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## AN AFTERNOON OF QUEENS

**K**INGSTEIGNTON bells are reckoned one of the best eights in Devon from the Croydon foundry, and they sounded very pleasant from their tall grey limestone tower on October 8th when the South Devon Association held its eight-bell festival there. The only pity was that there weren't more than six bands competing, but somehow that is a usual failing in Devon. Perhaps it's because there are so many six-bell towers, and therefore so many six-bell competitions, that an eight-bell band who aspire to several rows of certificates all round their belfry get so used to ringing six that they decide to stick to it. I knew one fine ring of eight where the ringers rang only six from choice, because it saved the invidious and often troublesome business of dropping two of the service band when they entered for a six-bell event. Perhaps they ring the eight again now; I hope so, but they weren't at Kingsteignton.

However, the standard of the teams that did come was all the higher for their small number, and we heard 'The Queen's Peal' rung handsomely several times during the afternoon. The Queen's Peal, by the way, consists of calling the bells into Queens, 13572468, and then calling them to the plain changes, each going up to the back in turn, until they are back in Queens again. As it combines ease of calling with pleasant music, it's the usual set peal of eight-bell competitions, and more rung to services than any other as well.

We began with a service—and I think the Devon Association ringers sing more heartily than any others in the kingdom—and then the draw was made outside the porch, the judges being safely hidden away for the afternoon. We started with Berry Pomeroy and Chudleigh, who finished respectively 5th and 6th, Chudleigh in particular having a very expensive rise, and neither team quite getting the bells going steadily. Rising eight bells in peal without a false or incomplete round is a great deal more difficult than doing the same on six; the 'pitch'—the height of the swing of each bell as they speak for the first time—is even more important, and without a good pitch, and without packing the bells in so tight that they chime off at first in one downward swoop, a good rise is impossible.

But the next band, Kingsbridge, showed us how to do it; their pitch was splendid, and the bells went up fast and steadily, opening out, as an old ringer once described it to me, 'like a flock of birds flying out of a hedge.' It

isn't often you hear that spread-out really well done on eight, but it's an unforgettable sound. Kingsbridge's top ringing was no disgrace to their rise, and they put up a performance which proved to be unbeatable. The judges singled out for special praise the tenor-man, and their astonishment and admiration was all the greater when they heard that he had been knocked down by a car on his way home from work that morning, and came to the coach from hospital with three stitches in his forehead! That was a very special piece of ringing, and earned only 19 faults.

Dartmouth astounded the listeners by beginning with a hopeless jangle and then starting again after a few minutes' silence. When they came down afterwards we heard that they had caught hold of the wrong ropes, and the tenor-man, bursting with determination to get a 16 cwt. bell away really smartly, found himself with the treble. The bell must have been almost as surprised as he was! After their false start—for which we were glad they weren't disqualified—Dartmouth put up a good peal, which got them third place.

Upton, who followed them, tried to rush the bells, and the result was a rather unsteady peal, though their top ringing was tuneful enough with the bells going at 31 a minute. Their tenor-man was praised by the judges for keeping his bell so steady and 'square' at the pace.

The local band rang last, and did themselves lasting credit. They are not a band of very long standing and, like Chudleigh, are remarkable (in Devon Association ringing) for having a young lady among them—a young lady, I may add, whose ringing and appearance do each other mutual credit, and are both an asset to the band. Their rise was not perfect, but their changes were the best of the day; I especially noticed the invariable cleanness of their changing. Call-changes may sound very easy to strike, but when the bells are well below the balance it is not so easy to make one single change cleanly as it is to hunt a bell right through; it means pulling the bell up or down for just one blow, and then getting it back exactly at the height it was before the change was made. Many excellent peals of changes are marred by clips at or just after the changes, but this one was not. Twenty-five faults, most of them lost on the rise, is no true indication of the pleasure that this peal gave us.

The judges came out of their hiding-place, and Mr. Miners, the Secretary of the Devon Association, who came, I think, to show the doctors that they can't keep him out of ringing, gave the verdict on behalf of his confederates,



J. J. and H. J. Brewer, father and son, from Alphington. Mr. Miners is no respecter of persons where ringing is concerned; his one desire is for perfect ringing, and no one can doubt it after hearing his shrewd, knowledgeable and always constructive criticism as a competition judge. Like the competitors in the Caucus-race in 'Alice in Wonderland,' they all got prizes, or at least certificates, and Kingsbridge, who have had a most successful year, carried home the Shield to add to their already very impressive collection of trophies.

J. G. M. S.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 17, 1955, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM A. LACEY .. Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
*JOHN A. ACRES .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 10
PHILIP A. CORBY .. 5	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 11
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

\* First part of Yorkshire Maximus. First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### CHESTER.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

#### A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 29 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON .. 6
CHARLES W. LEE .. 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 3	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. 8
PERCY SWINDLEY .. 4	JOHN N. LINDON .. 9
THOMAS C. LARKEY .. 5	H. STEWART BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

### SHREWSBURY.

#### THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 6
ROBIN G. TURNER .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 8
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 9
CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 5	*FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

\* 180th peal together.

First peal of Royal in the method rung in the county and for the Association.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### WOLBOROUGH. DEVON.

#### THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

On Thurs. Aug. 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

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

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOAN GRAY .. Treble	REV. J. G. M. SCOTT .. 5
NORMAN MALLETT .. 2	G. W. SIMMONDS .. 6
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 3	BRIAN PIDGEON .. 7
FREDERICK WREFORD .. 4	PHILIP J. M. GRAY .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP J. M. GRAY.

To celebrate the birth of a grandson to John Glanvill, a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. John Scott, and the sixth anniversary of the marriage in this church of Joan and Philip Gray.

### BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1955, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

C. D. P. DAVIES'S Transposition.	Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5
JOHN PINFOLD .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

### BUNGAY. SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

#### A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 32 lb. in F.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER .. 5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 7
JOHN S. BARNES .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung, immediately following the ceremony, in honour of the marriage of Mr. A. J. Harris and Miss N. T. Lummis, only daughter of Canon and Mrs. W. M. Lummis, of Bungay.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

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

#### A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	DEREK P. JONES .. 5
*VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 2	BRIAN CHAPMAN .. 6
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' 25th peal and 100th tower.

A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. D. W. Haines, a ringer at Oadby Parish Church.

### NEWNTON LONGUEVILLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 12 cwt.
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 5
*BARRY E. SAUNDERS .. 2	*WILLIAM A. YATES .. 6
*FREDERICK VICKERS .. 3	GEORGE F. BURTON .. 7
*GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 4	†ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. † 550th peal. The first peal of Major on the bells, and the first peal on them for 36 years.

Rung for the Feast of St. Faith, Virgin and Martyr.

### ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Pritchard's.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. Treble	*DANIEL RICHARDS .. 5
*GILES C. GALLEY .. 2	WILLIAM T. COOK .. 6
JOHN HENRY FIELDEN .. 3	DESMOND PAINTER .. 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Conducted by DESMOND PAINTER.

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

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Marion Grain and the Rev. Hugh Joseph, solemnised the same day.

### STOWMARKET. SUFFOLK.

#### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. Treble	DEREK A. WOODWARD .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 2	†FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
*HILDA M. SNOWDEN .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD .. 7
CLAUDE SNOWDEN .. 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † 350th peal.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Oct. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

### A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.		Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.
THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	5
MRS. PHYLLIS M. POOLE .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	6
GEORGE SAYER .. 3	BERT GOGLE ..	7
ARTHUR G. BASON .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ..	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

### A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*ROLAND H. COOK .. Treble	MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ..	5
DOREEN DUTTON .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ..	6
†RICHARD E. MANTON .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	7
*HARRY ALEY .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ..	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Stranton,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 12 cwt.
MRS. W. MAUGHAN .. Treble	WILLIAM MAUGHAN ..	5
KENNETH LAWSON .. 2	MRS. K. LAWSON ..	6
*PAMELA JAMES .. 3	HARRY SHORT ..	7
†MARGARET JAMES .. 4	ARTHUR WATSON ..	Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

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

Rung to welcome the Rev. G. Scott to the parish as curate.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

### A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

ROBIN G. TURNER .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	5
RUTH M. JACKSON .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY ..	6
DAVID VINCENT .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN ..	7
GRAHAM MCKAY .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 22 cwt.
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Treble	*EDWARD C. BARTON ..	5
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 2	*GEORGE KENWARD ..	6
HARRY SPRINGATE .. 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ..	7
ALBERT DUNK .. 4	†RONALD E. NORRIS ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

\* 25th peal together. † 25th peal

The conductor 25th peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Kent County Association, Borden being one of the foundation towers.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 14 cwt.
RITA M. STRATFORD .. Treble	JOHN VERNON ..	5
NANCY E. MARKLEW .. 2	JOHN A. SMITH ..	6
C. ROGER HAYWARD .. 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ..	7
MICHAEL VERNON .. 4	CURZON CLARKE ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Kathleen M. Proctor, a member of the local band, and Mr. Michael E. Brown, captain of Sapcote Tower.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 24 cwt.
VALERIE WILLARD .. Treble	G. LEONARD HEWITT ..	5
THOMAS NEWMAN (81) .. 2	JOHN WHITING ..	6
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 3	LESLIE BARRY ..	7
*ALFRED LYNALL .. 4	THOMAS BOREHAM ..	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Triples.

Rung for the wedding of Joan Bussey, the only lady of the Cathedral band, to Hubert Matthews at St. Nicholas' Church, Hardwicke.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

EUNICE A. HILEY .. Treble	SHIRLEY J. CORKE ..	5
DAVID D. WRIGHT .. 2	STEWART F. W. KIMBER ..	6
EILEEN M. TURNER .. 3	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON ..	7
MONICA E. COLLINS .. 4	E. JOHN WELLS ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

Rung on the day of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's Annual Dinner to commemorate the name of John S. Goldsmith.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

### A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 36.		Tenor 14 cwt.
*G. ARTHUR GOW .. Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	5
†ALICE E. LESTER .. 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ..	6
MICHAEL A. MILLS .. 3	WALTER FELGATE ..	7
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal. † First Major 'inside.' 100th peal as conductor.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

### A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

		Tenor 10½ cwt.
HENRY C. WEAVER .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS ..	5
FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD ..	6
ERIC N. HARRISON .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ..	7
TOWER R. TAYLOR .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.



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# HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE. THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*STANLEY G. DAY .. .. Treble	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 2	*BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. .. 6
†RONALD F. DISERENS .. .. 3	†JOHN N. DISERENS .. .. 7
*GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 4	†NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

\*First peal of Rutland. †25th peal together.

# KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.
*EDWARD BARKER .. .. Treble	*JOHN WILSON .. .. 5
E. S. PARSONS .. .. 2	LESLIE HOUGHTON .. .. 6
*M. R. REED .. .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. 7
T. A. BEVIS .. .. 4	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. M. Whitehead, recently installed curate-in-charge at St. Nicholas' chapel of ease. Also a 21st birthday compliment to the grand-daughter of Mr. Edward Barker.

# TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.
PERCIVAL R. YOUNG .. .. Treble	*LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. .. 5
*JOHN R. HOBBS .. .. 2	*ALAN F. LEE .. .. 6
†AUDREY STEPHENS .. .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. .. 7
†JUDITH M. MIDGLEY .. .. 4	*TERENCE J. MILSOM .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

\*First peal, at first attempt. †First peal of Triples. ‡First peal of Grandsire and on eight. §First peal of Triples 'inside.' The first peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

# WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr.

FRANCIS KIRK .. .. Treble	JOHN W. SINFIELD .. .. 5
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 2	D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 6
JOHN S. MASON .. .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

# FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
SYDNEY FLINT .. .. Treble	GEORGE SKELLAND .. .. 4
TERRY OWEN .. .. 2	ROBERT GUY .. .. 5
THOMAS HORRIDGE .. .. 3	WILLIAM DEACON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DEACON.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Robert Smith, service ringer at the above church.

# SEALE, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A flat.

ERNEST GARDNER .. .. Treble	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 4
ROY COLLINS .. .. 2	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON .. .. 5
*EUNICE A. HILEY .. .. 3	JAMES F. DODSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\*First peal in two methods.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. A. Gardiner, O.B.E., B.Sc., A.K.C.

# MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).	Tenor 9½ cwt.
GILBERT W. BURGE .. .. Treble	RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. .. 4
JOYCE MORSE .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. .. 5
THOMAS F. STONE .. .. 3	RAYMOND G. PEARSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter (Susan Louise) to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Godwin, on September 29th

# BOSHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).	Tenor 13½ cwt.
*VALERIE M. TUMBER .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 4
*ROSEMARIE HIDE .. .. 2	NORMAN J. SMITH .. .. 5
PAULINE M. SAXTON .. .. 3	GERALD M. ROUSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is joining the Missions to Seamen in the Port of London.

# ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. Treble	†MAURICE STEWART .. .. 4
*THOMAS HILL .. .. 2	PETER WISHART .. .. 5
*THOMAS M. COX .. .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

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

Rung on the occasion of the birth of a nephew to Mr. Tom Cox, after meeting short for Triples.

# WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.	Tenor 9 cwt. in A.
MRS. G. F. ROOME .. .. Treble	BRIAN LINNELL .. .. 3
GLADYS A. ASHBY .. .. 2	PERCY AMOS .. .. 4
GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank W. Rollings, for many years a ringer at the above church, who was interred earlier this day.

# HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).	Tenor 6½ cwt.
EDWARD C. LESTER .. .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. .. 4
CHARLES H. MARTIN .. .. 2	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. .. 5
RONALD WHITE .. .. 3	NORMAN R. GREADY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Martin on her 88th birthday.

# WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Kent Treble Bob.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
ALEC T. DENSON .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. CRISP .. .. 4
E. JACK PARISH .. .. 2	MANSFIELD GINN .. .. 5
L. VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

**COLN ST. DENYS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Oct. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (six callings). Tenor 6 cwt.

*HARRY EDWARDS .. .. Treble	RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 3
MERVYN DAY .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 4

PATRICK BARTLETT .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

\* First peal.

Rung as a 21st wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards.

**UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.**  
**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Oct. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, viz.: Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 3 cwt. 19 lb.

*RUTH A. CAREY .. .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 4
DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 2	PETER NASH .. .. 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

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

**WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Oct. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb. in G.

*DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. Treble	BRIAN J. LUFF .. .. 4
GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 2	ERNEST TREAGUS .. .. 5
*JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. .. 3	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

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

**SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Oct. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. Treble	JOHN F. PEARSON .. .. 4
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. .. 2	*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in the method.

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being one 240 and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GWYNETH R. BROWN .. Treble	†DEREK H. PAINE .. .. 4
*DIANA M. GOUGH .. .. 2	‡HARRY W. BROWN .. .. 5
STANLEY W. BROWN .. .. 3	*ROY D. BROWN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. BROWN.

\* First peal. † First 'inside' and first in the method. ‡ First in the method and first peal as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. Canon H. T. Mogridge, M.A., and in appreciation of more than 29 years' devoted service in this parish.

**HANDBELL PEAL**

**HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Hinckley District.)

*On Mon., Oct. 10, 1955, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in E flat.

*JOHN A. SMITH .. .. 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 3—4
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\*NANCY E. MARKLEW .. 5—6

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand'



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# QUARTER PEALS

**ANGERSLEIGH, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss B. J. Stevens (first in two methods) 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, J. Taylor 3, C. J. Stevens 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. The conductor's 300th tower in Somerset.

**ASFORDBY, LEICS.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 240 Morris's Grandsire and 540 Grandsire): Miss C. Wheeler 1, J. Day 2, A. E. Hinman 3, G. Bowcutt 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5, T. Clayton 6. Rung as a farewell to Tom Clayton, who is joining H.M. Navy. He has been a regular chorister, server and ringer.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Stacey 1, P. Flack (first in method, aged 12) 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. Scoot 4, E. Buck 5, W. Collins 6, C. Harwood 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8.

**BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Barranco 1, Mrs. E. Merrett 2, C. A. Hughes 3, E. D. Smith 4, J. Merrett 5, C. M. Smith 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. First quarter in the method on the bells. Rung prior to harvest festival service.

**BITTON, GLOS.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Morris 1, Miss J. M. Midgley 2, Miss A. Stephens 3, K. Lovatt 4, T. Bollingbrooke 5, R. A. Southwood 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, T. J. Milsom 8. First quarter in method for 3 and 4.

**BOSTON, Lincs.**—On Oct. 16th, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Freiston 1, S. Jessop 2, R. Brown 3, A. Freiston 4, F. Dewey 5, F. Leggett 6, J. Petch 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Jessop.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Dunsden 1, R. Blond 2, A. Greenough 3, J. Grace 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, J. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

**BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Cullen 1, G. Kite 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, Helen Thoday 4, G. James 5, A. Purdom 6, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 7, E. Mounter 8. Rung for morning service and as an 87th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, H. Stebbings 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, K. Everett (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. F. Turrell 1, L. Penfold 2, D. Wilson 3, W. Slaughter 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. Hackblock (late Rectory).

**BUSHBURY, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Harrison 1, J. Allen (first quarter, cond.) 2, Gerald Dean (first quarter) 3, George Dean 4, R. Blackwell 5, T. Nott 6. Rung fully-muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Crathorne).

**CAMBRIDGE.**—At St. Mary-the-Great Church, on Oct. 9th, 1,210 Grandsire Cinques: P. H. Pigg 1, S. Brown 2, C. A. Hurst 3, C. Charge 4, W. J. Ridgman 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, B. Pratt (first on 12 bells) 7, P. Newing (first on 12 bells) 8, T. R. Dennis 9, H. Martin 10, J. Quinney 11, A. Rayner 12. Rung by a local band, with the exception of P. Newing, for harvest thanksgiving service.

**CLITHEROE, LANCs.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hetherington 1, Miss E. A. Downing 2, Miss R. Parkinson 3, Miss J. Dawson 4, Miss P. M. Bourn (cond.) 5, E. J. Gower 6, W. E. Wilkinson 7, C. Wignall 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4 and 7. Rung for harvest festival.

**COLESHILL, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hales 1, Diana Perrins 2, W. C. Rhodes 3, G. Lane 4, K. Lane 5, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 6, E. H. Hill 7, L. L. Willis 8. Rung as a farewell to C. Hales on leaving for service in H.M. Life Guards.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Cracknell (first of Triples) 1, Miss A. Miles 2, Miss L. Skeet 3, L. Tremer 4, W. Cracknell 5, G. T. Jennings 6, W. Slaughter (cond.) 7, S. Arnold 8. For harvest festival.

**DERBY.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Fletcher 1, A. Mould 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, S. J. Merry (first in method) 4, W. Steen 5, B. Barker 6, F. R. Lowe 7, W. Lancaster 8. For Evensong.

**EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Minor, 720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob: G. Fry 1, L. Newman 2, L. J. Honess 3, H. Usborne 4, W. R. Manser 5, S. A. Hayzelden (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the K.C.A. after peal failure.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. E. Jeffrey (first quarter) 1, E. C. Leigh 2, C. L. Rogers 3, Rev. Shephard Walwyn (first quarter) 4, S. Jenner 5, D. E. Leigh (first 'inside') 6, E. J. Jenner (first as cond.) 7, W. A. Leigh 8. For the 100th birthday of 'Grannie' Langridge.

**GOOLE, YORKS.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, H. S. Morley 2, H. Waud 3, J. Waud 4, A. H. Hawcroft 5, T. H. Foster 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, G. Waud 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. W. King, Goole.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 9th, for H.C., 360 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Booth 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, Rev. G. Hales 3, W. Wise 4, C. Massingham 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. For Matins, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob: G. Shellard 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, A. A. Booth 3, G. G. Mansfield 4, C. Massingham 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. For Evensong, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Double Oxford, 180 Plain Bob: Betty M. Mansfield 1, C. Rigby 2, A. A. Booth 3, G. G. Mansfield 4, C. Massingham 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

**HECKFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Stedman, 720 Plain Bob and 60 Grandsire): R. F. Diserens 1, G. K. Dodd 2, J. N. Diserens 3, N. J. Diserens 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5. First quarter peal on the bells.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 9th, a quarter peal of Minor: E. Sybil M. Tonkin (first of Minor) 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Laura M. Beeny 3, F. H. Beeny 4, B. Stepney 5, G. Beeny (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**HITCHAM, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (being 660 Grandsire and 600 Plain Bob): Miss M. Carr 1, A. Grout 2, G. Berry (cond.) 3, T. Barrett 4, H. Oglesby 5, P. Shepherd 6. First quarter by 1, 5 and 6. Rung for harvest festival morning service.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Fidler 1, P. Jackson (14) 2, M. Orme 3, K. C. Timbury 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5, P. Meyhew 6. Rung on the back six for harvest festival.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major (15 changes of method): S. Penfold 1, D. W. Beard 2, A. J. Salisbury 3, C. Smith 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, A. House 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

**KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Evans 1, Miss M. A. Ward 2, E. Edgington 3, J. Fox 4, J. R. Joyner (cond.) 5, C. A. Brass 6. For harvest festival.

**KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Lane 1, T. Smith 2, R. L. Nutt 3, G. H. Lane (cond.) 4, D. K. Lane 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Joseph Gilliver, for many years a ringer at this church.

**LANE END, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hagger 1, W. Woodward 2, K. Seymour 3, S. Smith 4, R. Wright 5, W. Avery (cond.) 6. Rung for the dedication festival. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, conducted by K. Seymour. For harvest thanksgiving service.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Powell 1, H. Arscott 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 4, W. H. Poole 5, G. H. Whitmore 6, H. G. Keeley 7, A. E. Whitmore 8. For evening service.

**MICKLETON, GLOS.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Fairfax (first quarter) 1, R. F. Kibbielwhite 2, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 3, R. Bowld 4, J. R. Niblett 5, D. Clark (first quarter) 6, A. H. Wright 7, F. G. Kinchin 8. Rung, with 4, 6, 8 covering, for harvest festival Evensong.

**MILVERTON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 2, C. Tarr 3, H. G. Sparks 4, S. M. Bristow 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, G. J. Gammon 7, R. Commis 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the English Church Music Singers to Milverton, and conducted by the musical director of the Singers (Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, F.R.C.O. (C.H.M.)).

**NORBURY, CHESHIRE.**—On Oct. 13th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Mary Worth (first quarter, aged 11) 1, J. Worth (cond.) 2, Mrs. Bournemouth 3, R. Turner 4, L. Bournemouth 5, J. W. Whittaker 6, P. Laffin 7, B. Jones 8.

**OCKBROOK, DERBYS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Steen 1, E. A. G. Grime 2, P. M. Giles 3, J. S. Morrison 4, A. Mould 5, M. Bailey (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Juliet Godfrey Grime (sister of the ringer of the second) and Mr. John Michel McKellan.

**OLDHAM, LANCs.**—On Oct. 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. T. Light 1, F. Pritchard 2, D. M. Seville (first 'inside') 3, A. Gilmour 4, J. T. Walmsley 5, D. Sanderson (cond.) 6, T. B. Hartley 7 (covering). First quarter of Minor for 1, 4 and 5. Rung as a welcome home from the Forces for D. M. Seville.

**OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire and April Day): R. Gallop 1, D. Simms (first in four methods) 2, J. Cruickshank 3, R. Trebilcock 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung for the 25th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dart (first of Minor) 1, R. Gallop 2, D. Simms 3, V. Green 4, R. Trebilcock 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (comprising Grandsire, Plain Bob, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day): R. Gallop 1, J. Cruickshank 2, R. Trebilcock (cond.) 3, V. Green 4, T. Smith 5, R. Brown 6. First in six methods for 1 and 2. For harvest festival.

**PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Melton (first quarter) 1, L. Pierce 2, H. King 3, E. Bishop 4, K. Brown (cond.) 5. Rung for the christening of Maureen June Tipple, granddaughter of the 2nd ringer.

**PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Smart (first of Minor) 1, Miss K. Ballard (first 'inside') 2, J. Booth 3, P. Foster 4, K. Sheldon (first of Minor) 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 19th, at the Church of St. John, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rose (cond.) 1, Ruth Morgan 2, J. Haw 3, H. Goakes 4, G. Bush 5, W. Barker 6, J. Bluff 7, G. Cowlin 8. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday. Also on Oct. 13th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: Ruth Morgan 1, W. Rose 2, D. Bell 3, G. Bush 4, H. Goakes 5, W. Barker 6, J. Haw 7, J. Bluff (cond.) 8. A farewell to D. Bell, who is leaving Peterborough.

**RAMSGATE, KENT.**—On Oct. 17th, at St. Laurence-in-Thanet, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Woodfield (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. Shepherd (first of Triples) 3, T. W. Edwards 4, G. C. Durham 5, S. J. Gee 6, A. E. Jarman (cond.) 7, R. S. Weekes 8. Rung as a compliment to ringers of the 2nd and 7th on their wedding anniversaries, and as a 16th birthday compliment to ringer of the 5th.

**RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Doubles (240 each of New, Winchendon, Grandsire (Pitman's), Plain, St. Nicholas' and St. Simon's): A. Walpole 1, J. Forder 2, G. Walpole 3, H. W. Barrett 4, E. Long (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

**ROADE, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Old, April Day, All Saints', Canterbury and Plain Bob): W. Richardson 1, S. Swannell 2, H. Curtis 3, A. Cozens 4, T. Osborne (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. Beavan 1, J. J. Webb 2, Josephine Green 3, Mollie Tilbury 4, P. G. Morgan 5, A. T. Poulton 6, R. T. Jones (cond.) 7, G. G. Jones 8. For harvest festival.

**ROYDON, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Bowsell 1, S. Frost 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, A. Livings 5, J. Frost 6. Rung for harvest festival and also for the christening of the grandson of the ringer of the 5th.

**RUGELEY, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (60 of Erin, one extent each of New, Huntspill, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon, Plain Bob. Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Stedman): R. Chicken 1, I. Oram 2, J. Waters 3, J. Schofield 4, J. Joyner (cond.) 5, B. Vine 6. First in 11 methods by all except the conductor.

**SHREWSBURY, SALOP.**—On Oct. 8th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. B. Hall (first quarter) 1, J. Colley 2, A. E. G. Owen 3, P. J. Evans 4, R. F. Davies (cond.) 5, B. Onions 6. Rung for the opening of the new Parish Hall by the Bishop of Lichfield.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Goodier 1, Miss S. Wickenden 2, Miss J. Adamson 3, B. T. Lister 4, Mrs. W. Butler 5, J. C. Birt 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, A. D. Rivers 8. First quarter of Bob Triples for 1, 2, 3 and 4. For harvest festival.

**STEPNEY, E.**—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Malden (first of Minor) 1, W. A. Hughes 2, T. G. Fox 3, H. W. Weedon (first of Minor 'inside') 4, A. F. Lewry 5, L. J. Fox (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. Furniaux. Mr. Furniaux is a member of the local band.

**TENBY, PEMBROKES.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Lewis 1, A. Walters 2, E. Williams 3, J. Webb 4, M. Jenkins 5, H. Jenkins (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Webb, daughter of Mr. Jack Webb.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, Miss A. Stephens 3, Miss J. M. Midgley 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, A. F. Lee 6, R. A. Southwood 7, T. J. Milson 8. The first quarter on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. For Evensong.

**TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Packham 1, K. C. Knight 2, Stella M. Wickens (cond.) 3, F. F. Godsmark 4, P. F. Romney 5. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Basil W. Hazeldine, M.A., as Rector of the parish.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, V. Chamberlain 2, G. E. Crisp 3, N. Robinson 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

**WINDSOR CASTLE, BERKS.**—On Oct. 11th, at the Curfew Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Renn 1, W. F. Butler 2, K. Buckingham 3, H. Douglas 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6, A. J. Glass 7, J. Paynter 8. A farewell to L/Cpl. H. Douglas, R.H.G., on his leaving Windsor after completion of his National Service.

**WINSLOW, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gibbard 1, F. Gregory (cond.) 2, F. Bull 3, J. Hall 4, H. France 5, R. Saunders 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

**WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. E. Morgan 1, E. Thomas 2, M. Hendy 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, V. Cater 6. Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Scudamore, also as a farewell to Mr. T. T. Walters, who is leaving to take up a post in Australia.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Rudkin (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Simms 2, W. S. Butler 3, B. Crook (first 'inside') 4, C. Burton 5, J. Warner 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. For harvest festival.

## IRISH ASSOCIATION

When the Eastern District met at St. Mary's, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, on October 8th, there were present a parson, a doctor and an undertaker. The suggested reason, writes our correspondent, is that Blessington bells are about the most difficult in Ireland to handle. The tenor bell 'gives up the ghost' after a few minutes' ringing or at least the ringer does. The trio must have been disappointed at not 'doing any business.' Members always look forward to visiting this church (there were 30 present) and seeing how long the ringer of the tenor can last the pace. Ringing on the six bells included call changes, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

On the following day the ringers of St. John's Augustinian Church, Dublin, visited Wexford to help the recently formed new team ring the 10 bells (tenor 32 cwt.) at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Good progress is reported.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Kington District held the autumn meeting at Presteigne. Ringing on the eight bells commenced at 3.30, and the service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. G. Benson, himself a ringer. Tea was provided in the nearby Church Hall, prepared by ringers' wives and friends.

At the business meeting the secretary reported three monthly practices since the last meeting had been fairly well attended. Monthly practices were fixed and also the annual meeting to be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on January 7th.

Ringling was carried on till 8.30 in Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

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Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, of Twickenham, who conducts the English Church Music Singers, has in his choir two ringers, apart from himself. When they give a choral recital in a church they endeavour to ring with local ringers either before or after the recital. At Milverton, Somerset, Dr. Neal Smith conducted a quarter peal previous to the recital.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. E. T. P. Field has rung in 300 towers in Somerset. He has just over 30 more to visit.

Our correspondent at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, has written telling us of a 'promising youngster' in his tower. He is Mr. G. Kite, who rang in the congratulatory quarter on his 87th birthday.

Mr. Tom Cox, of Middlesbrough, has never entertained the idea of ringing a peal of Minor, but on meeting short at Ormesby he thoroughly enjoyed his first of Minor and gave a beginner a chance of his first peal 'inside.'

During the week's evangelistic mission at Liss, Hants, the local band rang the bells each evening. A quarter peal on the last Sunday evening unfortunately came to grief, but, writes our correspondent, 'the spirit of service to God and His Church was uppermost in the minds of the ringers.'

It is customary to ring the bells of Cardington Parish Church half-muffled for the R 101 memorial service, and this year, the 25th anniversary of the airship disaster, was no exception. Due to a late start it was not possible to ring a quarter peal as had been intended, and so the composition was shortened to 1,119 changes of Grandsire Triples, and rung by the following band: E. Izzard 1, Miss Joan Fuller 2, Miss Evelyn Steel 3, R. A. Ward 4, R. W. Stephens 5, J. B. Long 6, B. Pattison (conductor) 7, D. Bridges 8.

Mr. Roger O. Fry is proud of the band he has been training at Twerton-on-Avon, his home tower, on their first peal on the bells since rehanging. With the exception of Miss Audrey Stephens, of Ebbw Vale, who is at a training college at Bath, and Mr. Leslie Taylor, of Corston, they are all members of the Sunday service band.

The peal at Medbourne, Leics, on October 15th, is believed to be the first peal on the bells since their augmentation to six, although there have been at least three previous attempts. After the peal the band were entertained to tea by the Vicar.

The quarter peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Leatherhead was rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Smart, a respected member of the local band. He still regularly cycles to work and rings 'inside' to Surprise Royal and Major.

