrived, and it only needed our pilot to put us on the road for Honiton, our rendezvous with the other half coming via London, which included new members in Allan Thirst and Ron Marlow.

Traffic congestion was so serious that it became obvious that the London contingent would be extremely late, therefore, following a hurried lunch, four members, with Wilf II. in charge, set out to join George Morris, Peter Staniforth, Walter Poole and Henry Keeley for the first attempt at Ottery St. Mary, while the remainder sat down to scan the traffic and await our colleagues who had left London at 8 a.m. They eventually arrived one a half hours late in a stream of traffic that stretched bonnet to tail as far as the eye could see. We eventually arrived at Tiverton for the second of the two attempts arranged, to be welcomed by the local steeple keeper and Dick Bowden.

Following a request to rise the bells in peal, which was performed in good style, this fine ring was soon rolling out Bristol, an excellent peal being rung. Three hours' ringing in a temperature around the nineties saw a concerted rush to the nearest 'local,' following which we faced a thirty mile run to Barnstaple, which was to be our headquarters until Tuesday. Here we learned that New Cambridge had been lost at Ottery after an hour's excellent ringing due to the treble rope breaking.

Another disappointing message, particularly to John Phillips, who had travelled specially from London for the opportunity for a peal in his native tower, was that, owing to a serious illness near the church, we should be unable to attempt a peal at Pilton. Perhaps it was a blessing in disguise, as, during service ringing on Sunday morning, the fourth clapper broke. Sunday saw Wilf II. leave early to spend the day at Combe Martin with Miss B. M. Boyle, who had kindly obtained permission for a peal attempt on this handy ring and so make up for the loss of Pilton.

The remainder rang for service at Georgeham and for Evensong at Braunton, another fine eight. Here an excellent touch of Five Spliced was brought round, but the call changers did not like the tenor turned in, and promptly told us so.

Monday dawned hot and bright and we were away early for the first attempt of the day on the fine Taylor Eight at South Molton. A really first-class peal of Yorkshire was rung in three hours and ten minutes, much to the disgust of Roger, who promptly retired to lick his wounds and moan about a similar experience at Melksham with the same tenor man. Following this peal, it was extremely pleasant to meet some of the local call change band and receive their congratulations on our striking.

The afternoon saw us at Combe Martin, where we had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with Albert and Mrs. Diserens, also Mr. C. A. Bassett, who were holidaying in the district. A good peal of London was here

rung, the first of Surprise on the bells. During the closing stages of this peal 'a large official of the Cumberlands' arrived on the scene, but beat a hasty retreat when informed by Jack Phillips that 'his friend' was in the tower.

We had now rung three peals out of four attempts, including London and Bristol, and, in the intense heat, it was a case of stripping to the waist; with Wilf II. a large bottle of 'meth' was very much in demand. This being our last evening in Devon until the weekend, it was duly celebrated.

### INTO CORNWALL

Tuesday morning saw Jack Phillips joining us once again to attempt a peal on the fine eight at Tawstock. Pudsey was the method selected, with 'The Barron' as conductor. Those standing out heard an hour's good ringing, then set out on the long run for Truro, but back at Tawstock disaster soon followed, the tenor clapper breaking after two hours' excellent ringing, so, taking leave of Jack and commiserating with him in his disappointment, the remainder were soon Truro bound.

Here the Dean and Chapter had kindly given permission for a peal attempt on the Cathedral bells, the attempt being made possible by the kindness of the Cathedral ringers in giving up their practice night. We assembled in this beautiful building, to be met by the Rev. Arthur Roberts, who had come over from Carbis Bay specially to welcome us. Necessary adjustments to ropes, etc., being completed, a start was made for Yorkshire Royal, which soon settled down to an excellent beat in spite of the difficulty in hearing around the front end. It was a great disappointment to all when, after two and a half hours of excellent ringing, the conductor called 'Stand,' due to an error in calling. However, we were pleased to meet both Douglas Burnett and Allan Carveth, with whom we were able to spend a pleasant evening.

Wednesday morning's attempt was at Saint Budock, a light Taylor eight with 10 cwt. tenor. Here another attempt was made for Pudsey, but this method was fast proving our bogey, as, after ten courses of excellent ringing, down came the third rope. Our afternoon attempt was one the fine eight at Probus, where we had previously been warned regarding the condition of the ropes. It was indeed a shame to find such fine bells in a magnificent tower so sadly neglected. One section of the party were of the opinion that the time necessary to put ropes in a pealable condition was not worth doing. Wilf II., however, had other ideas, and, due to his enthusiasm and ability, coupled with the help of Roger and Derek, a start was possible on time. We shall sadly miss the gentleman from Yorkshire should he ever carry out the rumoured intention of changing 'from Bells to Belles.'

The tenor man commenced with the avowed intention of taking three hours and thirty minutes over the job, but there were other ideas in the camp. Following preliminary threats and exhortations to move it along, a good beat was obtained and a good peal of Lincolnshire was brought home in three hours nine minutes. For one member a peal on these bells largely compensated for the failure at Truro, a peal at Probus being a long standing ambition.

### THE BOGEY WAS LAID

Thursday morning saw us on the road to Carbis Bay, where we received a warm welcome from Arthur Roberts. Soon these fine light eight were going to Pudsey, the bogey being laid at the third attempt, though not without incident. While the peal was in progress some took advantage of the fine bathing

facilities nearby, while others visited St. Ives to renew acquaintance with The Sloop. Following the peal, we had the pleasure of being entertained to lunch by Arthur Roberts, his hospitality being much appreciated.

Taking leave of our host after an extremely pleasant hour, we soon reached Gulval, where we were welcomed by that youthful veteran, Mr. John Wood, who soon put us at ease by his greeting and reference to 'the Mr. Williams.' Here we found an extremely pleasant eight with a delightful ringing chamber, the fine oak panelling having recently been installed by Mr. Wood. A first-class peal of London was rung here, which was considerably brightened by several examples of belfrymanship carried out as it should be.

At Penzance we encountered, in the opinion of many, the best bells of the week, most certainly the nicest belle. The former a splendid Taylor eight with 24 cwt. tenor, and we would have given much for a peal here; as to the latter it was extremely pleasant to be able to entertain a most charming young ringer from Haslemere holidaying in Penzance and enable her to snatch her first tower in Cornwall. The writer understands there is every likelihood of there being an early pilgrimage from Bath to Haslemere!

Friday, our last day in Cornwall, saw us early at St. Enoder, a pleasant eight hung in two tiers by John Taylor and Co., and, after much work by our bell-hanging friend and Wilf II., splicing ropes, etc., a start was made for Cambridge, which immediately settled down into a good fast beat. Those resting paid a pleasant visit to Newquay, arriving back in time to hear the finishing courses of a good peal, while others left to arrange lunch at Indian Queen.

