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SNOWDON

IT is interesting to reflect how the surname, which appears in its origins to have been an adjunct of the Christian name, has, in the increasing complexity of our social structure, come to be used to indicate a man's standing in the world of achievement. And it is to be noted how the thing comes round in full circle. The office boy is called by his surname until such time as sufficient boys beneath him justify the Mr. attached to his name. When, if ever, he attains to heights of fame it is most probable that the world will know him by his surname only. Constable needs no John, Beethoven needs no Ludvic, Shakespeare needs no William; and yet doubtless it was as John, Ludvic and William that their fingers were rapped for their childish waywardness. The matter is seen in an even more curious light when we contemplate the use of the Christian name for a surname, as with Mendelssohn, and the application to a man of a name he never possessed, as with Palestrina or Wellington. Here, surely, is the hallmark of classic security.

The ringing exercise has its own roll of fame, and has, therefore, its surname notabilities. Stedman, Annable, Shipway, Thurstans—these names spring to mind with classic ease, and to them, and many more, must be added that of Snowdon.

Snowdon's claims to fame are based on three outstanding achievements: his work as founder of the Yorkshire Association, his historical researches, and his work as a teacher. We may read how, in his early years, the bells gradually insinuated themselves into his fibre, bringing some mysterious call that he found he could not ignore, although his mind was set on other things. From the beginnings at Ilkley and the gatherings of the little band of enthusiasts at Birstall, there came the inception of this band of ringing brethren which has grown into the mighty organisation we now know as the Yorkshire Association.

All progress in civilisation is based on, and indeed dependent on, the storing of records and the tabulation of knowledge. Snowdon was quick to see that the life and progress of the ringing exercise, too, rested upon a knowledge of past history and a careful recording of present activity. From a firm conviction of the value of these things came his careful and painstaking searchings and weighing of evidence, and the outcome was a series of remarkable historical essays that still stand unrivalled, and unchallenged in any significant particular.

As a teacher Snowdon approached very closely to his pupils and their problems. Never at any time did he pretend that the road to change ringing was an easy one. His introduction to the art was planned as a simple examination of principles and an application of those principles in a series of graded exercises. In this respect "Ropesight" has much in common with Stedman's "Campanalogia," for both books are eminently practical, both demand study and mental effort, and both base their teaching on the fundamentals of change ringing. In both books, too, the use of mental imagery is a remarkable feature. Snowdon exhorts the beginner to stand in the corner of a room and to imagine that the other three corners are the bell ropes he has to find for his hunting up or down. Stedman, in a remarkable passage, likens the mental impact of bell sounds to the striking of bullets in a row on a wall. In both these instances we see something of the genius of the born teacher, that power the gifted tutor has of creating in the mind of the pupil a mental image of either a concrete or abstract conception.

The more one examines the threefold activities of Snowdon the more firmly one finds him secure in the gallery of the immortals. He is the abiding contradiction of those who would despise the days gone by; as a teacher he remains unsurpassed; and he heads a long line of illustrious Yorkshiremen, who, inspired by his work and memory, have been sturdy warriors for their rights, jealous of the accuracy of their records, and highly distinguished in both the science and art of ringing.

E. C. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*EDMUND MALIN Treble	*JEFFREY B. WEBB 6
*JOAN BERESFORD 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
*DENNIS BERESFORD 3	DENNIS R. CARLISLE 8
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	HAROLD TAYLOR 9
*PETER BERESFORD 5	*GEORGE E. OLIVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung immediately after the service of installation of Preb. A. T. Jenkins, M.A., former Vicar of Walsall, as Custos of the Cathedral.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. Treble	JOHN W. GIBSON 6
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 2	*FRANK RAYMENT 7
*WILLIAM DIXON 3	*BARRY SULLIVAN 8
ROY MANN 4	ALLAN WEAR 9
†M. VIVIEN COPPING .. 5	JOHN PEARSON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal in the method.

A mark of respect to Dr. A. W. F. Blunt on his retirement, after 25 years as Bishop of Bradford.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

C.C.C. No. 30.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ROBIN G. TURNER .. Treble	JOHN KING 6
RONALD C. NOON 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 7
BRYAN PATTISON 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS 8
BRIAN AUSTIN 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 9
*C. HENRY HARDING .. 5	BRYAN S. COPE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal of Caters 'inside'.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Margaret Joan Morris to Mr. Patrick Ivan Chapman at this church on this day.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 7
BASIL JONES 3	JOHN WORTH 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sun., Oct. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON 6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 2	*JOHN R. COOPER 7
RALPH BIRD 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 8
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 9
THOMAS E. SONE 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

KENNETH W. KNOWLES .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 6
*ANN BARR 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE 7
JOAN BERESFORD 3	PETER BERESFORD 8
JEFFREY B. WEBB 4	*EDMUND MALIN 9
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 5	GEORGE E. OLIVER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal away from the treble.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL ALLIANCE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 2	JOHN A. ACRE 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	WM. THORNLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

The first peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., Oct. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5184 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

STANLEY W. COPLING .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
FREDERICK SEAGER 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G sharp.

E. R. MARTIN Treble	S. WALMSLEY 5
A. RIGBY 2	F. HOWARTH 6
J. CHARNOCK 3	J. BLACKBURN 7
*G. A. SUNDERLAND .. 4	J. W. GROUNDS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal of Major in the method. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung to mark the occasion of the holding of an exhibition in Chorley Town Hall depicting the life and work of the Church of England.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb.

ARTHUR SHOREY .. Treble	RALPH HARRIS 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	WILFRED NEWMAN 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	PATRICK HARRIS 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. W. and Mrs. Harrison, on their retirement after 22 years' work in this parish.



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EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A

*LAURA M. BEENEY .. Treble	GEORGE BEENEY .. 5
*FRANK H. BEENEY .. 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 6
RONALD W. PANKHURST .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung as a fourth wedding anniversary to the conductor and Mrs.
E. M. Hicks.

FROME, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK .. Treble	FREDERICK SAVAGE .. 5
*EUNICE D. OVEREND .. 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 6
VICTOR SAVAGE .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. 7
*S. ARTHUR READ .. 4	DAVID HOARE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of major 'inside.'

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

HARRY BAKER .. Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. 6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

A compliment to Patrick I. Chapman and Margaret Joan Morris,
who were married this day at Kettering.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

Carter's.	
FREDK. S. SMITH .. Treble	*FRANK GODDEN .. 5
*REGINALD TUCKWELL .. 2	ALFRED GREENOUGH .. 6
ERNEST GARRARD .. 3	*FRANK ABSOLOM .. 7
JAMES GODMAN .. 4	ROBERT BLOND .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

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

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE .. Treble	PERCY NEWTON .. 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 2	WALTER AVERY .. 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 3	JOHN D. KAPE .. 7
DAVID CORNWALL .. 4	ROLAND BIGGS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

DAVID VINCENT .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
*RUTH M. JACKSON .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

G. ARNOLD MOORE .. Treble	ARTHUR GAUNT .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	JOHN BEARDMORE .. 6
ANNETTE GRATTON .. 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH .. 7
CHARLES S. RYLES .. 4	EWART H. EDGE .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of
Prebendary C. J. Watkins, Rector of Newcastle, and the 21st anni-
versary of his induction at this church.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*J. ALGERNON LORD .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 2	†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 6
ALAN G. FOSTER .. 3	†JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
ROLAND BENNISTON .. 4	EDWARD J. WHITE .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Triples. † 50th peal together. First peal of Oxford
Bob on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of All Saints.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., Nov. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CASTRO.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung on the Feast of All Souls, remembering especially the life-
work of the late Harold J. Poole.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5152 COUNTESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	SAMUEL J. HAINES .. 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

The first peal in the method, which is Lincolnshire with 8ths place
instead of 2nds at the lead-end. Rung at first attempt.

BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

*TERENCE T. JONES .. Treble	S. ARTHUR READ .. 5
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 2	WILLIAM F. J. COPE .. 6
MRS. DORA EVANS .. 3	EDWARD J. FRY .. 7
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal.

Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. Harry W. Brown, of
Bath.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE .. Treble	ALBERT BRIDGES .. 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 2	ROLAND BIGGS .. 6
JESSE HARRISON .. 3	ANTHONY E. COX .. 7
JOHN D. KAPE .. 4	WALTER LEE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung half-muffled to commemorate the unveiling of the Merchant
Navy Memorial by Her Majesty the Queen.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 992 changes of London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Superlative and 1,632 of Cambridge, with 106 changes of method, and with all the work of the four methods for each bell. Tenor 25 cwt.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. Treble	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 5
*JOHN R. COOPER .. 2	†WILLIAM ROGERS .. 6
†ROBERT COLLINS .. 3	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of four Spliced Surprise Major.
‡ First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative and 576 Pudsey, with all the work of each method for every bell. 125 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ALAN A. POTTS .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
JAMES FERNLEY .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. 7
JOHN WORTH .. 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

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

This composition is now rung for the first time.

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DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*STANLEY V. WOODS .. Treble	ALBERT H. BENNETT .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	H. REGINALD WOODS .. 6
FRANK TAYLOR .. 3	JOHN G. AMES .. 7
†JOHN E. ALLEN .. 4	HORACE BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Dawson on attaining his 92nd birthday.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Lewisham District.)

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN F. SIMS .. Treble	†GEOFFREY J. HURRELL .. 5
FREDERICK J. HURRELL .. 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER .. 6
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 3	JIM HURRELL .. 7
BERTIE ALDRIDGE .. 4	*KENNETH D. SMALL .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. William Arnold Rhodes, M.A., who was instituted and inducted to this parish on November 4th. Also to celebrate the completion of 50 years as a ringer at this church by Mr. J. Hurrell.

KINGSTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,440 each of Cambridge and Superlative, 1,408 Bristol and 768 London, with 126 changes of method. Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. 2	THOMAS HEMMING .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major on the bells, for the Guild and in the county.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD W. ROAST .. Treble	BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 5
*MARY DOWSETT .. 2	PETER J. EVES .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 7
*PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINs.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in the method.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb.

*STUART HAWKSWORTH .. Treble	GEORGE A. BRIGGS .. 5
*HARRY LUMB .. 2	THOMAS H. BROWN .. 6
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. 3	†DONALD HOYLE .. 7
*KENNETH HARRISON .. 4	*EDGAR WILDE .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE.

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

Rung by the regular Sunday service ringers; also as a 70th birthday compliment to Thomas H. Brown, for over 50 years a bellringer at St. Peter's.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. Treble	THOMAS BIRD .. 5
ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 2	GEORGE W. PIPE .. 6
JOHN WARNER .. 3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 7
TERRY EARLE .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

KATHLEEN M. YEO .. Treble	*FRANK H. BEENEY .. 4
FRANK H. HICKS .. 2	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS .. 5
LAURA M. BEENEY .. 3	GEORGE BEENEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' The ringers of the 2nd and tenor have now 'circled the tower' to peals.

Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Laura M. Beeneey.

HIGH EASTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES S. SMITH .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
MARY DOWSETT .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 5
PETER J. CAME .. 3	PETER J. EVES .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

A NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*†BRIAN G. VINE .. Treble	†DAVID THORLEY .. 4
ROGER CHICKEN .. 2	JOHN SCHOFIELD .. 5
††JAMES B. MORLEY .. 3	IAN H. ORAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal of Minor 'inside.' All the band are serving in the R.A.F.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two different extents of Oxford Treble Bob, one extent of Kent Treble Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*A. MOLLY CROSIER .. Treble LEONARD G. TOSELAND .. 4
*FRANK CROSIER .. 2 DAVID W. JAMES .. 5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 3 GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

*First peal of Minor.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.
*MISS P. M. HOWARD .. Treble FRANK H. HICKS .. 4
†STANLEY G. PONTING .. 2 ALBERT RELFE .. 5
‡IVAN A. C. BUTCHER .. 3 WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

*First peal on a Treble Bob bell. †First peal in the method.
‡First peal of Surprise.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Norwich Surprise, Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

FRED INGALL .. Treble JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 2 PETER MASON .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3 LOUIS WILLIERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLIERS.

Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the fourth.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*GEORGE CHALLANS .. Treble †KENNETH RUTLAND .. 4
HAROLD WAGSTAFF .. 2 DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 5
DENNIS COOPER .. 3 JOSEPH SAXTON .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

*75th peal. †First peal at first attempt.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 20 methods: (1) and (2), Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (3) and (4), College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (5) and (6), Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7), Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN .. Treble ERIC SIMPSON .. 4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2 *WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 5
*BRIAN WOODRUFFE .. 3 DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

*First peal in 20 methods.

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of eight extents each of Stedman, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MISS K. BURCHNALL .. Treble GEORGE E. FOSTER .. 3
*MISS G. BURCHNALL .. 2 *HAROLD DENMAN .. 4

WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

*First peal in five Doubles methods. First peal on the bells.



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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
THOMAS BIRD Treble ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 4
*ERNEST BROWN 2 REGINALD RIPPINGALE .. 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL .. 3 SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER GUILD OF UNITED CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 34, 37, 50, 52 and No. 5 Lancs. Book). Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.).
*CLIVE WIXEY Treble GEOFFREY P. GREEN .. 4
*†PETER HURCOMBE 2 FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER .. 5
*RONALD K. RUSS 3 †R. GORDON CORBY .. Tenor

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal.

HORSPTH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,680 Reverse Canterbury, 840 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day and Clifford Pleasure. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.
DAVID C. WOODWARD .. Treble ROBIN TREBILCOCK .. 4
CLIVE HOLLOWAY 2 ALEC GAMMON 5
VERNON GREEN 3 MALCOLM JOURNEAUX .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.

First peal on the bells.

Rung for the engagement of Alan Eden and Valerie Godwin, who are local Oxford ringers.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B flat.
*ANNE MOGFORD Treble HARRY BOYCE 4
J. ARTHUR HOARE 2 TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 5
EDMUND J. MORRIS .. 3 GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First attempt for a peal.

To mark the institution and induction of Canon J. Wilfred Evans as Rector of Neath.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 30 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.
DORIS MARSHALL Treble FREDERICK FLINT 4
GEORGE CHALLANS 2 DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 5
*DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 3 HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Revs. R. G. Cornwell and W. E. Barker, who are leaving Warsop to take up duties at Bawtry.

KILMINGTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 240's (six callings). Tenor 12½ cwt.
ALLEN HODGE Treble WILLIAM SPARKS 4
CHRISTOPHER WEBB 2 WILLIAM WEBB 5
*WILLIAM BAKER 3 *ERNEST SNELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.
*PATRICK C. BRIDGES .. Treble ERNEST E. BRAY 4
W. JOHN PHIPPEN 2 RONALD E. C. SMITH .. 5
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 3 PERCY BRAY Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS C. MOGFORD.

* First peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Tues., Nov. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents (four different callings).

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*MRS. M. E. BROWN .. Treble ALFRED BALLARD 4
*CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 2 *JOHN VERNON 5
*RITA M. STRATFORD .. 3 MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First peal of London by the Hinckley District.

Rung for All Saints' Day, and also to mark the welcome gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Chapman.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Mon., Oct. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At No. 29,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*VALERIE WILLARD 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4 | *DAVID MARSHALL 7-8
Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of treble bob 'in hand.'

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 109 methods.

(1) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow and Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise.

(2) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Stevenon, Fulmer, Chalfont, Penshurst, Northaw, Allesley, Adwick, Calverleigh, Normanton, Wrentham and Scawthorpe Alliance, St. Lawrence Little Bob, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court.

(3) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Ellacombe, Buxton, Iwer, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth and Bramfield Alliance and Little Bob.

(4) Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Denton, Bigby, Elsham, Bassingham and Dunholme Alliance and Bastow Little Court.

(5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigat, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.

(6) Oxford, Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars', Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob, and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight.

(7) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Wavertree College, Windermere, Frodsham, Horsmonden, Killarney, Cumberland and Ennerdale.

Tenor size 13 in F sharp.
HOWARD SCOTT 1-2 | *WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3-4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5-6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 100th peal on handbells.

225 changes of method; 68 bobs and 18 singles. The most methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents.

Extents 1, 3, 5 (rearranged) were composed by A. G. DRIVER.
and 2, 4 (rearranged). 6 and 7 by C. K. LEWIS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Rochester District Meet at the Cathedral

Approximately 65 members and friends attended the annual District meeting held at Rochester Cathedral on October 22nd. Friends from the Lewisham and Maidstone Districts were made very welcome.