In connection with the 25th anniversary of the opening of Godalming County Grammar School on October 17th the bells of the Parish Church were rung before and after the service by a band of past and present pupils of the school drawn from Haslemere, Chiddingfold and S. Nicolas', Guildford. The ladies are complimented upon their ringing of this heavy and somewhat tricky octave.

Hampshire, as the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has pointed out in one of his most interesting articles, has a number of unconquered five-bell towers. An attempt was made at one of these on October 9th by a band with a specially imported 'Guntly Waller' (heavy-bell ringer), but after the first quarter he declared that he had done enough hard work for the day, and rushed off to add two more towers to his already gigantic list. However, it is anticipated that another attempt will be made when the cold weather arrives.

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## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

### The New Bishop Speaks of the Virtues of Ringing

THE first annual dinner during the episcopacy of the Right Rev. Gerald Ellison, Bishop of Chester, on October 8th, was marked by a record attendance of some 130 persons drawn from practically all parts of the widespread diocese. The capacity of Bolland's was taxed to the utmost but, nevertheless, the caterers provided an excellent meal.

After the loyal toast there was a short interval and then the proceedings began with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells followed by the toast of 'The Guild' proposed by the Lord Bishop. He said he spoke with great trepidation in the presence of such an assembly, many of whom had rung numbers of peals running into three figures and in various methods, as his only peal was one of Grandsire Doubles. Peals on bells were essentially English and we should glory in this and delight in taking part in something which is part of our national heritage.

The art of ringing required the gifts of the power to take trouble, of concentration, of learning to overcome something which is completely incomprehensible and of self-discipline. One needed to mould self and mind into those of other people. It demanded self-discipline of the mind to overcome mathematical combinations and immense concentration to perform these. All these were taught in the tower.

#### INTELLECTUAL MORONS

To-day life was rapidly depriving them of chances to practise the arts. Entertainment to-day was becoming static: just watching or listening instead of practising things for themselves. 'We are becoming a race of intellectual morons who do not create anything for themselves and, therefore, do not know the need for emotional self-discipline and do not know the inward peace and satisfaction which conquering a thing can bring. Our craft is not only something which should be valued for its high purpose and place in our national life but because it represents something which is best in man's life. It would be a sad day if ever it became a dying art.'

'We see to-day attempts to recreate the old arts and crafts and how they so often become the province of the long-haired dilettante. Ringing is not a dying art but a flourishing and living art, but there is always the possibility that people will not be prepared to take the necessary trouble and to submit to the discipline needed if the art of ringing is to continue. Ringers have a great contribution to make to the national life by teaching and holding up before young people's eyes in particular, the need for these qualities.'

The Bishop concluded by quoting some lines from Miss Dorothy Sayers' novel, 'The Nine Tailors': 'In this world so many people make noise, why should anyone object to the one noise made to the glory of God?'

#### A RINGING DEAN

The Master of the Guild, Mr. J. W. Clarke, in his reply, said how delighted they were to have the Lord Bishop and his wife with them, and wished them much happiness in Chester. He (the Lord Bishop) was the fifth president the Guild had had in its lifetime but he was the first ringing president. He had recently been moved to investigate how many ringing clergy there had been at the Cathedral, and the first one he could trace was the Dean of 1733, who was so energetic that he could raise the great bell of the Cathedral by himself. In 1738 the record had it that the tenor was cracked, but whether the Dean had anything to do with it they did not know. The only other Cathedral dignitary who had any connection with ringing was the present Archdeacon of Chester, the Ven. R. V. H. Burne, who once rang a six-

score of Doubles and who, in his own words, 'took up bellringing and was in turn taken up by the bell,' whereupon his enthusiasm abated and he turned to water-colour painting as a hobby.

It was 68 years since the Guild was formed and it had never fallen below a high standard because there had always been in the Guild people who were prepared to work and give time to the study of the art and to help other people. All the way through their history there had been someone who had done a great deal of work for the Guild. The present officers all worked hard and in the branches the Guild had enthusiastic officials. With all due modesty, Mr. Clarke went on, the Guild could claim to be, as the Editor of 'The Ringing World' put it a few years ago, in the forefront of the Exercise.

The hon. secretary of the Guild, the Rev. J. Kingdon, proposed the toast of 'The Ladies' and dwelt upon their value, particularly in the tower. To those who disliked climbing spiral staircases he strongly recommended the adoption of the mode of access to the ringing room as at St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, his own church. Two ladders set perpendicularly in a well and at halfway one changes over from one to the other. He felt this was admirable and cited the fact that he had many lady ringers as proof of his statement.

Mrs. C. K. Lewis, in her reply, said that, like the prima donna of the story, this must positively be her last appearance as a speech-maker and she thanked the proposer for his tributes to the ladies. She was gratified to learn they were so much appreciated, since when a new method or composition was being learned they sometimes felt that they became part of the furniture. They were glad to play their part in the advancement of the Guild and the Exercise, some in the tower, others who with John Milton could say, 'They also serve who only stand and wait.'

#### RIISING SPIRITUAL WAVE

The toast of 'The Clergy' was thoughtfully proposed by Mr. C. W. Lawton, who said that he felt that just as in the material world we suffered booms and slumps so in the realms of spiritual matters. He thought we were at the beginning of a rising wave spiritually, and this was due to the devoted ministry of the clergy during the years of spiritual slump, when so many ears are completely closed to the message. The clergyman seldom saw much return for all his efforts and he was called upon to give out much nervous energy in the service of his fellow man. A few years ago it was felt that if the environment were put right then all would be well but they were learning that this was not quite the case. In the Guild they had always had priests who had served them well in office—to mention only one or two, the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Canon C. A. Pearson and the present general secretary—and they looked forward to the future optimistically.

In his reply, the Vicar of Frodsham, the Rev. G. H. L. Green, a newcomer to the diocese, said that the bells helped the priest in the task of proclaiming to the world the message of the Gospel. He referred to the large number of towers in his native Herefordshire which were separated from the church and said he had come to the conclusion that this was to enable the ringers to escape without attending the service for which they had rung. Ringers were skilled people but he appealed to them not to let the pursuit of ringing become the end as it could so easily do.

During the evening tunes were rung on handbells by members of Christ Church, Macclesfield, there were vocal items by Mr. N. A. Parry and Mr. H. Thomas, with assistance from the Allman brothers, and change ringing

## MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Wolstanton ringers are very happy to have with them Miss Phyllis J. Holborn. It is hoped that she will fill the place vacated by Miss Shelagh Collins, who has left the district.

The person responsible for publishing the peal rung at Wolborough on August 18th apologises to the band for the delay in submitting the report.

London County Association members rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples at Barking-side as a special compliment to the Rev. A. C. Comer-Stone, M.A., who had just been appointed Honorary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral.

The bells of St. Mary's, Portsea, will be heard in the 'Faith in the West' programme from the West Regional transmitter, to-night (Friday, October 28th) at 7.45 p.m., featuring 'The History of St. Mary's, Portsea.'

Two of Headington's (Oxford) ringers have been demobilised from the R.A.F.—Gordon Collett and David Simms. Malcolm Stone, another Headington ringer, is still in the R.A.F., serving in the Middle East.

The Dean of Windsor graciously permitted a quarter peal to be rung on the bells of the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, as a farewell to L.-Cpl. Harry Douglas, Royal Horse Guards, on his demobilisation. During the 19 months he has been in Windsor Harry has endeared himself to local ringers. He returns to his own tower, Malin's Lee, Salop.

At Hardington, Northants, where he rang his first peal 31 years ago, Mr. P. Amos gave a talk on bells to the Men's Society on October 18th. The address was illustrated by slides loaned by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Hardington is appealing for funds to restore its tower and to recast the second of its five bells, which is cracked.

The quarter peal at Hornchurch on October 9th was very much a farewell, for as it rang out for Matins it carried with it the best wishes of the band to Miss M. Rankin, who is taking up residence at Leicester University, to Miss V. Eaton, who goes to Edinburgh University, and to Mr. D. M. Salisbury, who has entered a training College in London, all of the local band. The band also extended its best wishes to Mr. D. W. Beard, a very great friend, who is taking up an appointment in Gloucester.

#### CORRECTIONS

In the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Gilmorton on September 28th the treble was rung by Mrs. B. G. Warwick and the second by Brian G. Warwick. The time should read two hours and 36 minutes and not two hours and 49 minutes (see page 659).

In the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Welford on September 10th the second was rung by Peter R. Johnson and the third by Mrs. B. G. Warwick (see page 659).

We regret in the caption to one of the pictures of 'Bells for the Army in Korea' (page 668) the weight of the tenor was wrongly given. It is only about 20 lb.

### Chester Guild Dinner—Cont.

by members drawn from three branches of the Guild. The final item, before the National Anthem closed the proceedings at 10.45, was an attempt to ring and walk a course of Grandsire Triples by eight members of the Guild, who have all rung a peal going into five figures.

They failed to reach farther than the second lead-head and even that required two attempts. The effect on the audience was remarkable, and the Lord Bishop was heard to say afterwards that he felt like giving them a hand as he felt sure he could have gone into the hunt!

C. L.



# GUILDFORD GUILD DINNER

## Visiting Peal Ringers' Responsibility Towards Ropes

GREETINGS of good wishes for a happy gathering were read from three Guilds (Yorkshire, Kent and Coventry) holding their dinners the same evening, at the Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner commemorating the name of John S. Goldsmith, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on October 15th. The popularity of this dinner increases year by year, thanks to the enthusiasm of the organising committee—Messrs. C. W. Denyer, W. Viggers and Dick Mills (hon. secretary). This year late applications for tickets had to be refused.

The Ven. G. B. Smith, the new Archdeacon of Surrey, presided and he was accompanied by Mrs. Smith. Supporting him was the Master of the Guild (Mr. A. Harman) and Mrs. Harman and, as in previous years, they kindly provided flowers for the table decorations. Mr. Sydney Joyce was the toastmaster.

Mr. F. E. Collins, past master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was selected to propose 'The memory of John S. Goldsmith and the continued prosperity of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.' He said he knew of John Goldsmith before he had the privilege of meeting him, as when a youngster his ringing master often spoke of Jack Goldsmith. When he met him he found that all the praise he had heard was justly deserved. He was an excellent ringer, a good conductor, a composer and a gentleman—witty and humorous. Many ringers who had these merits had passed on. With Jack Goldsmith they had a continued reminder week by week of his services to ringing. He founded 'The Ringing World' in 1911 and he maintained the publication despite many difficulties until his death in 1942. Fortunately the paper had lived after him and he sincerely hoped that as long as there were bells and ringers it would continue to be published as a permanent memorial to him.