In the afternoon we travelled to St. Columb Major, another extremely pleasant eight. Here we received a warm welcome from the Rector and Mr. A. H. Eplett. Following a rise, in which the writer blotted his copy book by trying to pitch 'em, we started for four spliced and had two hours of top-class ringing, but, unless you are the complete belfryman, you can't call bobs in spliced when the treble is in three-four and get away with it. On descending the tower we learned that Mr. Eplett had recorded some of our ringing and invited us along to his office to hear it. In spite of many background noises, we were well satisfied that we had done justice to these fine bells.

Saturday's programme consisted of an hour's ringing on the fine eight at Tavistock and peal attempts at Heavitree and Broadclyst. The former are rung from a well-appointed ringing chamber, the certificates adorning the walls giving proof of the prowess of the call change band here. Inside the bells are an ideal ring, but are a disappointment outside, the tenor being spoiled by excessive clapper noise.

From Tavistock our route took us across Dartmouth, past the grim-looking prison of Princetown. Here we got our first clue as to the originality of the fabulous-looking tie which a certain member had been showing off all the week. Across the moor we caught up with an ever-increasing flow of traffic, and, as on the previous Saturday, it became increasingly obvious that we should be unable to adhere to our timetable.

The four designated to ring at Broadclyst arrived there to join George Morris and company much too late to start for a peal. A good quarter of Stedman was rung by the following: D. G. Clift 1, P. Staniforth 2, H. G. Keeley 3, W. A. Theobald 4, W. Poole 5, W. F. Moreton (conductor) 6, G. S. Morris 7, R. M. Marlow 8.

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## SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS' 9th ANNUAL TOUR

**D**ESPITE the suggestion by colleagues (the kind who spend their holidays in deck chairs on the beach!) that there is an incorrect vowel in the name of the Society, some 19 members from as far afield as Cornwall and Crewe came on the ninth annual tour, from July 23rd to August 1st, which started at Cambridge, finished at Cheltenham and embraced towers in the counties of Cambridge, Huntingdon, Bedford, Bucks, Northants, Oxon, Wilts and Gloucester. The Ringing Master was Jimmy Diserens and the tour was again ably organised by our joint secretaries.

**Saturday.**—Most of the party travelled to Cambridge by train, although some enthusiasts cycled all the way. By 3.30 p.m., however, the majority had assembled at Chesterton, where there are several peal boards recording peals in all sorts of little-known Doubles methods by the old Chesterton Youths. The noble Taylor eight at the Cambridge Roman Catholic Church was visited and the night was spent at the Cambridge Youth Hostel, where we enjoyed the only hot water of the tour.

**Sunday.**—Stedman and Grandsire Cinques were rung at the University Church of St. Mary for Matins, some members also visited St. Andrew's and services at both churches were attended. After lunch, while some rang handbells in the belfry of St. Andrew's, others rang for the children's service on the delightful little five at Cherry Hinton. We then took to the open road and went first to the eight at Longstanton and then to St. Ives to ring for evening service. A pretty ride along a bridle path brought us to Houghton Mill, our hostel for that night.

**Monday.**—To gain access to the tower at Godmanchester we followed the Vicar's (written) instructions: 'Open the door and climb the stairs.' The bells proved to be good-going, and London and Cambridge Major were among the methods rung. The fine tower at St. Neots (eight, 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.), which we visited next, reminded some of Wrexham. The bells of Eaton Socon were pulled up in peal after lunch, and a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples was rung before it was discovered that the third had no stay. An easy ten-mile run brought us to Bedford, where a well-struck course of London Major was much admired by two of the local ringers. As there was no hostel in, or near, Bedford, bed and breakfast was the order of the day, and in the evening we visited St. Paul's, by kind invitation of their ringers, who put our ringing master in charge of their practice. Stedman and Grandsire Caters and various Surprise Major methods were rung, and the local rule of 1d. a whole pull for not setting the tenor caused a certain amount of financial embarrassment in some quarters!

### Devon and Cornwall Tour—Cont.

Back at Heavitree, a start had been made for Bristol, Norman Mallett, who had been of much help in obtaining permission for our ringing in North Devon towers, standing in and ringing his first peal in the method. Those who had been to Broadclyst arrived back in time to hear the last courses of a good peal on these fine bells. So ended another enjoyable week, marred only by our disappointment at Truro and the awful traffic chaos encountered on both Saturdays.

While the majority stayed on to spend a pleasant evening in the company of Exeter ringing friends, three of us set out for Bath, where Wilf H. was to join another ringing tour. In conclusion, we should like to thank all those ringers in Devon and Cornwall, particularly the Rev. Arthur Roberts, who met and welcomed us at various towers and whose thoughtfulness contributed in no small way to a successful and enjoyable week.

**Tuesday.**—The first call was at Bromham, an excellent eight, where the church is situated in a park. Two of the party, having the cheapest bed and breakfast, also had the longest sleep, and only just arrived in time to have a pull before we left for Olney, a heavy eight, and afterwards Newport Pagnell, which, despite the long draught, are a credit to the founders. We then journeyed by narrow lanes to Hanslope, remarkable for its 'flying buttresses' on a tall tower and slender spire and also noted for its tower sway. Two of the bells bear the inscription, 'God save King Charles.' At Green's Norton converted army huts served as youth hostel, and some of our more disreputable brethren obtained permission to ring the bells here after supper.

**Wednesday.**—We started off by various routes, each purporting to follow the valley and therefore be flat, on the 16-mile run to Banbury, where the ringing was up to Cambridge Royal. It was a short ride after lunch to Adderbury, where the ringing was not up to the usual standard and after which we rang on the octave at Deddington, where it was necessary to dodge with the clock pendulum, which swings across the middle of the tower. The church of St. Michael, Great Tew, is on an estate, and we noted that the Vicar's stall also serves as a pulpit. Ringing here included a course of Bristol. The six at Charlbury, in the evening, proved a little heavy-going and made the pewter pots at the adjoining hostelry even more welcome.

**Thursday.**—On the hilly journey to Hook Norton we were surprised to see our ringing master dismount on a hill, having damaged several spokes, and we subsequently lost him for the rest of the day while he travelled around Oxfordshire and Berkshire in an attempt to obtain replacements. Hook Norton bells, and those at Chipping Norton, where we rang after lunch, were excellent eights. A welcome downhill run brought us to Kingham and, after ringing, group photographs were taken. Ignoring the Youth Hostel rule, which says all beds shall be made on arrival, we dumped our bags at Stow-on-the-Wold and adjourned to St. Edward's Church. A certain member impressed the company with his fine mastery of the tenor (30 cwt.) to Cambridge Major, which was the only good touch on the bells.