The service in the choir of the Cathedral was attended by the ringers and the choir sang the 'Bell Anthem,' 'Rejoice in the Lord Alway' (Purcell). After the service tea was taken in Ye Olde City Restaurant, and among the guests were the Dean of Rochester, the sacrist and also the assistant organist, Mr. J. A. Levett.

The Dean (the Very Rev. T. Crick) took the chair at the business meeting and gave the company a hearty welcome to Rochester. Apologies for absence were received from the Ringing Master (Mr. S. Rayfield), Mr. F. M. Mitchell and Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher. Mr. T. Beaumont moved the adoption of the secretary's report. This was seconded by Mrs. Mitchell and carried.

Ten new members were elected, all from Bobbing, and were proposed by Mr. B. W. May, seconded by Mr. G. Kenward. The District secretary and two representatives were re-elected, the only alteration being the District Ringing Master, who is now Mr. W. A. J. Knight.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. S. Rayfield by Mr. F. Cheal for his work done during the year, and also by Mr. T. Beaumont to the Dean for allowing the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting; also to the sacrist and organist for their part at the service. The Dean briefly replied.

The Cathedral bells and also those at Frindsbury were again available after the meeting.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY First Meeting Since New Ring

The recently dedicated ring of six bells at St. Matthew's Church, Allerton, Leeds, to which reference has recently been made in these columns, was chosen for the October meeting of the Leeds and District Society, held, as usual, on the last Saturday of the month.

Many members and friends, including a number of visitors from Derbyshire and Lancashire, took this early opportunity of trying out this new and only ring of six within the city boundary. A ring well hung, pleasing to the ear and in a tower worthy of bells, seemed to be the considered opinion of all present.

Fourteen local towers were represented and throughout the afternoon and early evening the large ringing chamber was constantly full. Ringing took place in a variety of methods including Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent, Cambridge, Primrose and London, Single and Double Oxford, Double Court and Oswald, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, together with rounds and plain hunting practice for the newly-formed local band.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall nearby, at which the Vicar, who had already paid a visit to the tower during the afternoon, welcomed the company once again and said he looked forward to future meetings of the Society being held at Chapel Allerton.

At the short business meeting 13 new members (10 from the local company) were elected. The vote of thanks on this occasion was proposed by Mr. I. Slack, who expressed the hope that this newly formed band would be helped and encouraged by the more experienced members present.

Ring continued until shortly after 8.30 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Ossett on November 26th.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS N.W. Branch at Petrockstowe

On November 5th members and friends of the N.W. Branch met at Petrockstowe for their annual meeting. The president of the Guild, the Rev. Prebendary E. V. Cox, made the long journey from Axminster to be present.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Smale), assisted by the Rev. W. E. Whight, who preached. Tea was provided by lady friends of the church headed by Miss E. M. Risdon.

The president presided at the business meeting, when Mr. J. W. Sangwin, secretary, presented his report for the year. He referred to the excellent meeting at Holsworthy in August and stated that the balance in hand for 1954 was £7. In the election of officers, Mr. F. C. Smale became the new Branch chairman; Mr. J. W. Sangwin secretary; Mr. C. Sangwin Ringing Master. Messrs. R. Collacott, R. G. Pierce and W. H. R. Smale, representatives to the Guild Committee, were re-elected. One new member, Mr. E. Ford, was elected. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bridgerule and the August meeting at Holsworthy.

The president proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the ladies who provided such an excellent tea, the Rector for the use of the bells and the service, the Rev. W. E. Wright for his thoughtful address, and the local band who had contributed to a happy meeting.

Rounds and well-struck touches in all the standard methods were brought round during the afternoon and evening. F. C. S.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Shellard 1, C. Hinton 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, E. Lines 5, B. Saunders (cond.) 6.

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This is a week of ringing history. Mr. A. J. Pitman's peal in seven Spliced Surprise Major methods has been rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild band, conducted by Mr. C. K. Lewis, and the new record peal of 109 methods 'in hand' has been conducted by Mr. W. Eric Critchley, at Doncaster. Congratulations to both bands.

The recent peals at Brampford Speke and Brereton were, in both cases, the first in the towers for 18 years, writes the Rev. K. W. H. Flestead.

It was Preb. E. V. Cox who officiated at the dedication at Revelstoke, and not Canon C. C. Cox, as reported on page 705. The error is regretted.

Another milestone in peal ringing has been reached by Mrs. Poole, taking part in a peal of London Surprise Major in Leicester on November 2nd. She received the heartiest congratulations of the band on achieving her 550th peal.

The ringer of the tenor in the recent quarter peal at East Grinstead was Police Constable David Evans Wood, who was shot in the leg by a gunman in Mayfair on October 11th. It was his first quarter peal.

Visiting St. Mary's Church, Bilton, the church at which Canon H. T. Ellacombe spent 66 years as Vicar, the Bristol University Society discovered the answer to the age-old question, 'Where do flies go in the winter?' The ringing chamber was almost black with flies—dead flies—when the Society left.

The bells of St. Mary's, Portsea, will be featured in 'The Faith in the West' programme from the West Regional transmitter on Friday, November 25th, at 7.45 p.m. The ringing will include recordings of London Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and 'lowering in peal.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Two members of the Community rang their first quarter peal on the middle octave of the bells of Buckfast Abbey on November 5th. Great credit is due to them for the way in which they rang as they only commenced to learn change ringing earlier this year, and their opportunities for practice are limited. The remainder of the band are indebted to the Abbey authorities for their very kind hospitality after the quarter peal. Mr. J. E. Lilley, who has been in charge of the instruction arrangements, was recently presented with a book ('The Church Bells of Britain') by the Lord Abbot of Buckfast.

The president of the North Staffordshire Association (the Ven. Percy Harthill) is, we regret to learn, seriously ill in the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary.

Kettering Grammar School Society of Church Bell Ringers has a membership of 30. The Society rang its first quarter at Dingley, Northants, on October 28th.

After a ringing career of over 40 years, during which he has rung many peals, Mr. H. S. Humphrey, of New Romney, has rung his first quarter of Doubles.

The many friends of Horace V. Robinson, a vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, Ringing Master of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch and tower captain of Wickwar, will be sorry to hear that he is in Gloucester Royal Infirmary, and is very far from well.

With the election of three learners, St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, have now a band of 14 ringers. Officers elected at the annual meeting on November 4th were: Mr. P. Alderton (captain), Mr. G. Bennett (secretary) and Mr. R. Lathbury (steeplekeeper). The new Vicar (the Rev. D. Grieg) attended the meeting, and Mr. F. E. Collins, of Croydon, was also present.

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KENT COUNTY'S 75th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

THIS is the 75th Anniversary Year of the Kent County Association, and its celebration will probably seem more conspicuous in retrospect than it so far has appeared. The Golden Jubilee was marked in fine style in far-off pre-war days, but the Diamond Jubilee slipped by unobserved during the second war, and after that it tends to be problematical when next to have a special birthday. The Easter Monday affair at Maidstone was an attempt at celebration, with recapitulation of the events of the first general meeting in 1880—a service at All Saints' Church, then a repast at the Star Hotel—but when it was suggested at the A.G.M. that a dinner should be organised in the autumn, everyone was strongly in favour . . . except perhaps the General Secretary whose business it was to set all the wheels in motion and keep them going. Arrangements were on a district basis to ensure the fullest county representation, and by overwhelming committee majority it was decided to return to Maidstone on Saturday, October 15th, the venue once more the Queen's Hall of the Royal Star.

It was a company of over 150 that gathered for the occasion under the able and dignified chairmanship of Mr. John Willis. The long, high table of 25, and the nine sprigs, presented a wonderful sight as we entered, and at each place was an attractive menu card, a product of the printing craft of Mr. Alec Waddington, of Egerton. The meal itself was all that could be expected or desired, and long before the coffee stage there was an atmosphere of real enjoyment. The Chairman himself was infected all right as he took wine with the Founder of the Dinner (alias the General Secretary) and his lady.