About 27 years ago the division of the Winchester Diocese took place and those ringers in the Guildford area of the diocese decided to form their own Guild. Jack Goldsmith was one of the pioneers in those early days and there was no doubt that much of the Guildford Guild's success was due to him. Since then the Guild had never looked back and it was up to the young members present to see that it continued to flourish. Young people should realise that 'time marches on' and the Guild would soon be their responsibility, and by their work and enthusiasm the Guild would continue to flourish for all time.

A touch of Grandshire Caters was rung by A. H. Pulling, Mrs. Gillian Parsons, Jack R. Worrall, Harry Poyner and T. Mark White.

The toast was formally acknowledged by Mr. C. W. Denyer, a vice-president of the Guild. 'We are all grateful to the memory of his life,' he said.

Mr. A. P. Cannon, proposing the toast of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise,' said that evening four other ringing dinners were being held—the Snowdon at Leeds, the Kent County Association, the Coventry Diocesan Guild and the Essex Association. Dr. Hatcher, the secretary of the Kent County Association, had suggested that they should send greetings to each other and it was with pleasure that he acknowledged messages of good wishes from the Snowdon dinner, the Kent County Association and the Coventry Guild. He trusted their dinner secretary would acknowledge them.

Dealing with the first part of the toast, he congratulated their chairman, the new Archdeacon of Surrey, on being the first naval officer to become an archdeacon. The connection of the Services with the Church he experienced when he met the new Vicar of Betchworth, who was his commanding officer when

he joined up in 1940. He was always safe in asking for those bells for a peal attempt!

He hoped that when ringers made peal attempts in towers they were visiting they would send a contribution to the local bell rope fund or church expenses. He regarded that as more important than a donation to 'The Ringing World' for a peal or quarter peal.

Some people did not like ringing being referred to as 'the Exercise'—but it was an exercise when one got on the back end. He would emphasise, however, that no one could ring the tenor to a peal unless he had seven, five or four other ringers in the peal, and one could not do much on the tenor unless the light bells were rung properly.

Unfortunately for ringing to-day they met too frequent references to the word 'apathy.' If apathy was allowed to come in there was a danger of their ringing deteriorating and already the standard of ringing and peals was lower to-day. The trouble was that there were many ringers who placed ringing second place to other things. Meetings in many areas were not being attended as they should be, and without regular practising their Sunday ringing, which was their duty, would suffer. He would remind young ringers that many of the friendships made in the belfry existed right through life. He would like to see a little more enthusiasm as Mr. Pulling showed 20, 30 and 40 years ago. He was one of the leading lights of ringing of all time, and they ought to be very proud that he was a resident member of the Guildford Guild.

The Archdeacon, in reply, said when they drank the toast of 'The Church' they thought of the Church of England, the Anglican Communion, and it was a great privilege to belong to that Church. If they read the history of the Church they would realise how wonderfully God had led His family through many vicissitudes.

Strange things had been happening in this diocese with a retired Lieutenant-Commander becoming the Bishop of Lancaster and now a retired Captain had been made an Archdeacon. He thought his brother clergy would say, 'It is a good thing if it did not happen very often.'

The Exercise of ringers reminded him when as an elderly curate he visited a ringer. His church did not have proper bells so this bell-ringer went to a church over the border. He (the Archdeacon) asked him if they had a good choir. He replied he did not know as he had to go to the 'local' afterwards as he had taken so much exercise that he needed a rest! The Archdeacon said he thought that was unique in these days.

The ringing of bells was very important to the Church because it was through their work that she spoke to the people outside, calling them to God. Their bells conveyed good news and bad, and one of his earliest memories was the ringing of the bells of Cambridge to announce the relief of Mafeking. Those bells expressed all the relief they felt.

The toast of 'The Ladies' was submitted in a humorous and witty manner by Mr. H. A. Cole. Miss Beth Ealand replied and said one of her earliest memories was Farnham bells.

The entertainment was, as usual, of a high standard, those contributing being Miss Bertha Hann (soprano), Mr. Leonard Starling ('cello'), Dr. Walter Wright, Mr. Harold Cole and the Farnham District Glee Singers with their topical verse, and Miss Beth Ealand (accompanist).

## THE COMPANY

The company included Mr. A. J. Adams, Miss K. Avenell, Mr. W. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barlow, Mr. A. C. and Mr. C. J. Beadle, Mr. and Mrs. P. Bevan, Mr. Brackley, Mr. F. Brady, Major E. J. Bragg, Miss A.

Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. Brown, Miss M. Butler, Mr. A. P. Cannon, Miss M. Cass, Mr. F. Cherryman, Miss S. Corke, Mr. E. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cole, Miss M. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. R. Collins, Miss A. Cox.

The Rev. T. H. and Mrs. Dart, Miss M. Davey, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Denyer, Mr. W. Denyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dodson, Miss E. Dopson, Miss H. Draper, Mr. and Mrs. W. Enticknap, Mr. G. Enticknap, Mr. P. Eveleigh, Miss B. Ealand, Miss A. Fisher, Miss A. Goodchild, Miss M. Green, Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Grover, Mrs. Gurr.

Mr. B. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hall, Miss B. Hann, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Haynes, Mrs. Head, Mr. J. Hickox, Miss E. Hiley, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hills, Miss M. Hirst, Mr. and Mrs. A. Holden, Miss R. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. J. Horsman, Mr. A. C. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hunter, Mr. A. E. Hunter, Mr. H. Hutton, Mr. C. Hopper.

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## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

### Southern District

The October meeting was held at St. Mary's, Barnard Castle. The tower of this 12th century church was added in the 19th century; a framed document in the ringing chamber dated 1823 states that the bells, having a total weight of 72 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb., cost 1s. 3d. per lb.

The meeting attracted ringers from Middlesbrough, Bishop Auckland, Hurworth-on-Tees, Richmond and Darlington. The Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Webster, B.D.) conducted a short service and spoke of the recent televising of his harvest festival and of the many letters of appreciation he had received from viewers all over Great Britain. The service was accompanied by a young Richmond ringer, Malcolm Hammond.

At the business meeting it was stated that in future the meetings would be held in the last week of the month to avoid clashes with other Districts. The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, on November 26th. F. W. C.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## BOATRACE DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—Although I have no desire to poke my oar into the Oxford v. Cambridge argument about 'Boatrace Delight,' may I point out that if the method is really Morning Exercise, as the correspondence says, then far from being 'unestablished' (as one correspondent implies), both the method and its name are over two centuries old; that the word 'illegal' (as dubbed by another) is tactless terminology and that if 'the method is not all that it should be,' neither is a great deal of other stuff apparently rung and recognised at the present time!

It was also interesting to note that two correspondents described Rossendale Surprise (Immanuel) as Woodbine and London, an example, may I humbly suggest, of tactful terminology. —Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

## OLDHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—Having been stationed in Oldham for a period of four years and a member of the Parish Church ringers during that time, I was most pleased to read R. H. Dove's letter in defence of these bells.

Although perhaps having more than a 'sneaking regard' for them, I agree wholeheartedly with all that 'R. H.' writes. All the bells are comfortably audible in the ringing chamber, but I admit that they do require 'handling' and cannot be classed as 'learner's' bells.

I personally found great satisfaction in having rung a well-struck touch or peal on them because a little added zest and determination is required by all the band. Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 are on the top tier with some 85ft. of rope, Nos. 3, 6, 7, 9 and 10 on the middle tier with 8, 11 and that beautiful tenor (35 cwt. 4 lb. official) on the bottom tier.

For extra pleasure go to Oldham and handle your bell like a ringer.—Yours sincerely,

P. TOCOCK, R.Q.M.S.

4 R. Tks., B.A.O.R. 30.

## PEAL RINGING IN SOMERSET

Dear Sir,—I must apologise for one or two mistakes in my article on Somerset which several correspondents have kindly pointed out to me and which I hasten to correct. Although appearing in their proper category in my records, for some reason I can't quite understand I included Chilcompton, Marston Bigott and Carhampton among the eight-bell towers when actually, of course, they are 6's.

Mr. Horseman is also quite correct in mentioning the omission of Nailsea. On my list it appears with 17 peals, and I am sorry that the recent excellent work in that tower was overlooked for some unknown reason. Perhaps it was because I wrote the article somewhat in haste before going on holiday!—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

Dear Sir,—I note that in his excellent series of articles on peal ringing in the various counties, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead credits Bath Abbey with a peal in 1919 in addition to the peals there in 1906, 1947 and 1953.

I believe, though, that while a peal was claimed during 1919, it was later withdrawn by the conductor. There is certainly no mention of it in the Association peal records.—Yours faithfully,

R. O. FRY.

Bath.

## PROTEST FROM WIVENHOE

Dear Sir,—In 'The Essex County Standard' the following letter interested and amused me somewhat. I thought ringers up and down the country might also feel as I did. It reads:—

### 'BEDLAM OF THE BELLS'

'One of the marvels of this age must surely be that, while motor-cycles and wireless sets have to be kept below a certain noise level, nobody ever seems to complain about the infernal bedlam that periodically emerges from countless belfries all over the country.'

'That it is still permissible for groups of infantile-minded individuals to band together and shatter the peace and often the slumbers of the rest of the community with their noisy exhibitionism is something to be wondered at, yet there it is, week after week, these people clatter their bells, and even go to the extent of having a "practice" night. Why, even a five-year-old with a drum doesn't need practice to raise hell.—Signed J. Halliwell, Falcon Hotel, Wivenhoe.'

Yours, etc.,

DOUGLAS C. BARTHOLOMEW.

Rickmansworth, Herts.

## STOWMARKET TENOR

Dear Sir,—A peal of Bob Major was rung on the bells of Stowmarket Church on Tuesday, October 11th, in which Miss Hilda Snowden rang the tenor. It was discussed in the belfry and the suggestion made that she was the first lady to turn the tenor in to a peal. Could you please let us know if this is correct? —Yours faithfully,

CLAUDE SNOWDEN.

Stowmarket, Suffolk.

## WHERE 'THE RINGING WORLD' IS APPRECIATED

Dear Sir,—Being somewhat far removed from the ringing scene of the homeland, but in contact with the Exercise through 'The Ringing World,' I am able to see the state of things at home in perhaps a different light than my fortunate brethren in the U.K.

To wit: 'Distance makes the heart grow fonder'—and the arrival of 'our journal' over here causes much excitement and attention for the writer at the time and after. As my mail takes at least eight days to arrive, I am able to digest past editions of 'The Ringing World' more than if I were at home; the result is that every article is read and re-read dozens of times until I know them from memory.