**Friday.**—Having climbed one of those long irritating semi-steep hills out of Stow, we enjoyed an almost continual downhill run into Burford, where the light eight in the central tower delighted everyone. There was good striking in methods up to Bristol. A somewhat prolonged, though excellent, lunch (piping hot buttered rolls!), and Mr. Bartholomew's omission to put an airfield on his map made us late at Bampton, where a haversack mysteriously found its way to the top of a large flower-pot-like tomb in the churchyard! The flat run from Bampton to Fairford was done in record time allowing a certain gentleman time to employ his natural charm on the waitress of a local cafe before ringing. Due (it seemed) to advance propaganda, two coachloads of people arrived and watched us ring from the choir stalls. (These people had, of course, come to view the fine stained glass windows for which Fairford Church is justly famous.) Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major was rung here (after one or two people found out what Little Bob was!) and some other good touches too. After supper at the Youth Hostel, almost adjoining Ashton Keynes Church, some sampled the five bells there, which are apparently much in demand by Youth Hostelling ringers like ourselves.

**Saturday.**—The Victorian church at Watermoor, Cirencester, was the first visited and was followed by an alpine-like journey to Bisley. After a snack lunch in the local we were taken

down to the underground skittle alley, where everybody tried their skill. By the time we got to Painswick our ranks had been augmented by most of the 'weekenders,' and good Stedman Cinques and a half-course of Cambridge Maximus were rung. Dinner was at the Fleece Hotel (more commonly known as the Monk's Retreat, because of an underground room reputed to have been connected by a tunnel to Gloucester Cathedral). The evening was spent in the usual way, discussing towers past and present, handbell ringing and the inevitable 'Beau Gendarmes,' 'Widdecombe Fair' and 'Green Grow the Rushes O.'

**Sunday.**—Sunday service ringing was at St. Mary de Crypt, where some good touches were brought round, and in the afternoon all but the very keen cyclists scrounged a lift to Upton St. Leonards, where a peal board of 1803 denoted the presence not of a conductor but a 'timekeeper.' Another board of 1879 records the fact that the peal contained 158 bobs and 82 singles. Ringing was enjoyed at Longney for Evensong and included a touch of five spliced Surprise Major. After dinner the room at the 'Fleece' was again available and we were joined by some friends from Worcester who brought handbells. Four charming ladies and four gallant gentlemen performed a course of Grandsire Triples by standing in a row (one handbell each) and changing places. Cambridge Major was tackled ambitiously in like manner, but unfortunately never got beyond the second lead, though Fred's efforts in the role of treble bob treble were a great credit to his dancing teacher!

**Monday.**—A very enjoyable tour was brought to a close when we rang at Prestbury, where there are some excellent caricatures around the walls done by a local ringer, and finally on the light twelve at Cheltenham.

We should like to express our thanks to the various incumbents for the use of their bells and also to all the people who met and welcomed us at the towers or got them ready for our use.

M. E. F., M. J. H.

### ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

On September 10th, a quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Llanbadarn Fawr. The bells were available at 2 p.m., and although the weather was not quite as good as that we had in the last few weeks, it did not prevent members coming from Tenby, Llandilo, Carmarthen, Llanelly and Burry Port and also a number of visitors.

At 3.30 p.m. a service was held in the Church of St. Padarn, at which the Vicar, the Rev. O. J. Rees, officiated. The members were entertained to a very nice tea, which was given by the ringers of Llanbadarn Fawr.

After tea, at the business meeting the Vicar presided, and apologies for absence were received from Mr. W. J. Harries and Mr. W. P. E. Sage, both of whom were away on holiday.

The usual touch on the handbells was given by members of the Llanelly band, and after reading the minutes of the last meeting it was agreed that the invitation to hold the next quarterly meeting on December 10th at Pembroke be accepted. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 13s. 1½d. Two honorary members and four ringing members were initiated into the Guild.

After a very successful appeal by Mr. Chris Hawkins, a grant of £10 was made to Llanelly towards the cost of their bell-ropes.

The Master (Mr. E. J. Thomas) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for having the Guild at Llanbadarn Fawr and also to the ringers for providing the tea.

Members then returned to the tower to finish off the evening, and it was quite a thrill to the Guild to see the Vicar, who is a ringer, taking part in the ringing with other members of the Guild.



# THE BELL FOUNDERS OF LEICESTER

Dear Sir,—The note in your issue of Sept. 9th (page 571) on the Leicester bell founders makes one wonder if Mr. G. P. Elphick knows of the researches that have been made since the late Thomas North published his 'Church Bells of Leicestershire' in 1876. The art and craft was carried on—and can be traced—successively in Leicester from 1306 (not 1360) by various founders, many of whom intermarried. The sites of the foundries were not always on the same spot as was the Whitechapel Foundry from its earliest time, but nevertheless the line (like Whitechapel) is direct and likewise, although the names alter as the generations passed in each case, the craft continued to be handed on by apprentices who became Freeman of the City and, in several cases, Mayors, who in their turn became proprietors of the foundry.

In the latest volume of the Victoria History (Leicester, Vol. III.), issued by the University of London Institute of Historical Research, I have written a thesis in three sections, on 'Bell Founding,' 'Leicester Bell Founders' and 'Leicestershire Bells.' With the Editor's permission I will reiterate the second part briefly, showing the connections and continuance of the craft in this centre, from whence through other channels it connects up directly to the present Loughborough foundry. The Leicester historian, J. Thompson, mentions the bells of St. Nicholas Church in 1306, and the earliest Leicester founder I can trace by name is 'Roger-le-Belleyeter,' whose name appears on deeds dated 1307, 1311 and 1318.

In 1308-9 he appears in the list of 'Freemen of Leicester.' Then follows 'Stephen-le-Belleyeter,' who became a member of the Merchants' Guild in 1328-9. In 1337 he 'pays 1s. rent for a chamber near the North Gate,' and there are several references to him in records of Grants of Land; he also was a Freeman of Leicester. Then follows John Hose, whose cottage near All Saints' Church is mentioned in 1352, and in Merchant Guild entries he is described as 'belleyeter.' Thomas Hose appears in a Grant of Land in 1406 as a 'belyeter.' Even more famous was Johannes-de-Stafford, who is mentioned in the Freeman's List in 1338. In the Tallage Rolls of 1354 he is shown as 'Joh-de-Stafford belleyeter,' and he was Mayor of Leicester 1367, 1370, 1371 and 1381. He was one of the Burgesses of Parliament; in Mayor's accounts for 1373 we read, '£3 4s. to John Stafford and John Peterborough for 16 days at Parliament of London, viz., 4s. a day.' The tenor bell at All Saints', Leicester, is inscribed:—

'Ihohannes : De : Stafford : Fecit : Me :  
In : Honore : Be : Marie.'