ARCHBISHOP'S GREETINGS

Glasses having been raised in loyalty and affection to Her Majesty the Queen, the Chairman spoke of those who could not be present. Foremost among the names were those of the President, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Mrs. Fisher, but the letter from the Archbishop's Secretary ended in a note of great expectancy: ' . . . if you arrange an event like this next year he would hope to be able to join you in his capacity as President.' A letter was also read from Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the general treasurer, still convalescent after a severe illness, which said: 'As I have been an officer for more than half the life of the Association—40 years—you will understand how much I should have liked to be present.' Health reasons also prevented Mr. G. H. Spice, our late secretary, from taking part, and his brother, Mr. P. J. Spice, too, was at the very last minute 'a very disappointed absentee.' Apologies were also received from the Lord Bishop of Rochester and Mrs. Chevasse, Lord Cornwallis, Lord Lieutenant of Kent, and Lady Cornwallis, Sir Stephen Tallents, the Dean of Rochester and Mrs. Crick, the Masters of the College Youths and Royal Cumberlands, Messrs. R. A. Constant, E. Barnett, F. J. Cullum and J. Dafters.

Details were given of a draw in aid of the Association's Benevolent Fund, with some wonderful prizes given by various members, including an autographed copy of Mr. Ernest Morris' latest book 'Towers and Bells of Britain,' and a year's postal subscription to 'The Ringing World,' with a certificate to the

effect carrying the signature not only of the Editor, but taking advantage of their presence, of the president and the secretary of the Central Council. Ticket selling was organised by Miss Jill Haffenden, secretary of the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild, helped by fellow members of the Guild, with the encouragement of two youthful members of the opposite sex. During this period the company were delightfully entertained to change ringing on handbells by Mr. Tom Sone, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dobbie and Mr. Alec Waddington.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church,' Mr. Willis welcomed the Venerable E. E. Maples-Earle, Archdeacon of Tonbridge; Canon Aldridge, Vicar of West Malling; the Rev. E.

hundreds of years this extraordinary but lovely art had been practised.

He was very happy to see so many young people coming into the profession—many of whom he could see as he gazed around the ring. He hoped that they would still continue to come in, and that more and more young people would be captured by the art of bell ringing so that it would be assured in the English way of life and the English way of worship.

The new towns in 'urban areas which were springing up were all very fine, but no new bell towers were being built on the churches, as it was impossible to spend the money at the present time. It was up to the members and

to the clergy, too, to see that bell towers were not neglected, and that at some future time when resources were adequate it would be possible to build new towers and provide bells. People who lived in the new houses and their children should not be ignorant of the great English tradition of bell ringing.

The experiment was being tried of mixing speeches and entertainment, and at this point Mr. Geoffrey Waters recited two poems of Albert Lancelfield, of Willesborough, well known to many for his book of poems about his journeyings to and from New Zealand. The first was called 'The Call of the Bells,' the second, also in serious vein, was called 'Adsum' and was beautifully interpreted.

We could have wished for no one better to propose the toast of 'The Kent County Association' than Mr. Edwin H. Lewis who had motored all the way from Scotland. He told how he came to live in Kent, in the old Vicarage at Brasted, and then spoke of the great traditions and history of the Association, contrasting the small beginnings with its present strength, and noting how assiduously the Association had fulfilled its aims. There was one thing he did regret, and this was the decline in the number of honorary members. It was not their subscriptions that were so important, but their interest.

THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

In his response Dr. E. S. John Hatcher, the general secretary, began by acknowledging the debt to all those in the past who had done so much to build up the Association to its present reputation in the Exercise. He told how the previous Sunday he had visited Mr. G. H. Spice in hospital at Chatham, and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell at their home in Gravesend in order that they should know at first hand all about the anniversary occasion. He fully appreciated the great honour of following in such distinguished footsteps as Canon Helmore, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Spice, and said that the Association should go forward in a spirit of adventure, in particular in realising the problems of younger ringers.

Dr. Hatcher referred to the importance of loyalty which was epitomised in the records of those who had been members continuously for over 50 years. The company then drank to the health of the 'old-stagers,' over 30 of them, especially those actually present, headed by Mr. E. S. Ruck ('Old Ted') the only remaining Foundation Member, and including also Mr. S. Walter, of Wickhambreaux, Mr. W. C. Gosling, of Boxley, Mr. Louis Head, of Maidstone, Mr.

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EIGHTY-EIGHT-YEAR-OLD MR. E. RUCK, the only surviving founder-member of the Kent County Association, with (standing) Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. John Willis and Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher.

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Tennick, Vicar of East Farleigh, and Rev. F. W. Philips, Rector of Harrietsham, and Mrs. Philips. He went on to remark how sometimes members of the clergy felt it expedient to remind ringers of their responsibilities as members of the congregation; he in his turn would gently emphasise the importance in their Visitations of Archdeacons satisfying themselves that the tower and belfry were in good order.

NEW TOWNS WITHOUT BELLS

The Archdeacon, in reply, said that the first time he came in touch with change ringing was as a small boy at Epping. Just as the red ball of the sun was slowly sinking in a purple mist he heard the church bells ringing. It was one of the most beautiful memories he had as a small boy. After a period in London his next contact with bell ringing was very much closer: his next-door neighbour was old Ted Barnett, who further instructed him concerning the art; he never learned anything but his admiration was very much deepened and he developed a love of just hearing church bells ringing.

The art of change ringing was quite probably unique to England for that was the only place where they would meet it and where for

Kent Association Dinner—Cont.

F. S. Macey, of Sutton Valence, and Mr. George Wood, of Queenborough. Together with the chairman, Mr. Lewis and the secretary, they were escorted to the dais, their glasses filled, 'For they are jolly good fellows' sung, three rousing cheers given, and to 'cap' this ceremony Mr. Ruck and Mr. Wood ('Old Ted' and 'Old George') responded, to the delight of all.

The next item was likewise greatly appreciated—superb tune-ringing on handbells, four in hand, by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Luck and Mr. and Mrs. Dick French, of Canterbury, their repertoire including 'The Bells of St. Mary's,' 'Vicar of Bray,' 'Drink to me only' and 'Bless this House.'

The lights dimmed, and the sound of bells could be heard. A bicycle appeared; it was Ron coming to wait for Eth, still at ringing practice. We eavesdropped on their meeting, and the difficulties of making Ron understand ringing parlance can be imagined. Ron was played by Miss Mary Tapley, and Eth by Mr. Geoffrey Waters, and suitable apologies were made to Frank Muir and Dennis Norden. For this dramatic episode a touch of Stedman Triples had been tape-recorded in the afternoon at West Malling, Mr. Lewis conducting. This was one of four towers open for ringing, the others being Aylesford, Bearsted, Boxley and All Saints, Maidstone. The tape-recorder was operated by Mr. R. L. Sills, of Wrotham, who then played a recording of Wrotham bells (one sent to the United States), as well as playing back a little of the tune-ringing on handbells, to the excitement of the band, who had never heard themselves before.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

The final toast, 'The Exercise and Kindred Societies,' was proposed by Mr. Arthur S. Richards, of West Wickham, who referred to the great number of ringing guilds and associations, and of the importance of the Central Council. In coupling with the toast the names of Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, and Miss Mary Tapley, of the Ladies' Guild, he wished the former 'Many happy returns of his birthday,' and promised the latter a very warm welcome should she ever find herself in the Lewisham District.

Responding, Mr. Barnett said that Mr. Richards had forgotten to mention that he, too, was celebrating his birthday, and reciprocated birthday wishes, and went on to say how glad he was to renew his acquaintance with the Archdeacon, whom he had known as a curate. Miss Tapley spoke in charming vein, and referred to the exchange of greetings between Kent and the four other Guilds dining that evening, the Coventry Diocesan, the Essex, the Guildford Diocesan and the Yorkshire. She also spoke of the Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society and welcomed its president, Mr. G. I. F. Thomson.

To conclude this wonderful evening, the draw was made for the prizes by 12-year-old Miss Jean Barnett, who was enjoying her first public dinner. There is no time or space to dwell on the appropriateness of some of the winners, except to say that the copies of 'Beginners' Grandsire' found their way into interesting hands.