Some of my observations as the result of this concentrated reading are these:—

That the front page articles have become more colourful and interesting and carry more weight; the letters you sometimes receive following them prove this. I also note that more ringers are entering into the field of campanological journalism, and I think this to be a healthy sign for progressive thinking and ringing. Further, this shows that there is an increased number of ringers who are not content to have their own thoughts expressed for them by the few, but are launching out and doing it for themselves and to these I offer my hearty congratulations.

Regarding the latest issues (August and September), I read with enthusiasm the accounts of various tours and outings undertaken by our members and they are very entertaining, but I wonder if in the future they will perhaps try a selection of towers with bad going bells for a change—there are many. I quite agree with an organiser's point of view—that good going bells are a joy to ring—but here surely is a lack of enterprise or are ringers getting soft?—Yours very sincerely,

PETER MINCHIN.

Korea.

## PEAL RINGING IN SHROPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—In congratulating the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead upon his indefatigable and successful accomplishment of such an enormous amount of invaluable statistical work, may I correct the impression given in his above-mentioned article that the first peal in Shropshire was rung at Oswestry in 1731.

The first, one of Grandsire Triples, was, in fact, rung at Ellesmere (my mother tower) on February 4th, 1730, in 3 hours and 5 minutes, and is clearly recorded on a very well-preserved board in the ringing room there. It is not known how the first peal came to be rung in this rather out-of-the-way part of the county—only some 15 years after the earliest in the county—but all the eight ringers' surnames are well-known local ones and researches by the present Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Lloyd, M.A., and Mr. W. A. Farmer, formerly of Shrewsbury, indicate that they were all local men, one of them being the parish clerk of the time.

The next known peal, also Grandsire, was rung in 1894 and this was followed, 26 years later, by one of Kent Treble Bob Major. There have been, in all, 11 peals, mostly Stedman, and, in living memory, some six unsuccessful attempts only on this ancient Rudhall octave, probably the oldest in the county.

Inscriptions on the present bells reveal that three were cast in 1727, four in 1768 and the tenor (21 cwt. in E) recast in 1799. They were rehung and quarter-turned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1894 and again more recently in 1953, their 'go' now being excellent, and these bells still hang in the original old oak frame, now strengthened by Mears, on which the date 1712 is carved. The church—built by the Knights Hospitaller of St. John—was restored and enlarged in 1849, and the spacious, central tower is supported by Norman arches.

A further unusually interesting feature of the ringing history at this tower is that twice during the past generation a local band has taught itself change ringing here. Just after World War I, led by my father, we taught ourselves, beginning, for some reason, with Stedman and Erin, and each member became a peal ringer and able to conduct at least a quarter peal. Due to a rigid agreement with the then established paid Sunday service call-change band, of which a few of us were also members, a unique and fantastic situation developed and existed for the next ten years or so. Excellent call-changes (without open lead) were rung on Sundays while, for practice on Mondays, equally excellent quarter peals, etc., of Stedman or Erin Triples (with open lead) were tapped off. I do not know whether this ludicrous position has ever obtained elsewhere.

During the past few years, history has repeated itself at this tower and, principally due to the dogged determination and perseverance of the leader, Mr. Arnold Whitehead, whose motto, inspired, I believe, by my late father, has always been 'No call-changes,' local ringers of varied ages have again, off their own bat, mastered the rudiments of change ringing, this time beginning with the more conventional Grandsire and Plain Bob, which are now rung regularly for services, etc. Due to removals, deaths, etc., the 78-year-old tenor ringer, Mr. W. Higginson, sen., is the only remaining member of the former band, and he still covers Grandsire regularly for the present team.—Yours sincerely,

T. R. BUTLER.

Liverpool.

## STOKE-BY-NAYLAND TENOR

Dear Sir,—The weight of the above bell given on page 665 of 'The Ringing World' is not correct.

The bell was cast at Whitechapel in the early 1800's and some years ago the weight was given to me as 24 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.—Yours faithfully,

U. W. WILDING.

Kirby-le-Soken.



## LETTERS—Continued

## HISTORY BEHIND PEAL NAMES

Dear Sir,—I would first like to thank Mr. C. Sharples, of Oswaldtwistle, for his information concerning the original name for Rossendale Surprise. It may save a false claim of first peal in the method, as it has clearly already been pealed as 'Immanuel.'

I would like to see an article compiled giving the story behind the names in the Minor Collection, for there must be interesting snippets of earlier ringing history behind them. Am I correct in thinking that those that had not been rung to a 720 and given a name when the second edition was prepared were named according to their type after a random selection of castles, abbeys, lakes and towers in certain localities? Several of these are in or around Derbyshire, e.g., Melandra, Taxal, and I should be interested in ringing lengths of them on towers in the county.

I agree up to a point with Mr. Chant in his criticisms of my previous letter. Over the matter of music in irregular Minor methods I am prepared to believe what he says when I have rung some good irregular ones, but still think that one is going to miss the familiar reassuring roll-ups with the tenors together, and have to put up with more 6-5's, if the bells do not reach the back around the lead end in the natural coursing order (true, of course, with lots of regular methods also).

The conductor will find much interest in the added difficulties of irregular methods, but while not wishing to restrict the quest for new realms, for most of us there would seem to be a largely untouched field in the way of the ones in the Collection, many of the easiest and best of which are rarely practised. I wonder how many 720's of Sandal were rung last year, or what response you would get if you suggested a course of it at an ordinary six-bell meeting where Cambridge could normally be expected.

My plea then is to see more of these methods rung and an extension of the 'Special Method' habit at meetings. A peal attempt in an unfamiliar method is still too often looked upon with suspicion, as a bit of a stunt. Why ring so many peals of Cambridge when there are Kirkstall and Burnaby just as easy and good?

I did not intend to convey in my previous letter that we need only consider ringing methods in Mr. Chant's basic list, such as dropping London out of the programme and ringing the two halves of it as York and Cuncastre in future, but that even if we restricted our quest to the neglected field of the regular methods we should not be sacrificing any of the available types of work; and when the time comes to turn to the irregular for further scope, we shall, except in conducting, still be on familiar ground. In other words, the loss till then of the irregular methods will not be so great as has sometimes been made out.

Finally, I am appalled to find that an anonymous letter under the guise of an exchange between two learners has been used as a platform for yet another attack on that much maligned body of people, the peal ringers. The suggestion is that peal bands steal the cream of other people's learners and give nothing in return. Surely if they only trained them thus in greater ringing skill it would be a benefit to their home towers—happy is the tower captain (or should be, and proud) who sees his pupil get on farther than he has done himself! But in any case I find by experience that it is the peal ringer who is the keenest ringer in all respects: Sunday ringing, the training of real beginners, tower maintenance, etc. The stay-at-homes seem the most narrow-minded and most prone to cause dissension. When the writer of the letter in question says his band has 'outgrown the fascination of peal ringing' and so rates it as an adolescent pursuit, he is casting

an unwarranted slur on some of the best men (I did not say best ringers) in the Exercise, an action which I can only put down to what is usually known as 'sour grapes'! He also seems not to realise that the day of the snob band is largely past, and that if he is a trier he will receive help in getting on and the best of fellowship from the vast majority of the peal bands, and catch the enthusiasm which will stand his home tower in good stead.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Derby.

## IMMANUEL OR ROSSENDALE

Dear Sir,—Referring again to Immanuel or Rossendale, at the time the method was put together the late Mr. Isaac Whalley, of Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle, put together Stamford and named it Lancashire. The method is Wells below the treble and Woodbine above.

The authorities changed the name to Stamford; it would have been more appropriate to have named it Lancaster and so put it in line with York, Durham, Wells, London, etc. —Yours sincerely,

C. SHARPLES.

Blackpool.

## JOINT MEETING AT CROYDON

It was the turn of the Surrey Association to be hosts for the annual joint meeting of the Surrey Association (Northern District) and the Kent County Association (Lewisham District) on October 8th. The 12 bells of Croydon Parish Church proved an attraction as usual, and from 3 to 4.30 they were kept going under the direction of Mr. F. E. Collins. Their music provided a pleasant background to the noise of the shops and stalls of the busy town below.

At 4.30 evensong, conducted by the curate, was followed by an address by the Vicar, the Ven. C. F. Tonks. Both kindly joined the ringers at tea in the Church Hall. The Vicar stated that he was especially pleased to welcome visitors from Kent. For many years he had lived and worked in East Kent, and part of his heart remained there despite eight years in Surrey. He congratulated the ladies on the excellent tea provided, and the ringers on their good fellowship, which was unequalled in other church organisations.

After tea a wait was necessary whilst another service was held, and handbells were brought out to while away the time. Further tower-bell ringing then concluded a most pleasant day.

## SALISBURY BRANCH MEETING

The little village of Damerham, in the county of Hampshire but the diocese of Salisbury, was a meeting place on October 15th for ringers from Southampton and Frome, besides young ladies from Cardiff and Guildford at present at the Salisbury Training College. Twenty-seven were at the service and tea, but, thanks to those who came and went, such heights as Cambridge and London were reached during the afternoon.

The Guild service was taken by the Rev. A. Phillips, an honorary member, who gave an address on the necessity of tone, tune and time, not only in bell-ringing, but in the spiritual life of the ringer.

Miss Toni Morgan, of Sarum St. Martin, was elected a ringing member, and the committee's proposal to hold the annual meeting on January 26th at St. Paul's, Salisbury, was confirmed.

The secretary reported having sent a telegram of good wishes from the branch to Miss Rosemary Marlow, of Fordingbridge, on her marriage that afternoon.

In the evening ringing continued at the neighbouring village of Martin.

## HEYDOUR, 1947

The peal board commemorating the long peal of London Surprise rung at Heydour, in Lincolnshire, was dedicated last week.

After eight years, memories of that day are disjointed, but those of the red and gold of the creeper on the house which stands close to the church, and the haws in the hedges, still glow. On the other hand, the mundane details of transport to the out-of-the-way hamlet would have been quite forgotten but for the fortuitous finding of an old letter in a school-girl hand saying, 'Dad is going to run us to Sleaford to catch a bus for Heydour at 10.30 a.m.' By such methods a collection of wives, friends and ringers from quite long distances began to gather an hour or so after the start of the peal.

Memory or imagination would have supplied the cups of tea which were demanded and provided outside the churchyard gate at the end of the peal, but the same letter tells of the means by which it was done. 'Mrs. Richardson,' it says, 'is sending "the thing"—(her thermos urn)—that she makes it in.'

There is a chill even about warm days in October that makes sitting on a tree trunk uncomfortable after any length of time, and those of us who had the success of the peal very much at heart found it doubly so. I clearly remember thinking in all seriousness, 'So this is what an expectant father experiences.'