A similar inscription appears on a bell at St. Hibbald, Scawby, Lincs. A number of his castings still exist in this county and neighbouring places. He used very fine Gothic capitals and elaborate lettering, and a good example of work of this period may be seen at Aylestone, where a bell was given by William Resevour about 1412. From an old chronology I find the following interesting statement '1491 Roger-de-Stafford the last of that family of bell founders in the town, died well stricken in years, and was buried in Saint Peters church, and was Succeeded in the 'Arte and Craft of Belle foundynge' by one William Millers his son-in-law.'

Thomas-de-Melton is mentioned as a 'bell-maker' under the date 1368 and in the Freeman's List and Merchants Guild Roll in 1392; and then we find 'Will Nobull bellezettre' in documents of 1417 and 1423, and he is followed by Thomas Innocent 1458-1495. The chamberlain's accounts of St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, for 1490 has the entry: 'Itn. Payd to thos Innocent belyet for castynge ye moor cachecope bell . . . xjs.' About this time William Millers

above mentioned was admitted a member of the Merchants' Guild and described as 'Bell Heytan.' He was several times Chamberlain of the Borough and died 1508. His will is quoted in Thos. North's book. His widow married for her second husband Thomas Newcombe, who was a Freeman and member of the Merchants' Guild, and in 1518 Coroner. In his will he describes himself as 'fusor campanarius.' He carried on the business till his death in 1520 and was buried in All Saints', Leicester, where his tombstone, stripped of all its brasses and of the emblems (three bells) of his calling, is still to be seen on the north wall inside the tower.

He left two sons and three daughters, and his widow, Margery, now twice a widow, married yet again, this time Thomas Bett. He held several civic offices—auditor, steward, coroner and finally was Mayor 1529-30. In the latter capacity he is styled 'Bellfounder in All Saints' and 'ancestor of the Newcombs.' Several of his bells are still in existence in various parts of the country and he used a curious shield with a cross and a swastika, etc., upon it. He left nearly all his property to his son-in-law, Robert Newcombe, and so in this way became 'ancestor of the Newcombs.' Robert became a prosperous man and a founder of note. He purchased the great bell of Leicester Abbey (and probably others also) at the Dissolution, and exchanged it in 1542 for the cracked one of St. John's, Peterborough. In 1547 he received from the churchwardens of St. Martin's (now the Cathedral) 'iiij hundredth and 2 qr of bras at xixs the hundreth,' this probably being, in part, effigies torn from the recumbent grave-stones on the floor of the church. After serving the offices of steward of the Fair, coroner, auditor, bailiff, he was chosen Mayor in 1550. He was also 'Churchwarden of All Hallows.'

At his death he left three sons—Thomas, Edward, Robert—all of whom were connected with the foundry. Thomas Newcombe II. is shown as 'primus filius Robti Newcombe,' and he, like his father, served many civic offices. In 1562 the townsmen of Melton Mowbray employed 'Mayster Newkom' to recast 'O' Ladye Bell' there. That bell, the 7th of the present ring, shows his mark bearing his initial, and this mark can be seen on many bells in this and neighbouring counties. He purchased the bells of the ancient St. Peter's Church, Leicester, when that church was pulled down in 1563-4. Robert Newcombe II. also did much good work which still exists, amongst others being the first bell at Gloucester Cathedral (1598).

Edward Newcombe, his brother, served several offices and in 1599 was Mayor, thus becoming yet another bell founder to fill that office. He had five sons and two daughters, of whom at least three sons were associated with him in the foundry. One of his most famous castings is at St. Mary's, Oxford, where he placed two lines of music. At this time there appears another foundry in Leicester—that of the Watts—whom we know sometimes worked in conjunction with the Newcombs. The first of this foundry, Francis Watts, served as steward, coroner and alderman (1599). His daughter Helen married Robert Newcombe II. and this established the partnership of the two foundries. Together they cast the bell of the Guild Chapel, Stratford-on-Avon, and others.

Bells from the Watts foundry are all very fine castings and may be found in many parts of the country. Later came Hugh Watts, who after serving other offices was chosen Mayor in 1633, in which year King Charles paid a visit to Leicester. In the same year Watts cast the glorious ring of six at St. Margaret's, Leicester. After the passing of the Watts family, Edward Arnold, who had worked with and succeeded Joseph Eayre, of Kettering and St. Neots, came to Leicester and cast many bells here. Notable ones are the ring of five at Rothley (since increased to six), and a bell at Croyland Abbey bears his name. During the time Edward Arnold had his foundry here he also had one at St. Neots, into which he received as apprentice Robert Taylor, who, about 1780, succeeded to the business there. From thence he cast bells for many churches over a wide area, including three at Saxby in 1801 and three at Braunstone in 1812. After a time the business was transferred to Oxford and carried on by his two sons, John and William Taylor. In 1839 the business was moved to Loughborough, where it has remained ever since.

I could enlarge very much on the above, but I think it shows clearly that the art and craft of bell founding can be traced back through the several generations and different names and connecting families in an unbroken line to at least 1306.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

## BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The 'Hoylandswaine' Cup contest and September meeting of the Barnsley District Society were held at Thrybergh, near Rotherham. The contest was rather disappointing as only two teams entered—Cawthorne and a mixed band. The better team lost as they rang out only a few minutes from the end. The mixed band were, therefore, the winners with a good score of faults.

Although the contest was small, the other part of the programme was a happy event as a splendid tea was arranged in the Church Hall by the local company, and a very hearty welcome was given by the Rector, who was thanked for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting. The best thanks were also given to the local company for what had been arranged.

Further ringing followed and some good practice was put in and, on the whole, it was a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### West Dorset Branch

On September 17th the West Dorset Branch held their quarterly meeting at Bradpole, which place some forty odd years ago was the birthplace of change ringing in West Dorset.

After Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Minor, all agreed that the 'go' of these bells was now anything but easy. Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung before the Guild service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. T. Davies, Vicar of Bradpole.

Tea was provided in the Forster Institute. Some excellent cheese was much appreciated!

As neither the chairman nor his deputy was present, the Vicar of Bradpole kindly accepted the invitation to take the chair for the business meeting. Apologies were read from Canon C. Cox, the Rev. O. L. Willmott (who missed a train on returning from holiday, otherwise he would have been there), and from the Netherbury band, one of whose members was being married that afternoon.

The annual meeting was fixed for December 3rd at Lyme Regis. The secretary gave notice that he would not be standing for re-election at the next annual meeting. The meeting expressed regret.

Mr. H. Keeley, on behalf of the branch, thanked Mr. Davies for all he had done to make the meeting a success, the ladies for the tea, the organist, and the lady 'blower.'

### SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that the renewal of their subscriptions is now due. Rates: 3 months 7s., 6 months 13s. 6d., 12 months £1 6s. Prompt payment saves clerical work. Remittances to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.