It was all over, this anniversary celebration. Looking back I think we almost surprised ourselves. Certainly important words had been said, none more than those of the Archdeacon of Tonbridge about the new churches in the new housing areas. It was the first evening dinner by the County Association as a whole, and here a word of appreciation should be expressed to the Maidstone District, who in the last two years has had its own Dinner and Dance at this time, and who so willingly surrendered its own function for the greater occasion. And will there be another K.C.A. dinner? It looks as if the Archbishop thinks there should be. We shall see. E. S. J. H.

NEW HANDBELL RECORD

With the handbell peal in 109 methods of Spliced Minor, rung at Doncaster on November 3rd, a new record has been established which, as a feat, is probably the outstanding performance ever recorded by the Exercise. This supplants the record of Mr. George Feirn and his band of 106 methods to a peal 'in hand' rung on August 8th.

The band consisted of Howard Scott 1-2, Wilfrid F. Moreton (conductor) 3-4, W. Eric Critchley 5-6. To accomplish this remarkable achievement the band had many more practices than the 33 of the Lincolnshire band. It is almost three years since they rang their first peal together (Bob Minor) and at that time they had no intention of making records.

The peal included a new extent by Mr. C. K. Lewis in 16 Alliance and three Little methods, which is rung for the first time.

The details are appended:—

23456	St. Lawrence Little Bob
— 35642	Fulmer
42563	Northaw
26435	Chalfont
63254	St. Lawrence Little Bob
S 53426	Allesley
64253	Little Bob
32564	Little Bob
45632	Little Bob
26345	Calverleigh
S 54326	St. Lawrence Little Bob
— 42635	Penshurst
— 23564	St. Lawrence Little Bob
S 63452	Adwick
52346	Normanton
46235	Crayford Little Court
35624	Crayford Little Court
— 24563	Crayford Little Court
— 63524	Crayford Little Court
24356	Normanton
56432	Scawthorpe
32645	Crayford Little Court
45263	Little Bob
S 36245	Cromer
64352	St. Lawrence Little Bob
52436	Penshurst
— 23645	St. Lawrence Little Bob
45362	Cromer
56423	Cromer
62534	Penshurst
S 32456	Allesley
64532	Little Bob
25364	Calverleigh
43625	Little Bob
— 25643	Little Bob
S 34625	St. Lawrence Little Bob
25463	Walsingham
63542	St. Lawrence Little Bob
42356	Penshurst
56234	Walsingham
S 36425	Wrentham
54236	Little Bob
62354	Calverleigh
43562	Little Bob
— 62543	Little Bob
35462	Wrentham
24635	Little Bob
56324	Calverleigh
43256	Little Bob
— 56243	Little Bob
S 34256	St. Lawrence Little Bob
— 45623	Walsingham
— 52364	Penshurst
64235	St. Lawrence Little Bob
35426	Lammas
26543	Olney
43652	St. Lawrence Little Bob
— 35264	Steventon
56342	Tibham
64523	St. Lawrence Little Bob
23456	

Adwick, Normanton and Scawthorpe Alliance are Allesley, Calverleigh and Wrentham Alliance respectively, but with 6ths instead of 2nds at the treble's lead.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

After the peal at Hellingly, reported in this issue, the band were hospitably entertained to tea by Mrs. G. Beeneey.

The many friends of Mr. Frank E. Pervin, of Coventry, will be sorry to hear that he is in Gulsom Hospital (Cleave Ward), Coventry, and at the moment is making very slow progress towards recovery. He would be pleased to hear from friends.

On completion of the quarter peal at Ruish-ton, in Somerset, it was found to be the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stevens. Congratulations to their two daughters, Pamela and Jean, on successfully taking part in this quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor at their first attempt.

Mr. Vernon Green won the admiration of the band who rang the first peal on Horspath, Oxon, bells on October 29th, for his handling of the third bell. During the tenth 120 of the first attempt the bell had to be put back into its bearings. The second attempt was, however, successful.

The six bells at Cranford, Northants, have for some time been rung regularly for Sunday services after years of chiming. This is largely due to Mr. Charles Newell, the local captain, who taught the band. Three of his pupils had the pleasure of ringing a peal on their own bells on October 22nd. Their ages are 13, 16 and 17 respectively.

The peal rung at Rugeley, Staffs, on October 15th, was rung by an all-R.A.F. band; a quarter peal was also rung at this tower in 11 Doubles methods. All the ringers except one had just started their service career at Hednesford Camp, and they would like to thank Mr. J. Joyner, captain of Rugeley tower, for putting the bells at their disposal so kindly; his welcome was an enormous asset.

When the London Society of Organists visited Twickenham recently, the afternoon was devoted to a recital by the English Church Music Singers, and in the evening Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, the conductor of the Singers, gave a talk on the science and art of change ringing. The visitors, at the conclusion of the lecture, went to the tower for a demonstration of ringing, when several touches were brought round.

Most ringers during their career have rung for the induction of a new incumbent, but it was a unique pleasure for Mr. F. S. Macey, of Sutton Valence, Kent, a trustee of the Kent County Association, when on Wednesday, November 2nd, he assisted the local ringers at the Church of St. Denys, Eaton, Leicester, in ringing for the induction of his son-in-law, the Rev. G. Stanley Derrington Turner, as Vicar of the parish.

WEDDING

Mr. Patrick I. Chapman — Miss M. J. Morris

On Saturday, October 29th, the marriage took place at Kettering Parish Church of Patrick I. Chapman and Margaret Joan Morris. The recently-rehung bells were rung for half an hour before the service, and afterwards the band rang Grandsire Caters and 'fired' the ten bells.

The service, which was attended by the choir, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. G. R. Roberts, and the Rev. Peter Baxter, a friend of the bride and bridegroom. The Rector was celebrant at the Nuptial Mass which followed the marriage ceremony.

Many ringing friends from various parts of the country were present at the reception which followed, and in the afternoon a good peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Kettering, in which Mr. Charles W. Bird, one of the veterans of the famous Kettering band, participated.

The honeymoon was spent in London, and it is understood that several belfries were littered with confetti. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman will reside at 8, Ash Road, Kettering.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NAMING OF MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Perhaps I can supply some of the information for which Mr. D. P. Jones asks in connection with the naming of Minor methods.

At the Council meeting in 1921 the Analysis Committee asked for authority to name methods in the 1907 Collection of Regular Methods which were then unnamed. This was given, and the committee published their proposals in 'The Ringing World' of May 26th, 1922. Plain methods were to be named after lakes, Treble Bob after flowers, while fourths and thirds Place Delight were to be abbeyes and castles respectively. The committee also drew attention to the confusion which then existed over some of the named methods.

As a result, they were instructed to investigate the matter thoroughly, and on March 30th, 1923, they published a further report with a revised list of names for all regular Minor methods, which was strongly criticised at the Council meeting by the Rev. H. Law James on the grounds that the Analysis Committee had taken upon itself to alter names given by the Methods Committee when the 1907 Collection was issued. The discussion was eventually adjourned until the following year, when a Nomenclature Committee was appointed to review existing names and to suggest a suitable system of nomenclature for the future. (See 'Ringing World' for June 28th and July 4th, 1924.)

The committee's long and controversial report (June 26th, 1925) contained six recommendations, among them that all even-bell methods should fall into three main divisions—Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise—and that all the 'floral' methods should be renamed. Once again, discussion was adjourned until the following year, the report not being adopted.

In 1926 the committee put forward 13 resolutions, which it was agreed to take as an amended version of the 1925 report. Mr. J. A. Trollope then moved an amendment to the effect that the Council decline to interfere with the right of a band to name a method, which was carried after more long discussion ('Ringing World', June 4th and June 11th, 1926), and as a result the report of the committee fell. Mr. Trollope's amendment was one of the items reaffirmed at this year's Council meeting.

The Editor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who right from the start had strongly opposed floral names, was extremely critical of the Council's action in jettisoning the report in what he called 'a pious resolution,' adding that nomenclature reform was as far off as ever. The committee were none too well treated, as in 1947 they were, on the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, 'thanked for their services and not re-appointed.' It was then decided that the names question should be left to the Methods Committee to settle, as the Minor Collection was to be re-issued.

The Methods Committee published their proposals on May 11th, 1928, and at the subsequent Council meeting Mr. Goldsmith secured the adoption of revised names for all the floral methods, except 'Primrose,' and for one or two other methods. 'Abbey' and 'Castle' were dropped from the Delight methods, and as Mr. Sharples has said, exception was taken to 'Immanuel,' which was later changed to 'Rossendale.' The rest of the names were accepted.