The sound of Heydour bells is soon lost because of the dip in which the church stands, and an attempt at a brisk walk was almost immediately abandoned for fear that the bells had stopped. We returned to the church and confined our walk to the village school playground, there besieging Harry Withers, the umpire, in his broad black hat and square-toed boots for information and approbation.

In fact those boots, autumn days, overwhelming anxiety and the Master of the Lincoln Guild drinking tea afterwards are for me inextricably mingled with memories of the long peal at Heydour.

M. M. C.

GOLDEN WEDDING AT  
EDGBASTON

On Wednesday, October 12th. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney W. Freemantle, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Sidney, as he is affectionately known, has been a parish clerk and beadle at Edgbaston Old Church for the past 47 years, during which time, by his genial manner, he has endeared himself to everybody, and more especially to ringers. Before his marriage, Sidney served for a number of years in the Royal Navy; he eventually had to leave to succeed his father as vergier at St. Mark's, Woolston, Southampton, at which church he and Mrs. Freemantle were married. The Vicar of this church was the Rev. Mansfield Owen, and on his appointment as Vicar of Edgbaston he took Sidney with him, where he has remained ever since.

On the evening of their golden wedding anniversary a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but this unfortunately came to grief after three-quarters of an hour's good ringing. However, on the following Sunday, the local ringers decided to show their appreciation by making a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Freemantle of a very nice 'Woodmet' tray in gold colour, and wishing them many more years of good health and happiness together, to which Sidney suitably replied.

Associated with this presentation was a former Ringing Master, Mr. D. T. Matkin, now of Bournemouth, and also Edgbaston's latest recruit, Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie, a prominent Birmingham surgeon, who has taken up ringing and is showing great promise of becoming a practical change ringer.



## A DREAM COMES TRUE

### And Leeds Gains a New Ring

'It's all very well putting bells in, but where are the ringers coming from?' That answer was given me when I informed a ringing acquaintance that I had been instrumental in Leeds gaining a new ring of six bells.

Whether I was right or wrong to do so when there were, as he argued, more bells already than ringers in the city and at least two rings were silent altogether for want of ringers, is now purely an academic question, as on St. Matthew's Day, September 21st, the Lord Bishop of Knarborough (the Right Rev. John de Candole) dedicated the new light ring of six at St. Matthew's Chapel, Allerton, Leeds.

Designed by a leading architect of his day, Mr. G. F. Bodley, and consecrated in 1900, the church, which occupies a prominent position off the Harrogate road, was described by a contemporary writer as being 'considered to be the best work Mr. Bodley has ever done.'

The imposing tower, now floodlit at night, was completed even before the church itself and can be seen from several miles away.

The earlier church, further down the road towards the city centre, had contained three bells, one by Barwell and two by Taylor. The Barwell bell was erected in the tower of the new church in 1900, and upon the demolition of the old church in 1935 the two Taylor bells rejoined their old companion.

In 1946 all three bells were recast into four with the same aggregate weight, when a lady parishioner presented a tower clock with Cambridge chimes to fulfil the wishes of her late husband. It fell to my lot to present the clock scheme to the Church Council, and while the possibility of a ring of bells seemed very remote I suggested, nevertheless, that as a precautionary measure the four bells should be cast to ringing sizes.

The suggestion was followed and the bells became, in effect, a ring of six minus the fourth and fifth but hung 'dead.'

There the matter might have ended but for a chain of circumstances which led to my being able to raise at the annual parochial meeting last year the possibility of adding to the bells. Anticipating that if there were no protests at the prospect of bells in a 'residential' district, then there might perhaps be an objection raised to the proposal to disturb what was a private gift, I took the precaution to ask for the donor's approval beforehand.

Instead of merely acquiescing in the proposal, however, the donor replied that she would like to bear the entire cost as a memorial to her husband, and so what originated as purely idle speculation became reality. The gift was perhaps the more generous since the lady is a Nonconformist.

The question as to where were the ringers coming from no longer became a hypothetical one but a serious problem, but the installation of the bells late in July created the interest, which had earlier been lacking, and recruits volunteered in such numbers that the instructor was overwhelmed and a waiting list became necessary. At the present time there are more than twice as many ringers as bells.

A congregation of over 400 attended the dedication at Evensong on the Patronal Festival, when the bells were heard for the first time.

The customary dedication 'rounds' were rung by a band made up entirely of ladies and girls from the congregation, a remarkable feature being that five of the six ringers only learned to handle a bell in August, and until they pulled off to ring the actual dedication rounds not one of them had experienced 'open' ringing in the tower, for the bells had even been pulled up with clapper stays on before the service.

Perhaps another remarkable feature was that in spite of these handicaps everyone set her bell on 'Stand' being called, which not infrequently fails to happen with more experienced ringers on such occasions.

Taking for his text the first verse of Psalm 122, 'I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord,' the Bishop referred to the fellowship enjoyed by ringers, the link between the bells and the life of the church and local and national events. He referred also to his recent visit to Borneo and the single bells sending out their message in that semi-heathen land.

After the service the bells were rung by the Leeds Parish Church ringers and a small number of visiting ringers, including Mr. Paul Taylor, representing the bellfounders, and as the congregation left the church 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung by Irvin Slack 1, Jack F. Hodson 2, Paul L. Taylor 3, Margaret S. Rhodes 4, Ronald H. Dove (conductor) 5, Frank Gibbard 6.

The Bishop paid a visit to the ringing chamber and watched the ringing by some of the new ringers from St. Matthew's, including 12-years-old Margaret Clark, who rang the treble in the opening rounds, and 11-years-old Barrie Dove.

The Vicar of Leeds, Canon C. B. Sampson, who was Vicar here when the four bells were installed in 1947 and who read the lessons at the dedication, also visited the belfry.

The bells have been hung in what was previously the clock chamber, the clock being lowered to a new chamber formed by the installation of a new sound-deadening ceiling, which serves also as a rope guide, as the original ringing room was 24 feet in height. Space has been left for two additional bells—either two trebles or a treble and tenor—should these ever be required.

The result is a very pleasant ring of six with a tenor of nearly 7½ cwt. in B flat, and since the bells hang about 20 feet below the openings in what was the original bell chamber they are very quiet outside—indeed the only complaint which has so far been made is that they are not loud enough, a complaint which is not difficult to remedy.

Ringing is at present confined to call changes but from the very first Sunday the bells were raised and lowered in peal and have been rung three times a Sunday, there being two morning services.

This is almost certainly the first time within living memory that a new ring has been installed in Leeds in a tower where previously there has been no ringing tradition. It is curious that the parish links up a chain of eight adjoining parishes having bells, including one with the bells hung 'dead,' but had the original designs been completed there might well have been 13 adjacent parishes with bells.

R. H. DOVE.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

### New Secretary of Sudbury District

A meeting of the Sudbury District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Sudbury on October 15th. At the business meeting the general secretary asked for nominations for the office of District secretary which had been vacant since the resignation of Mr. L. D. Mills. Miss Rosemary Seabrook, 6, Callis Street, Clare, was duly elected.

Mr. C. W. Pipe thanked Mr. Mills in his absence for the good work he had done during his three years in office and asked members to encourage and support Miss Seabrook in her voluntary work on behalf of the Suffolk Guild.

C. W. P.

## WEDDINGS

### Mr. S. O'C. Holloway — Miss B. K. Campbell

The wedding of Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway, a popular member of the St. Martin's Guild and for many years a regular ringer at St. Martin's, and Miss Brenda K. Campbell, of Langley, took place at Holy Trinity Church, Smethwick, on October 12th. Several members of the St. Martin's Guild, including the Master (Mr. A. Walker) and the Ringing Master (Mr. J. Pinfold), were among the large congregation present.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Charles Crawshaw and the register was signed in full view of the congregation. There were four bridesmaids, and the duties of best man were carried out by a former Ringing Master of the Guild, Mr. G. W. Critchley, who was returning the compliment paid to himself by Sidney at King's Lynn.

While the photographers, both professional and amateur, were busy, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

After the reception at the New Inns, Hands-worth, the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon on the Continent.

### Mr. H. Matthews — Miss Joan Bussey

Miss Joan Bussey, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bussey, and the only lady member of Gloucester Cathedral band, was married at Hardwicke Church, Glos, to Mr. Hubert Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Matthews, on October 15th. Friends of the bride and bridegroom rang previous to the service, and after the signing of the register the bride and bridegroom and the best man, Mr. Donald Priday, were invited to ring in a touch. As the happy couple left the church they passed through a guard of honour of ringers holding handbells.

A reception was held in the schoolroom and was attended by about 50 friends. The honeymoon was spent at Bath.

### Mr. M. J. Hayward — Miss R. K. Marlow

On Saturday, October 15th, the wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Fordingbridge, Hants, between Mr. Michael J. Hayward, of Green Farm, North Gorley, Fordingbridge, and Miss Rosemary K. Marlow, of Bickton, Fordingbridge. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. R. M. Verity), and Mrs. York, a friend of the bride, was the organist.

The local band of ringers, of which the bride is a keen member, rang the bells as the newly-wedded couple left the church. Following a reception in St. Mary's Church Hall, the couple left for a honeymoon at Torquay.

Among the many presents were a fireside companion set and a glass jug from the local band.

In the evening a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted by Miss B. Hiscock 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, Miss S. Percy 3, M. J. Best 4, F. L. Harris 5, W. E. Cheater 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, E. J. Doel 8. Unfortunately the peal came to grief through a broken rope after 1½ hours' ringing.

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## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Canterbury District

A large attendance of 94 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the District at Canterbury on Oct. 8th. Ringing was held at St. Dunstan's during the afternoon, followed by the annual service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Lawler, who also gave an address. Some members of the local choir were present, their number being augmented by the ringers.

An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers and friends.

For the business meeting, Mr. J. A. Russell occupied the chair. The secretary's report showed a successful year, the paid-up membership being only three less than for the whole year, with some more subscriptions yet to be extracted. Five new members were elected. Ash was chosen for the next quarterly meeting in January, but before then the district is holding a social. Mr. Russell was re-elected chairman (with congratulations on his recent wedding), Mr. B. J. Luck hon. secretary and Mr. W. S. Palin as Ringing Master. Messrs. D. Chatfield and S. Walter were elected district representatives after a ballot. The other member nominated was Mr. H. R. French, of Sturry, who will be much missed on the committee after 12 years' service.

An interested visitor to the meeting was Miss H. Helmore, daughter of the late Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who was general secretary and treasurer of the Association for so many years.

Further ringing was held during the evening, the bells of St. Stephen's and the Cathedral being available.