# PEAL RINGING IN SOMERSET

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

**I**N one way, Somerset provides me with the most difficult task of all the counties, and that is in the number of towers where peals have been rung. It hasn't the most rings of bells amongst the counties, being second to Devonshire in this (329 compared with 371), but it is an easy first in the number of 'conquered' towers. No less than 262 rings have had peals on them (in the case of Devonshire it was 158), and the county which approaches nearest to this figure is Yorkshire, where just over 200 towers have had peals. Kent comes third with 195. Thus, in this article, I have the most churches to talk about of all the counties. The task is lightened by the fact that the number of peals concerned is not large. On the other hand, a large number of towers have had the same number of peals at them approximately, so if one is mentioned all would have to be. Thus 241 towers have had less than 20 peals, and, of these, 185 have less than 10. Thirty-three towers have only had two peals and another 39 only one peal.

No tower has yet reached a century of peals, the nearest to this mark being St. James', Taunton (8) and Twerton-on-Avon (8), both with 89. Prior to the last war, both these towers had a consistent average of about two peals a year from their first peals. Thus at Taunton, 37 peals came from 1895 to 1913 and 47 from 1919 to 1938, whilst at Twerton 47 were rung from 1888 to 1914 and 35 from 1920 to 1939. Similarly, both have not appeared so often in the peal lists since the last war (five and seven respectively).

Although not heard very often since 1913, Minehead (10) comes next on the list. Sixty-five peals have been rung here, 53 of them from 1891 to 1913 (the first on the 10 was in 1907). Only 10 came between the wars and two since. Milverton (8), on the other hand, seems to be enjoying slightly better popularity after the last war. Fifteen of its 54 peals have come since then, whereas there were 20 from 1891 to 1914 and 19 from 1919 to 1939. The only other tower which has passed the 50 mark is Wraxhall (8), where the 51 peals are spread evenly over the period from 1888. The last of the eight since the war was in 1952.

## A SLACKENING

Several towers indicate that there has been a slackening off of peal ringing during the past year or two (that is also shown in the fewer peals registered by the Peals Analysis Committee of the Central Council, so Somerset echoes a general trend). This year, for instance, only 10 of the eight and upwards towers have had a peal rung at them so far (July 29th). No doubt this will increase rapidly when the usual West Country tours begin in the autumn.

To return to peal records, Dunster (8) comes next on the list with 46. No less than 42 of these were rung from 1883 to 1911, so there haven't been many since! The only peal between the wars was in 1931 and the remaining three came from 1945 to 1950. Wrington (10) follows with 35, eight from 1907 to 1914, 14 from 1919 to 1939 and 13 since 1945 (a slightly higher average at the moment than previously). Corston (8) went great guns at first. Twenty-four of the 31 peals were rung from the first in 1918 to 1928 (six in 1924) then came a big drop, for only four more were rung prior to 1939 and only three since the war (1948 to 1952).

Chewton Mendip (8) is enjoying its greatest popularity now. The first peal was in 1914, then 16 were rung from 1919 to 1938, and there have been 12 since 1946—total 29. Dit-

cheat (8) has also 29. Its history is almost exactly the same as Chewton Mendip—a single first peal before World War I. In 1913, 14 peals between the wars and 14 since (last in 1952). Then comes Evercreech (10) with 27. Twenty of these were rung when it was an 8-bell tower—five from 1907 to 1914, 12 from 1919 to 1937 and three from 1945 to 1948. Since augmentation there have been seven.

We are beginning, now, to come to the bulk of the towers. There are 14 which have totals between 25 and 20. These can be mentioned, but, after that, I fear it will become impossible to give more (it was stated above, in effect, that there are 60 towers between 10 and 20 peals). Of these 14, Curry Rivel, Chilcompton and Portishead (all 8's) have 25 peals. The first and last of these have similar histories—eight each before 1914, six and eight respectively between the wars and 11 and nine respectively since. Chilcompton is rather like Ditcheat and Chewton Mendip—an odd one in 1911, 16 from 1923 to 1936 and eight since 1944. Wilton (8) has 24. This was a 6-bell tower at first, and 10 peals were rung between 1900 and 1927. After the trebles were added, 11 peals were rung from 1932 to 1938. There have only been three since.

Yeovil (10) has also 24. Four were rung early on between 1893 and 1912, nine from 1925 to 1939 and 11 since 1946, so this tower is doing better nowadays. Beckington and Drayton (both 8's) each have 23 peals. At the former, seven from 1907 to 1914, 13 from 1919 to 1938 and three from 1948, and at the latter three from 1893 to 1912, nine from 1924 to 1939 and 11 since 1945.

The heaviest ring of 10 in the country, Wells Cathedral has 22 peals. Four were rung from 1891 to 1905, 10 from 1918 to 1931 and eight from 1947 to 1954. At the 21 mark are Marston Bigott (8) and Wiveliscombe (8). At Marston, 18 were rung in a burst of enthusiasm from the time of its first peal in 1926 to 1936, then there has been a single peal in each of the last three years. At Wiveliscombe, 10 were rung from 1897 to 1913, eight from 1919 to 1932 and three from 1949 to 1952. Finally, at 20 peals stands the only 12-bell tower in the county at Taunton and Carhampton (8). The popularity of the first was definitely in the past, for 15 peals were rung from 1885 to 1912. The remaining five were in 1923, 1930, 1931, 1936 and 1947. At Carhampton, nine were rung from 1903 to 1912, seven from 1930 to 1935 (a short burst of activity) and four from 1945 to 1950. The one 10-bell tower not mentioned above is Bath Abbey. Only four peals have been rung here—in 1906, 1919, 1947 and 1953. All the county's 8-bell towers have had peals. Of the surviving 8-bell towers, Christ Church, Walcot (Bath), has been silent the longest, its seven peals were all rung from 1889 to 1904 (the blitzed church of St. James', Bath, had its last peal in 1894). Many have not been heard for 20 years or more.

## THE SIX-BELL TOWERS

So far, I have confined my observations to the 8 and upwards towers. Actually, there are two 6-bell towers which are high up on the list of numbers of peals. They are Norton Fitzwarren with 38 peals and Radstock with 30. At the former no less than 30 were rung from 1899 to 1903! That was certainly good going! Seven more came from 1904 to 1913. But there has only been one peal since then—in 1953. I suppose it has been a case of a keen band being dispersed and never replaced. At Radstock, 22 peals were rung from 1920 to 1936 and eight from 1947 to 1951. One other tower has passed 20—Priston, with 21. The

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## WEDDINGS

### Mr. H. G. Hart—Miss Elsie K. Fulton

Two highly esteemed members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, Miss Elsie K. Fulton (Assistant Ringing Master of the North and East District) and Mr. H. George Hart (vice-president), were married in the presence of a large congregation on September 17th at All Saints', Harrow Weald, where both have been ringers for several years. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Deasy, assisted by the Rev. W. N. Kingston and the Rev. N. A. Tuddenham.