That, as briefly as I can give it, is the story.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

GOOSTREY RINGERS FIND NO HAZARDS

Dear Sir,—Ringing tours are very popular nowadays and we read many accounts of days and weeks spent happily 'tower snatching.' However, we read on page 701 of 'The Ringing World' that the party who visited our local tower were not very happy about what they found, in fact they complain of many hazards.

In view of these public criticisms we would like to point out that we manage to ring the bells quite easily to Minor or Doubles for service, practice and peals. Of the 17 peals rung here 12 have been of Minor.

Whilst we agree that the bells are odd-struck and not of good quality they will certainly go. As to the statement, 'heads bumped, dresses ripped, shins barked, etc.,' we say they ought to have arrived on time and treated the bellry as part of the church.

Small country parishes have many money problems (we are faced with £130 per year to help our school and over £80 for the diocesan quota, to mention but two), so it is very doubtful if we shall get our bells recast. How much do these visitors give to put right the things they are so ready to criticise?

Many visitors have been welcomed to our tower and will continue to be welcome. The local band includes ladies and they haven't managed to hurt themselves yet.

In conclusion I would like to point out that the listening public judge by the striking, not whether it is Minor or Doubles, and on this occasion they were not very pleased with what they heard. It is not much good attempting change ringing until you can ring rounds properly.—Yours sincerely,

B. J. ONGLEY.

Holmes Chapel, Crewe.

THANK YOU, MR. PITMAN

Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in once again congratulating Mr. A. J. Pitman on his latest great achievement in adding yet another method to his recently published composition of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods, wherein all the bells do all the work of each method, 'now making eight.' Having regard to the strict limitations and vast liability to falsehood involved the problems are immense, and the thanks of the Exercise are due to such men for enriching it with such monumental and progressive works.

In my submission, Mr. Pitman need make no apology for introducing Lincoln—a method containing leads and places made wrong with attendant backward hunting—rendering it a much more difficult method than Pudsey, whose 'content' is no more in evidence in Lincoln than it is in Dorchester.—Yours truly,

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Bradford, Yorks.

Note.—The publication of the composition of eight Surprise Major methods is opportune, with the recording of the peal in seven Surprise Major methods. The question that is uppermost is whether this great composer has now set the Exercise a task beyond human ability.—Ed.

FINEDON PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—A length of 5,008 changes of Bob Major rung at Finedon, Northants, on September 29th, 1954, and included as Peal No. 1,216 in the Peterborough Guild report for that year, is false. The figures ascribed to George Hughes were received from a normally reliable source and I omitted to check them. Will the band and the Guild peal secretary please accept my apologies?—Yours faithfully,

G. E. WATSON.

Burton Latimer.

FIVE- AND SIX-BELL PEAL CALLINGS

Dear Sir,—For some inexplicable reason one or two of your correspondents appear to have misunderstood the import of my letter regarding the above-mentioned subject.

If Mr. Amos and those he champions wish to ring the same six-score 42 times in order to complete a peal, as, of course, the Central Council Decisions permit, I would be the last to discountenance their efforts.

But let them at least be frank about the matter, and have the courage and courtesy to publish exact details of what they have rung, instead of allowing members of the Exercise, by inference, to rate the performance with those in a far superior category.—Yours sincerely,

T. R. BUTLER.

Liverpool.

A NEW SLANT ON BELLKINGING

Dear Sir,—Our activities at All Souls' Church are the subject of a feature in a recent edition of the 'Halifax Courier.' The cutting states:

'The art of keeping out of the way of 25 cwt. of swinging metal, while at the same time perching high on a rafter in a dark loft comes easily to a campanologist. That's where a head for heights comes in handy.'

This product of a young journalist's fertile imagination should serve as a warning to those who have dealings with the Press. I was approached with a request for an interview less than 24 hours before the publication of the article, and I was reluctant to consent because I was fully aware of the pitfalls attendant upon the hurried production of such an article. My assent was conditional upon the submission to me of the copy for 'vetting,' but unfortunately this condition was not honoured by the newspaper and I was too busy in the morning to take any action.

It is obvious that mistakes of this nature can only be avoided by the fullest insistence on collaboration being mutual and an adequacy of time for preparation.—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

Halifax.

'BLESS YOU ALL'

Dear Sir,—I arrived home very late on a Saturday night and wasn't too well pleased. I had travelled some 60 miles or so for a peal and all I got was a quarter. A man hadn't turned up and had sent no excuse.

I was reading my 'Ringing World' as it was propped up against the sauce bottle at the supper table when I caught sight of the Editor's words in connection with quarters. He said, 'Bless you all.' I thought, now who have I heard use that phrase, and in a similar way? The answer was not long in coming—Vic Oliver about 9 p.m., on a Saturday. Was the same artiste in your mind, Mr. Editor, when you wrote that? I wonder!—Yours, etc.,

A CORRESPONDENT.

Regret I had no thoughts about Vic Oliver at the time. There was just a big pile of quarters in front of me and I thought of all the enthusiasm that went into ringing. It is indeed a blessing that there is so much vitality.—Ed.

CONGRATULATIONS—A FORERUNNER?

Dear Sir,—It is with great pleasure that I read in 'The Ringing World' of the successful ringing of the peal of Bob Major by a ladies' band at Shirley, Birmingham.

I tender to them my sincere congratulations and hope that it may be the forerunner of continued activity for the Ladies' Guild.—Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) JILL STANIFORTH.

Leicester.

A SHROPSHIRE EXCURSION

Some ringers on an outing were discussing, as ringers sometimes do, the merits of various bells. A Shropshire lad, now resident in Bucks, had much to say regarding the bells of his former county, so it was decided to organise a week-end trip to taste the pleasures of some of them.

Friday, September 23rd, the day chosen, dawned with heavy rain and leaden skies, but it failed to damp the spirits of the lasses and lads of Berks and Bucks as they, almost literally, set sail. An elderly car led the way, it was followed by what a car-hire merchant had optimistically described as a shooting-brake, but known to the occupants as the 'Rocket.'

Some handbell ringing was indulged in on the way to St. John-the-Baptist's, Bedwardine, Worcester. The striking was quite good here and was followed by lunch at Ludlow. The bells were so good that the allotted time sped by.

At Church Stretton, our next tower, valuable time was spent hunting for keys, procured in time for all to have a short touch before tea.

Much Wenlock bells and the welcome of several local ringers gave us great pleasure. On then to Berrington, where we rang for a special service before going to Atcham. Here the newly-restored light ring of six was well exercised. The last tower for Friday was Conover. Many matches were struck and pews stumbled over before light was available in the belfry. Methods rung during the day included Bristol, Cambridge, London, Double Norwich and Stedman.

A happy evening at the Britannia Hotel, our headquarters, rounded off the day. The company retired ostensibly to sleep. Buses, running later than they do in the villages of Bucks, disturbed the slumbers of some. Clock chimes not synchronised were listened to by another. Others objected to cattle galloping by at an early hour. All arose in good time for a busy day on Saturday.

Clive, a heavy six (tenor 25 cwt.), was first on the list. Hodnet, where a super course of Superlative charmed the ears of ringers and listeners alike, was the second tower. The next place will be remembered by some for its rather cramped belfry, for others the noteworthy feature was some very poor quality liquid refreshment obtained in the local inn of Norton-in-Hales. Market Drayton, where Clive is said to have climbed the tower, pleased the entire company. The bells are easy to strike and good to listen to. Luncheon followed the ringing here.

The afternoon saw us visiting the towers of Cheswardine, Newport, Shifnal and Madeley. Our attempt to ring up in peal would have lost us many marks in a competition and gave us food for thought. The actual ringing was fairly good, as were most of the lowering in peal efforts.

A substantial tea at Iron-Bridge restored energy before visiting Coalbrookdale. 'A very fine ten' was the general opinion of these bells. Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were included in the ringing.

A magnificent sunset added to the pleasure of the journey back to Shrewsbury, where we had an hour's ringing on the beautiful twelve at St. Chad's. Rounds on the twelve, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge on the back eight, made a good finish to ringing activities for the day.