## Maidstone District

Canon Frank Bennett kindly allowed the annual business meeting of the District to be held in Maidstone Vicarage on October 8th. The officers were re-elected as follows: District secretary, R. L. Sills; district representatives, A. Waddington and W. Manser; 'Ringing World' representative, Mr. P. Town (vice Miss P. J. Butcher). It was reported that Miss Butcher persuaded six ringers to become postal subscribers and three to buy the journal through newsagents. Buckinghamshire was selected for the district coach tour next July.

Evensong was held in the choir of the Parish Church, conducted by Canon Bennett, during which a good course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge Surprise Royal, Yorkshire and Superlative Surprise Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

It was a lovely autumn afternoon when the Society met at Alrewas on October 8th, and the sound of the bells coming from the tower of the ancient Parish Church added to the attraction of the rural surroundings. It was encouraging to find a good number of young ringers amongst the attendance of 64.

In every way this meeting was most enjoyable—a cheerful service with a good address from the Vicar (the Rev. J. Griffiths), a very pleasant ring of eight bells, a really sumptuous tea and a warm welcome from Mr. Wealthy and the members of the local band. It could be said that the success of this meeting was a reflection of the happy spirit which exists amongst the Alrewas ringers. Suitable thanks were expressed to the Vicar, the organist, Mrs. Ball, Mr. Wealthy and his ringers and the lady helpers for their joint efforts.

Ringing was under the direction of Mr. G. Hughes, Ringing Master. The bells of King's Bromley Parish Church were also available in the evening and a good number of ringers took advantage of this facility.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Stockport, Mottram and Bowdon Branch

A meeting of the branch was held at Fairfield, Buxton, on September 24th, when some 60 members and friends were present. The meeting was a joint one with the Derbyshire Association (Peak District Branch) with whom the Guild enjoy the most cordial relations. The fine ring of eight bells was in good use from early in the afternoon until the usual service in church conducted by the Vicar. In his address the Vicar said that the bells call all to the worship of God: unbelievers, borderline Christians and the faithful.

After the service, tea was served in the Parish Hall by the local ringers' wives and lady ringers and this was followed by the business meeting. The absence of several well-known faces was commented upon by the secretary and the chairman, Mr. Elkins, welcomed the presence of two octogenarians, Messrs. Alfred Barnes and John Wheaton, both of whom are still actively engaged in ringing. After the meeting the small ringing room was filled to overflowing and touches ranging from rounds for the beginners to Spliced Surprise for the 'experts' were enjoyed until a late hour.

C. K. L.

## FRAMLAND ASSOCIATION

One of the most loyal supporters of the activities of the Framland Association is its president, Canon C. M. S. Clarke, Rural Dean and Vicar of Melton Mowbray. Canon Clarke was present at the half-yearly meeting at Hose on October 8th, supported by this year's chairman, the Rev. A. G. L. Lancaster, Rector of Waltham-on-the-Wolds, and the Rev. C. D. Stewart Robinson, Vicar of Hose.

The service in church was conducted by Mr. Robinson, the lesson was read by Canon Clarke and the address given by Mr. Lancaster, who had with him in the pulpit an African drum. Mr. Lancaster spoke of the thrill of the approach of Sunday as heralded on the Sabbath eve by the African custom of sounding drums outside the churches. He likened this custom to the use of church bells in this country.

At the business meeting the chairman insisted on giving way to the president, as the president had earlier given way to him in the pulpit. The members were very pleased to see the secretary, Mr. Fred Williams, lately of Eaton and now of Blyth, Nottinghamshire, who had undertaken a 50-mile journey to be present. Mr. Williams agreed to continue in office until the annual general meeting in May. It was suggested that he might even carry on after that time if he felt able to do so as a means of retaining interest in his old locality. Mr. Williams promised to give the matter due thought but if he decided to resign in May after all, to give as much notice as possible of his intentions.

An invitation of the Rector of Waltham to the members to attempt a peal there in November to mark the 80th anniversary of the Association was accepted with enthusiasm.

Mr. Stewart Robinson was most sincerely thanked for his kind reception of the members at Hose, and he expressed his pleasure at being at last the incumbent of a church with bells.

The next meeting is at Melton Mowbray on the second Saturday in May.

**WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): M. Jillian Brierley 1, J. Wheaton 2, N. D. Lomas 3, M. Sage 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung for the celebration of harvest-tide.

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### MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Ardleigh, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 7095

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Oct. 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service and tea. Frequent Green Line and local bus services. All members and friends welcome. 7101

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8) on Saturday, Oct. 29th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ladies welcome; gentlemen cordially invited. 7123

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Freckenham (5), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's, Mildenhall, after tea at Freckenham.—Mrs. E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 7152



**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Surprise practice meeting at Crawley, Oct. 29th, 3.30-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Local arrangements for tea.—I. Butcher. 7182

**ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.**—Next meeting at Longwood (8), Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m.; please bring own sandwiches. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. No. 90 trolley bus service from Huddersfield. 7178

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Meeting, Milton Ernest (6), Nov. 5th. Usual arrangements from 2.45. Note: Stagden not available. Please support Rev. Turney with 100 per cent. attendance for first meeting here for 2½ years. No names—no tea, this is definite; so names by previous Tuesday. Special method: Annable's London.—Peter Shipton, 16a, Kimbolton Road, Bedford. 7143

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Next meeting at Henley-in-Arden, Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Nov. 2nd, please. 7158

**DEVON GUILD.**—North West Branch.—Annual meeting at Petrockstowe, Nov. 5th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 7168

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7118

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at North Nibley (6), Nov. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Nov. 2nd.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7174

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Holy Nativity (8), Nov. 5th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Please come and help.—A. Bennett. 7187

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey Heath (8), Nov. 5th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7184

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, St. Michael's, Nov. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7181

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 7177

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Bentham (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Ringing 2 to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to R. Downham, 3, Bank Houses, Bentham.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 7188

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Shephed, Nov. 5th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in School 5. Names, by Nov. 3rd, to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shephed.—C. W. Hall. 7124

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Waltham (6), Nov. 5th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Nov. 3rd, to Mr. J. Willows, Snowdon, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 7126

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Ringing and committee meeting at Bucknall, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, to R. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge. 7186

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Tyingham, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (5) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 7171

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held in Finchampstead on November 5th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 7165

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Thame on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available afternoon and evening, commencing at 2.45 p.m. All welcome.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame. 7163

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting at Creton, Nov. 5th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 7172

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7185

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wyke Regis, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting following. Names, by Nov. 1st, please, to Mr. G. W. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis Weymouth.—Hayne, Sec. 7166

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting with the Bridgnorth Branch of the HEREFORD GUILD at Berrington on Saturday, Nov. 5th (brought forward from 12th). Bells available from 2.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, to Mr. W. Lloyd, 113, King Street, Cross Houses, Salop. 7150

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Greasley (8), Nov. 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 7133

**STANWICK, NORTHANTS.**—Special meeting and the dedication of a peal board on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 o'clock. Names for tea, on or before Nov. 2nd, to E. A. Knight, Longwood, Stanwick, near Wellingborough, Northants. (Stanwick tower has five bells.) 7164

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Kelsale and Saxmundham on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells: Kelsale (8) 2.30 p.m.; Saxmundham (6) after tea. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Clark's, Saxmundham. Names for tea to Post Office, Theberton, Leiston.—A. R. Bridger, Hon. Sec. Phone Leiston 57. 7170

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Hartfield (6), Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 7183

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Nov. 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. N. Guy, Hon. Sec. 7180

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Fareham (8), Nov. 5th, 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. 7169

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Sheffield, Nov. 5th. St. Marie's R.C., Norfolk Row (8), 2.30-5; Cathedral (12) 6-9 p.m. Tea in Wostenholm Hall 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8, by Thursday, Nov. 3rd.—J. Seager and J. J. L. Gilbert. 7155

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—318th anniversary dinner, Nov. 12th, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7087

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. District.—Meeting, Bocking, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 7176

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Esher (8), Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Sandown Tea Rooms 5 p.m. Meeting to nominate officers for 1956, following. Names for tea, by Monday, Nov. 7th, to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham, Woking. 7167

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Great Berkhamstead (8), Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamstead. 7189

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting on Nov. 12th at Willesborough. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 8th, please, to Mr. J. Carlton, 10, Hunter Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.—W. P. G. 7179

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The social will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12th. St. Dunstan's bells available from 2.30. Tea in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall at 4.45 p.m., followed by the social evening. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, cash with order, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 9th, please, from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7175

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Hailsham, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Ladies please support. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 9th, please, to Miss K. Yeo, 118, Station Road, Hailsham. 7162

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Waddington (5), Nov. 12th (first meeting in new church). Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln (20236). 7190

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Dodford, Saturday, November 12th. Tea for those who notify, by Nov. 5th, Miss J. Hill, 14, New Street, Weedon, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 7173

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Fourth Annual Dinner at Stork Hotel, Walsall, Nov. 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 9s. 6d.; remittance with order. Accommodation is limited to 100, so early application is advisable. Ringing arrangements: St. Giles', Willenhall (10), 2.30-4 p.m.; St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), 4 p.m.—6 p.m.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 7142

## NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

In his address at the service when the North Staffordshire Association held their monthly meeting at St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, the Vicar (the Rev. S. Snell) requested all ringers to continue doing their great service to the Church. Although in face of some adverse public opinion which might incline to call their ringing madness by their isolating themselves in a tower at the end of a rope instead of watching the local football match, he said this madness was translated into a magnificent obsession.

An excellent tea was provided in the school-room by ringers' wives and friends, and they and the Vicar were thanked by Mr. A. Dall (vice-chairman). Miss P. J. Holborn was elected a member of the Association.

A very good standard of ringing was maintained under the direction of the Master (Mr. W. P. Deane) during the afternoon and evening.



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## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Branch Meeting at Paignton

The quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Paignton on October 15th was well attended. Ringing to suit all tastes in the afternoon was followed by a service in church, conducted by the Rev. G. H. K. Pedley (Vicar), who gave an excellent address.

The much appreciated tea was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. The election of two non-resident members prior to starting for a peal was confirmed.

An extra meeting is to be held at Buckfast Abbey on November 19th, and the following programme was adopted for 1956: January 14th, St. Michael's, Teignmouth; April, Townstal and Stoke Fleming; June, joint meeting with the South-West Branch in Plymouth; July, Bovey Tracey; October, Buckfast Abbey; November, extra meeting at Wolborough and Highweek, all subject to permission.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Paignton, the organist, the ladies for the tea arrangements and Mr. C. F. Austin concluded the business, and ringing took place at All Saints', Babbacombe, in the evening.

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