Among those present were several ringers, including P. D. Beedie, H. D. Butler, Miss F. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mayne and J. R. Mayne (Harrow Weald), G. R. Goodship (Great Missenden and formerly of Harrow Weald), J. E. Rootes (Bushey), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow (Hillingdon), A. W. Coles (North Mimms), Miss S. Clayton, W. N. Genna and E. Thurlow (Pinner), Mrs. E. Savory (Ruislip), D. Hoppood, E. J. Leversuch, Miss M. Mesley, E. C. S. Turner, W. Wenban and Miss J. Wilcockson (Stanmore).

Among the telegrams received was one from S. Warwick, a member of the local band, from Kuala Lumpur, where he is at present doing his National Service.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was successfully rung after the wedding. We all wish the couple every happiness in the future.

### Mr. P. N. White—Miss R. M. Brown

Members of the Newark District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild rang the bells of Southwell Minster for the wedding of one of their fellow members and former District Secretary, Mr. Peter N. White, who married Miss Ruth M. Brown on September 17th.

The bridesmaids were Miss M. Fowkes, Miss J. Dolby and Miss B. N. White (bridegroom's sister). Miss B. N. White is a ringer at St. Giles', Balderton, where her brother is the Ringing Master.

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best time here was in the 20's, when 11 peals were rung. There was one in 1910 and three in the 30's, with six since 1946. Towers with double figures are Ash Priors and Ashbrittle (19); Timsbury (15); Bishop's Hull, Trull and Wootton Courtenay (14); Camerton (13); Publow (12); Bathford, Rockwell Green and Ubley (11); and Bathampton, Shipham and Uphill (10). The country's heaviest 6—Queen Camel—has registered but six peals. The way the peals have been 'spread out' in this county is shown by the fact that only 16 of the 182 6-bell towers have not had a peal. They are Brislington, Butleigh, Combe St. Nicholas, Exford, Hawkridge, Kingston, Limington, Lymsham, Puriton, Road, Staple Fitzpaine, Over Stowey, Sutton Montis, Tickenham, Withypool and Merriott. This is a really remarkable record.

Of course, there are plenty of 5-bell towers left to be conquered. But even here, the record is good, for 28 of the 76 have had one or more peals. The most have been rung at Monksilver—eight—all between 1907 and 1914 (another keen band which was dispersed, I expect). Sampford Brett's seven were all rung in that same period, also Heathfield's six peals have been spread out more—1902, 1938, 1939, and three in 1947 and 1948. Barton St. David, Charlton Queen and Kingweston each have three, then there are six towers with two peals and 16 with one peal.

So much for the county with some of the country's loveliest, and certainly the heaviest, bells. Peals include all published up to July 29th, 1955.



## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

### Summer Festival at Culworth

Another outpost of the Diocesan Guild was visited on the occasion of the Guild's Summer Festival on September 17th. The Culworth Branch gave a great welcome to all who made the long journey, which in some cases meant travelling through the territory of three other branches. For many this was the first opportunity to become acquainted with the branch, which consists mainly of village bands. Its beautiful churches, set in lovely surroundings, were seen at their best on such a wonderful day; this, with the music of some very interesting bells, provided us with much to remember with pleasure.

As always, the devotional side of the proceedings was observed, with the Guild Office in Culworth Church, which was almost filled to capacity. The Rector, the Rev. F. L. Mordin (Chairman of the local Branch), officiated, and the Guild Master, Mr. B. P. Morris, read the lesson. Mr. A. E. R. Walker, who, as well as being a keen ringer, is also the untiring secretary of the Culworth Branch, is in addition to the accomplished organist, and he played for the service.

The village hall was full to overflowing when about 160 sat down for tea, very kindly provided by a band of local ladies. Before dispersing, a vote of thanks was proposed to the many whose efforts went to the making of such a happy and successful gathering. Mr. Walker in particular was a mine of information and a source of strength in the arrangements.

Culworth has a very nice ring of five bells rung from the ground floor in an attractive chamber open on three sides, the result of the north and south aisles continuing to the west end. Its near neighbour, Middleton Cheney, with six bells of great beauty, was envied by many. Another village to interest the ringers was Chacombe, a ring of six, once the home of Henry Bagley, the bell-founder, who lies on the south side of the church. A memorial stone marks the spot, but the inscription is fast becoming unreadable. It was erected about the year 1700 and on the reverse side is recorded a restoration at the end of the last century. If this link with the past is not to be lost a further restoration seems to be necessary.

Soon after leaving this peaceful scene the shades of night came down, but bells were still waiting to be rung, and it was at least 9 p.m. before the last were rung down at the end of a most enjoyable afternoon. G. W. J.

## AMERICAN HAND BELL FESTIVAL

On August 26th, 27th and 28th the American Guild of English Hand Bell Ringers held their second Annual Festival at Ipswich, near Boston. Ringers, with their bells of three octaves chromatic scale, attended from 18 states. One team came from Texas, a distance of over 2,000 miles, and Mr. E. Weatherby came from Los Angeles, some 3,000 miles. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, on London, also attended the Festival before going to Canada.

The skilful way Mrs. Hughes handled her bells was much admired and also the double-handed tunes rung by Mr. and Mrs. Hughes. Mrs. Arthur A. Shurcliff, the president, also took part in ringing Grandsire Triples and Stedman and a double-handed course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Mr. Somers Sturges—ringing 3—4 and 5—6. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was decided to again hold next year's Festival at Castle Hill, Ipswich.

## GIRL RINGERS' GRATITUDE TO INSTRUCTOR



**S**URROUNDED by his charming band of young ringers is Mr. W. A. Goldstone, of Addlestone, Surrey, who on the occasion of his 70th birthday was presented by them with an eight-day striking clock. The presentation was made on their behalf by the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Sylvester) after morning service recently. Mr. Goldstone also received a box of chocolates from the youngest member of the band.

For several years Mr. Goldstone has been instructor to the band, cycling nine miles to church on a Sunday and again for the weekly practice.

His enthusiasm is exemplified by the following activities on the ringers' behalf in one week: Sunday for service ringing; Monday to give two girls their first lesson; Wednesday for weekly practice; Saturday to attend to ropes that were wearing.

The idea of the gift came entirely from the girls.

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## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

### Secretary's Notice of Resignation

At the general meeting of the Suffolk Guild, held at Beccles on September 24th, the fine ring of ten was ringing from 3 p.m., and at 4.30 an adjournment was made for the service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Hares. The two hymns, 'Rock of Ages' and 'Thy Kingdom Come, O God,' were heartily sung, and the lesson, which was taken from Philipians iv., 'Rejoice in the Lord alway,' was read by the hon. general secretary (Mr. C. W. Pipe). The theme of the sermon was 'Remember what you are ringing for.' An altogether pleasant short service.