Back at the hotel the handbells were used for some tunes. Some of the company who were not ringing attempted to explain to some interested people just what there was in this bell-ringing lark. Their efforts were not crowned with success! One thing pleased a 'young' ringer from Marlow—he found someone with a waist-line greater than his own.

Before going to St. Chad's on Sunday morning the beautiful gardens were visited and the horticultural expert was kept busy naming plants. At St. Chad's we joined with the local company

to ring for the harvest festival before saying farewell to Shropshire and its ringers. The pathfinders failed to find the right way out of the town, but a kindly ringer on a motor-cycle put us on the straight and narrow path again.

A meal at Kidderminster broke the journey to Dodderhill, Worcs, where we rang for the children's harvest service on eight very good bells. Banbury, the last tower of the tour, was reached in very good time, and tea was taken before joining the local company for service ringing, which included Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major.

Handbell ringing on the journey included a very unorthodox course of London Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Bob Minor.

We would like to record our thanks to the incumbents, the local ringers who met us and those who planned the outing. Their combined efforts resulted in one of the happiest week-ends ever spent in ringing by all the party. W. L.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch Progress

The last two meetings of the Branch for the year 1955 were held at Rochester and Tunbridge Wells.

The meeting at Rochester Cathedral on August 27th attracted visitors from 20 towers, including one ringer from St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, Australia. Canon McKeane made special arrangements for Evensong to be held in the choir and for two hymns to be sung, as this is not customary when the choir is on holiday. Thirty-six ringers sat down to tea at the Gordon Hotel, and afterwards Miss Doris Colgate proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter, Canon McKeane and the organist, and to Mr. Beaumont for the arrangements for the meeting and tea, before the gentlemen returned to the belfry.

Taking the chair, Mrs. Mitchell, vice-president, expressed her appreciation of Miss Jill Haffenden in her work as secretary of the Branch during the first year. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Tunbridge Wells on October 29th. Mrs. Mitchell gave a short report of events at the annual general meeting at Guildford. Before the ladies joined the gentlemen Miss Haffenden thanked Mrs. Mitchell for the great help she had given during the past year.

The meeting at Tunbridge Wells was held at St. Peter's Church on October 29th. The Rev. C. Ward conducted the service and gave the address. About 30 people sat down to tea at John's Place in Calverley Road. Mrs. Mitchell thanked the Vicar and the organist, and Mr. A. C. Wellington for meeting ringers at the church, and Mr. B. Collison for making all arrangements. During the meeting it was decided to hold the annual general meeting of the Branch at St. John's, Erith, on January 21st, 1956, unless the Lewisham District were meeting on that day in which case it was hoped that they would consent to a joint meeting at the tower of their choice.

KETTERING BELLS

The bells of Kettering Parish Church have been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor with new pulley bearings and clapper bearings. The rededication was performed by the Rector of Kettering (the Rev. H. G. L. Roberts) on October 8th. All the bells are now audible and the 'go' is all that can be desired.

The bells were last rehung in 1890, by Taylors, and after 65 years of very regular use, were not the best running of bells. It is hoped that the large number of young ringers now attached to the tower will be encouraged to continue the long tradition of good ringing in Kettering from the very birth of change ringing.

A ROYAL OCCASION AT STAFFORD

Wednesday, November 2nd, was a Royal occasion for Stafford, with the visit of Queen Elizabeth II. and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to grace a reception given in their honour in the County Buildings.

Arrangements had been made to ring a peal on the bells of the Church of St. Mary, and it was a disappointment when the Town Clerk, acting on the authority of the Mayor and the Lord Lieutenant, gave instructions that the bells were not to be rung for the time that Her Majesty would be in the County Buildings owing to their proximity to the church and the possibility of an interference with the proceedings.

The ringers, as they wended their way to the belfry, passed through streets already thronging with people and knew they were unlikely to see the Queen as their duty was to ring a loyal welcome as the Royal entourage drove from the station to the County Buildings. Unexpectedly Miss Seery, a member of the Uttoxeter band, came to the belfry and gallantly did a Stafford ringer 'stand down' so that she could take part in a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. Thus a link with past history was made:—

The last reigning monarch to visit Stafford was King Edward VII., on November 23rd, 1907. Apparently at that time the local ringers were learners, for it is recorded in the annals of St. Mary's ringers that 'a team of ringers was hired from Uttoxeter to ring St. Mary's bells, as the local ringers were not sufficiently efficient.'

Following the ringing of the 1,260 Stedman Triples, Miss Seery was relieved by the 'gallant gentleman' and was able to dash off to see the Queen. A touch of Grandsire Triples was then rung, thus filling in the time until the Royal party entered the County Buildings.

Ringing then ceased for an hour, commencing again with Grandsire Triples at 10.15 p.m. and continuing until 11 p.m. The ringing throughout the day was worthy of the great occasion. The belfry door was locked to the cheering of the crowd gathered at the station entrance as the Royal party entrained. The ringers' only regret is that in fulfilling their loyal duty they were not able to see Her Majesty. A. E. G.

GUNPOWDER PLOT LEG OF PORK SUPPER

For 350 years Harlington, Middlesex, ringers, have had their 'leg of pork' supper, the feast this year being held at the Orion Cafe, Cranford, on November 5th.

The ancient toast to 'The Unknown Donor' was proposed by Mr. C. A. Portsmouth, who reminded the assembly of a legacy left by a woman contemporary of Guy Fawkes providing for a half-acre of land to be sold, and the money invested to supply the bellringers of Harlington with a leg of pork for ringing morning and evening each November 5th in thankfulness for the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot.

To-day 'the old leg of pork half-acre,' as the land became known, forms part of London airport.

The Rector (the Rev. A. T. Morgan) presided over a company of 20. Visitors included Mr. W. H. Coles and Mr. C. Ashpool. The toast of 'The Bellringers' was proposed by Mr. P. H. Wedlock and replied to by Mr. L. Grice (captain of the ringers). 'The Church Officers' was proposed by Mr. L. Sudal and acknowledged by Mr. A. E. Boulter (churchwarden), who kindly provided churchwarden pipes and tobacco for the company. The entertainment, provided by the Rev. H. Turner, Mr. P. H. Wedlock and Mr. F. C. Watson, was fitting for such a memorable occasion.

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Anderson (first quarter) 1, B. E. Downie 2, H. Yardley 3, R. C. Ingram 4, W. Pettigrew 5, J. L. Gray 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, A. Short 8. For Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Hutton (first quarter, 13) 1, L. Scott 2, Miss P. Hutton 3, P. Flack 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, C. Harwood 6, E. Buck 7, E. G. Buck (cond.) 8.

BISHOPSGATE, E.—On Nov. 6th, at the Church of St. Botolph, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Davis 1, J. Rea 2, G. Parsons 3, E. Talbot 4, M. Sinden 5, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, R. Sanders 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shirley Radmore 1, J. Gasson 2, R. V. Johnson 3, G. Packham 4, J. Jeffrey 5, J. Herbeck 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, G. Gasson 8.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Craven (first quarter) 1, F. Dewey 2, S. Jessop 3, D. Lyman (first 'inside', aged 16) 4, A. Freeston 5, F. Leggett 6, D. Brown 7, W. E. Clarke 8, J. Retch 9, R. F. Brown (cond.) 10. Rung on the 16th birthday of the treble ringer.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Hinksman 1, R. Price 2, A. Wall 3, T. Cooper (cond.) 4, C. Wall 5, G. Wall 6. First quarter of Stedman for all, who are members of the local band. Rung half-muffled after Remembrance Day service.