At the business meeting Mr. Edwin Goate took the chair and was supported by Mr. Claude Rush, vice-president, Mr. Hares and the general secretary and minutes secretary.

The chairman welcomed the visitors, who included Messrs. J. Harwood, G. Howlett, Ben Thompson, H. Took and many other Norfolk ringers.

Mr. Ben Thompson and Mr. John Barnes were elected life members, Mrs. K. Bickers and Mr. Hares honorary members and Mr. Paul Mace ringing member.

The general secretary said he was elected to that office in April, 1945, and, having served 10 years, he felt he needed a rest. He felt very sure a change of secretary would be beneficial to Church, Guild and ringers, and he hoped someone would come forward to take over. He, therefore, formally gave three months' notice of his resignation, which would take effect as from December 31st next.

Mr. Claude Rush thanked Mr. Pipe for his work. It was decided to hold the next general meeting at Woodbridge on December 17th.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

A joint meeting of the West Midland District and the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Tamworth, Staffs, on Sept. 17th.

A party travelling by special bus from Leicester and district, kindly arranged by Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Warwick, called to ring at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on the outward journey.

The fine ring of eight bells of St. Editha's, Tamworth, was set going during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Birch, who welcomed the Ladies' Guild to the ancient church and stated how pleased he was to see so many young people present.

A large gathering sat down to a really excellent tea, provided by the ringers and their wives, and served in the nearby Church Hall. Amongst the many good things to eat was a lovely iced cake, and on it was depicted 'George' pulling a bell rope. Miss Thompson, vice-president of the Midland District, after showing the cake to the company present, promptly asked George to cut it: this task he executed in a most efficient manner!

Miss Thompson thanked everyone concerned, and a party flavour was added to the meeting when Mr. Birch, himself extremely interested in campanology, told several stories of when he learnt to ring a bell 40 years ago.

Then came the parting of the ways, the gentlemen going to the tower to continue their ringing, whilst the two districts of the Ladies' Guild held their respective business meetings.

The Leicester party rang at Overseal, Netherseal and Measham on their homeward journey, thus completing an enjoyable half-day.

Everyone agreed that this first joint meeting between the two districts had been most successful. J. M. S.



## OBITUARY

### MR. T. W. HAMMOND

Mr. Thomas William Hammond, of St. Nicholas', Pierhead, Liverpool, died on Sept. 14th after a long and painful illness at the age of 74 years. So passed one of Liverpool's oldest ringers, both in age and length of service. His ringing career lasted close on 60 years and his membership of the Lancashire Association dated from 1897.

Tom was very well known in Lancashire and Cheshire ringing circles, in which counties he did practically all his ringing. In his early days he rang regularly with his father at the pro-Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Church Street, Liverpool. This church has long since disappeared and Woolworth's Store stands on the site which it occupied. When all ringing ceased at St. Peter's, Tom Hammond transferred to St. Nicholas' at the Pierhead, and remained a faithful member of the band there right up to the time of his death.

Tom was what is popularly called a colourful personality. He loved ringing and he loved to argue about ringing. He expressed his views in a very forthright manner which some found a trifle disconcerting. But when he was in a good mood then the sun really shone and he was a delightful companion. Everybody liked him. As a ringer when in his prime he was one of the best in the district—a good method ringer mainly at the light end and an excellent striker.

He had a serious illness in July, 1954, while he was working in the South of England and was rushed off to Tonbridge Hospital for an emergency operation. His life at the time was despaired of, but he recovered and returned to Liverpool in the following month. In the September of that year he resumed attendance at St. Nicholas' and actually took part in a touch of four courses of Stedman Cinques for even-song on September 19th.

This, within three months of a major operation and at the age of 73, is indicative of the tough indomitable spirit of the man.

Not a prolific peal ringer by modern standards, he rang altogether 307 peals, mostly for the Lancashire Association, and his peal book consists mainly of cuttings from 'The Ringing World.' These are annotated in his own handwriting, giving, in characteristic fashion, his verdict on the peal. Many are labelled, 'A good peal' or 'A very fair peal,' but there is at least one which has written against it, 'A very bad peal,' and looking at the record now, even after his death, we can almost feel the disgust which he must have felt at the time.

He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter. The cremation took place at Anfield Crematorium on September 17th, and by a most unfortunate coincidence this was a date of the St. Nicholas' ringers' annual outing. So only one or two of his colleagues at St. Nicholas' were able to be present. The remainder on their outing took part in a special service of remembrance, conducted by the Rector of Liverpool, the Rev. Canon R. Nelson, at the first church visited, which was at Witton, near Northwich.

P. W. C.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Christ Church, Poplar, Cubitt Town, was visited by the Northern District for their quarterly meeting on September 17th. Ringing under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Mr. C. A. Hughes, commenced at 4 p.m. Even-song was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. H. P. Priest, who gave a very cordial welcome to the Association. Tea followed in the Church Hall, where members were joined by the Vicar and his assistant.

Some very good touches ranging from Grand-sire Triples to Yorkshire Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

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### BIRTH

CAUSLEY. — On Sept. 14th, 1955, at Cuckfield Hospital, to Jean (née Durrant) and Michael Causley—a daughter (Christine). 7032

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

From Oct. 1st the home address of Mrs. E. D. KELLY (hon. sec., Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild) will be 45, Wheatley Grove, Sheffield 13. 7044

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### MISCELLANEOUS

A BELL FUND is being opened at WOODSTON, Peterborough, where all six bells will receive their first major overhaul in 40 years. Some ringers, who know this small tower and have enjoyed its hospitality, may be willing to help forward the fund. Contributions will be gratefully acknowledged, and may be sent to Mr. H. Hoare, 11, Jubilee Street, Woodston, Peterborough. 7016

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — First practice of term, Wednesday, Oct. 5th, St. Andrew's (opposite Christ's), 8 p.m. Beginners, St. Bene't's, Oct. 6th, 8 p.m. For further details contact W. T. Cook, Jesus. 7035

DAGENHAM, ESSEX. — Will friends please note that practice night is now on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m., not Thursdays, starting from Sept. 21st. Visitors are always welcome. — L. S. Woods. 7014

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — Michaelmas Term, 1955. St. Olave's, Hart Street, Sunday service ringing commences on Oct. 9th at 5 p.m. Practices commence on Oct. 10th at 6.30 p.m. All Freshers particularly welcome. — G. McKay, Secretary, Greystones, St. Bees, Cumberland. 7008

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### MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Quarterly meeting (joint), Chesterfield, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 2.30 p.m. — A. B. Cooper, J. S. Seager. 6988

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western. — Quarterly meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. P. Sadler, 21 Dulverton Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea. 6928

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Evening practice meeting at Bottisham (5) on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Coffee and sandwiches after. — H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7041

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — St. James' (10), Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church House, Whitson Street. Meeting follows. Please attend. — A. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 7043

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District. — Meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, Oct. 1st, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. 6977

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting, Oct. 1st, 3 p.m., Bishop's Stortford. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, 28th inst. — T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 7000

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District. — Meeting at Stanmore (8), Oct. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7011

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — Annual district meeting at Ashford on Oct. 1st (not Sept. 24th as previously arranged). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5.15. 6971

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Annual meeting at Tonbridge, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. 6973

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Lewknor, Oxon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Watlington bells available at 6.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Autumn meeting at Standlake, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Ringing at Stanton-Harcourt 2 p.m., Northmoor 3 p.m., Witney 7.45 p.m. Welcome extended to City Branch and all ringers. 7002

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — A monthly meeting at Fenny Stratford, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome. — R. H. Howson. 7021

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. — Quarterly meeting, Yardley (8), Oct. 1st. Meeting in Trust School 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. 6976

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing arrangements: St. Olave's, Hart Street (City) (8), 2.30-4 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 4-5.30 p.m. Dinner, Old Bell, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. — P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 6994

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Practice meeting on Oct. 1st at Ockley (6) 2.30-4.15 and Capel (6) 6-8.30. Service at Ockley 4.15. Tea at King's Head, Capel, 5.15.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Hursley, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service, 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the King's Head. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 6954

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C. (near Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, Oct. 3rd, from 7 p.m. — T. J. Lock. 7030

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, Oct. 3rd, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth. Saturday, Oct. 8th, general meeting, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway, 3.30-5 p.m. Business in Church Hall 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m., St. Mary's, South Ealing. 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. — Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 7050

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Notify early for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 7001

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Practice meeting, Creech St. Michael, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 6.30 p.m. — A. H. Reed, Taunton. 7049



**BATH and WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham (8) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Ellis, 51, Rock Road, Keynsham, near Bristol. 7051

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Biggleswade District), **HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Northern District).—Joint meeting at Clifton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. G. Buck, L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Secs. 6987

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.**—Meeting at Pocklington on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (price 3s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington. 7037

**DORSET RINGERS' FESTIVAL** at Blandford, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Those wishing for tea please notify Town Clerk, Blandford, by Monday, Oct. 3rd. 6986

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Rotherfield (8), Oct. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Rogers, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield.—C. A. Bassett. 7028

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** and **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Longstanton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden. 7013

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Cock Hotel. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6979

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, at Goldhanger (7). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7027

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Purton (6), Oct. 8th. Tea. Lydiard Millicent evening.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Phone 3936. 7019

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley (6), Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Oct. 5th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7034

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 5th to Mr. R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 6989

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, to me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th. Nominations for district officers must also reach me by Oct. 5th. St. Dunstan's. St. Stephen's and Cathedral bells available after tea and meeting.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 6998

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 6990

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Consett on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. 7005

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Millom St. George on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Overfield, The Cross, Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7045

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Woolton Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify Miss S. Hackett, 40, Woolacombe Road, Childwall, Liverpool 16.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 7015

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 4-6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 7046

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea (bring own food) 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Everybody welcome.—L. Walmsey. 7047

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify J. Cotton, Overseal, Tel. 264. 7022

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Wolstanton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to G. D. Whalley, 13, Chelmsford Road, Dimsdale Parade, Wolstanton, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge. 7038

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Gressenhall, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea as early as possible to G. Bunning, Gressenhall, East Dereham. 7039

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury on Oct. 8th. Bells (10) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Advise for tea Mr. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury, by Oct. 5th. 6968

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—A practice will be held at Shiplake and Henley-on-Thames on Saturday, Oct. 8th, 6 to 8.30 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 7031

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting at Hazelbech, Oct. 8th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 7033

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Raunds, Oct. 8th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to L. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 7036

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Autumn meeting, Alrewas, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. R. A. Wealthy, Riverside, Church Road, Alrewas, Burton-on-Trent. Preliminary notice: The annual dinner will take place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on Saturday, Nov. 12th.—F. C. A. Bennett. 6981

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify by 5th Mrs. Tomlinson, White House Cafe, Blyth, Worksop.—H. Denman. 7040

**SURREY ASSOCIATION** (Northern District) and **KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Lewisham District).—The annual joint meeting will be held at Croydon Parish Church on Oct. 8th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th.—A. Hill, W. Parrott, Hon. Secs. 6975

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Shipley (6), Oct. 8th, 2.30-4.30. Tea, Itchingfield School. 5. Itchingfield (5) 6.30-9. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 7040

**WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Norton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 7025

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Wine Lodge, Burges, Coventry, 7.30 p.m. Tickets 11s. Bells of Rugby (St. Andrew's) available 2-4 p.m., and Kenilworth, Allesley and Stoke 2-5 p.m. Business meeting at National Savings Centre, Broadgate, Coventry, 6 p.m.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec., 81, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton, Phone Nuneaton 3296. 6997

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting, Winton St. Paul, Saturday, Oct. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne. 7048

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. Accommodation limited to 100. Early application and stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 7049

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The 75th anniversary dinner is an occasion not to be missed: at Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 15th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. 200 tickets at 10s. 6d. available. Apply now.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 7024

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Gainsborough, Oct. 15th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 7018

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoke Bruerne on Oct. 15th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 10th to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 7020

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at St. John's Church, Alloa, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 12th, to Mr. A. B. Henderson, 36, Balfour Street, Alloa.—Rognvald Wilson. 6991

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, Guildford Hotel, Leeds, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at 6.15 p.m. Tickets (11s. 6d.) each from the undersigned by Oct. 10th. Bells available for general ringing: Leeds Parish Church (12) and St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8) from 2.30 p.m. Applications for morning peals to G. Benfield, Lane End House, Pudsey, Leeds. Early application for tickets advisable.—A. E. Marsh, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey, Leeds. 7023

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest at Earlsheaton, Oct. 22nd. All members welcome. For teas, please notify H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, by Oct. 15th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 7007

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Sat., Oct. 22nd, 6.30. Annual Dinner and social, also handbell ringing. Venue changed to Six Bells, 197, King's Road, Chelsea, next to Town Hall. 11, 19 and 22 bus from Sloane Square Underground, 49 bus from South Kensington Underground. Apply quickly for tickets, please. Everyone welcome. Afternoon ringing details later.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 6966

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Autumn meeting, Leafeld (6), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte. 7029

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Wednesday, Oct. 19th, from Dinner Committee, branch or general secretaries. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3.30-5 p.m., Cathedral (12) 3 p.m. until evensong—provisional on tower repairs being completed. All Saints' bells will not be available.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgborough, Evesham. 7026

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—Preliminary notice. Annual dinner, Saturday, Nov. 26th, the Saracen's Head Hotel, Eastgate Street. Other details later.—A. Lynall. 7017

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