BROUGHTON, LANCs.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Jolley (first of Treble Bob) 1, J. Hodson 2, E. R. Martin 3, K. Martin 4, H. Calderbank 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. D. Redmayne, organist and choir-master at this church for 29 years.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.—On Nov. 5th, at St. Mary's Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. Bro. W. P. Dowling 1, Mrs. D. E. Hood 2, A. L. Bennett 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, J. E. Lilley 5, D. J. Cross 6, W. J. Harvey 7, Rev. Fr. A. O. Mowan 8. First quarter peal for 1 and 8, who are members of the Community. Rung on the middle octave.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (being one extent each of St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Giles', Eynsham, St. Martin's, St. Leonard's, Plain, Canterbury, April Day, Stedman and 60 of Grandsire): P. I. Chapman 1, P. Jones 2, B. Hendry 3, R. G. Care 4, B. S. Cope (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to P. I. Chapman, who will now unfortunately be unable to take an active part in ringing circles.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. V. Vick 1, R. G. Blackman 2, J. T. Finney 3, Pauline M. Saxton 4, W. G. Challen 5, J. E. Chittenden 6, E. Winifred Keys (first on 8 as cond.) 7, H. F. Dunford 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Pauline M. Saxton 1, Jessie M. Kippin 2, E. N. Harrison 3, C. H. Kippin 4, F. W. Rogers 5, F. A. Munday 6, W. T. Beeson 7, C. E. Smith (cond.) 8. First touch of Bristol by 1 and 3. Rung after an attempt for a peal of Superlative at Witley had failed.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Vernon (first quarter) 1, J. E. Lloyd (first 'inside') 2, Dorothy J. Clarke 3, Dorothy E. Beamish 4, J. Draycott 5, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 6, J. F. Clarke 7, J. A. L. Thompson 8. A farewell to the Rev. H. C. Harding, senior curate, and a compliment to him on his appointment as Vicar of St. Mary's, Leamington Spa.

CHORLEY, LANCs.—On Oct. 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. Walsley 1, J. W. Grounds 2, P. Dunderdale 3, G. A. Sunderland 4, S. Walsley 5, I. Blackburn 6, J. Charnock (cond.) 7, A. Rigby 8. Rung previous to an act of worship on the final evening of the Church Exhibition in the Town Hall.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Burston 1, R. Shire 2, R. Lee 3, W. Moore 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. Braddick 6. On the sixth anniversary of the first peal.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Davis 1, Miss E. Russell 2, E. Pannell 3, G. Lumbard (first quarter) 4, J. Barrett (cond.) 5, A. Meech 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss E. Russell and Mr. E. Pannell.

DINGLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. G. K. Davies 1, D. Baxter (first of Doubles) 2, D. W. James 3, R. J. Coles 4, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 5. First quarter by the Kettering Grammar School Society. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Patrick I. Chapman.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. C. Roper 1, Betty Syrett 2, J. B. Morley (cond.) 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, H. Moss 6, A. E. Cook 7, T. C. Ford 8. Rung in farewell to Bishop and Mrs. W. B. Belcher, who are leaving for South Africa.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Evelyn D. Adams (first on 8 bells) 1, Miss K. M. Shepherd (first 'inside') 2, G. F. Tizzard 3, Patricia M. Howard 4, J. A. Howard 5, I. A. C. Butcher 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, D. E. Wood (first quarter) 8. First of Triples by 4 and 5. All the ringers except the sixth are members of the local band. Rung for harvest festival Evensong.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Manser 1, T. Saunders 2, Miss P. Y. Butcher 3, G. Fry 4, L. Honess 5, H. H. Usborne (cond.) 6.

FRINDSURY, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Borer 1, Miss J. Highley 3, S. T. Jarrett 4, P. F. Borer 5, R. Burns 6, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 7, A. Hewitt cover. Rung for the patronal festival by the Sunday service band.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Hall (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Hall (first quarter) 2, C. E. Lovett 3, P. G. Williams 4, W. Robson 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, F. G. Broomfield 7, G. S. Deas 8. For the patronal festival.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: E. Sybil M. Tonkin 1, Laura M. Beeny 2, F. H. Beeny 3, Kathleen M. Yeo 4, G. Beeny (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. First in the method by all the band. Rung for the wedding of E. Gavan D. Tonkin, a former ringer of this tower, to Ellen Wood, of Newcastle.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,296 Oxford Bob Minor: L. Chamberlain 1, G. L. Roobottom 2, D. Walklate 3, A. G. Foster 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5, B. G. Key 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Chamberlain on their 25th wedding anniversary.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Bures 1, J. Mossop 2, J. Bagnall 3, A. Capstick 4, J. Brownrigg 5, F. Birkett 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on Nov. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. C. Crome 1, L. Houghton 2, E. Barker 3, L. Bush 4, M. R. Reed 5, T. Bush 6, W. Rose 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

LAMBETH, S.E.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, F. R. L. Blewer 4, C. W. Otley 5, D. Wright 6, J. Hales (cond.) 7, E. G. Webb 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Oct. 30th, at All Saints' Church, 1,270 Stedman Caters: R. F. Lowings 1, Cecelia Cowley 2, Valerie Watts 3, C. Harrison (cond.) 4, S. Hopper 5, J. Saddington 6, L. J. Hall 7, J. Towell 8, L. W. Stevens 9, W. Hickman 10. First of Stedman Caters for 2 and 3. Rung to mark the festival week of All Saints'.

LYDD, KENT.—On All Saints' Day, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Miss A. Boulden 1, H. S. Humphrey (first quarter of Doubles) 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, Miss O. Boulden 5, L. Terry 6. For the patronal festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, E. L. Taylor 2, W. H. Poole 3, C. W. Powell 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, H. Arscott 6, H. G. Keeley (cond.) 7, G. S. Morris 8. For Remembrance Day.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. Evans 1, Miss W. Bowak 2, L. Cordell 3, N. King 4, H. King 5, W. Wedlock 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss E. M. Burton 1, B. G. Burton 2, C. W. Sams (cond.) 3, W. H. Alek 4, K. Wood 5, C. Clayden 6. Rung for patronal festival and as a compliment to C. Clayden on his 25th wedding anniversary.

NORTHILL, BEDS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Harding 1, S. Cooper 2, D. J. Reeves 3, C. H. Harding (cond.) 4, F. Hull 5, A. Burns 6.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,288 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: M. Selby 1, S. Pinder (cond.) 2, Mrs. P. Nix 3, B. Lewin 4, P. Nix 5, B. Bates 6, R. J. Carlisle 7, R. W. Carlisle 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Clement Glenn.

RYDE, I.O.W.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Browning 1, W. Upton 2, A. R. Ward 3, H. Long 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, S. Moody 6, A. Jackson 7, A. Rees 8. Rung for Evensong of the patronal festival.

SIBSEY, Lincs.—On Oct. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Agnes Elmitt 1, W. Elmitt 2, H. Johnson 3, T. Cummins 4, W. Wilkinson 5, A. E. Flatters 6, D. Smith 7, J. R. Young (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. J. T. Atwell, late churchwarden at this church.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Proctor 1, D. A. Lodge 2, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 3, F. J. Wood 4, B. W. Parke 5, H. G. Goddard 6. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Jean E. Race, a member of the local band.

STAFFORD.—On Nov. 2nd, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Shelagh K. Seery 1, F. R. Wiggan 2, R. J. Warrilow 3, F. Eley 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, M. Carter 8. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh on their visit to Stafford during their progress from the station to the county buildings.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cooper 1, W. Brown 2, H. Wittering 3, W. Houghton 4, G. Johnson 5, W. Lawrence 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, R. Luxon 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Geoffrey Steed (aged 12 years, first quarter) 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, A. Saunders 3, H. M. Snowden 4, A. Syder 5, H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Saunders 1, H. M. Snowden 2, Maureen Brewer (first quarter) 3, L. W. Wiffen 4, A. Syder 5, H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): J. H. Jones 1, J. Merrell 2, J. W. Jones 3, Ald. Sir Theodore Pritchett (first quarter) 4, J. Corbett (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones on the birth of a daughter.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. James, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Brewer (first quarter on 8) 1, R. Beale 2, F. Chidgey 3, H. Floyd 4, W. Priddle 5, W. Slocombe 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, W. Warren 8. Rung for the homecoming and a ceremonial march around the town of the Somerset Light Infantry from Malaya.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marion Macfarlane 1, Marjorie Legg 2, F. Parramore 3, K. Medway 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, T. K. Price 6.

WATERLOO, S.E.—At St. John's Church, on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, T. H. Taffender 2, D. Wright (first in method) 3, C. W. Otley 4, D. G. Hollis 5, F. P. Mead 6, J. Hales (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): M. L. Sinden 1, J. Tomsett 2, Susan Jacobs (first 'inside') 3, H. Cox 4, F. E. Corfield (cond.) 5, E. Jacobs 6, J. Brickell 7, A. Bishop 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

LATE NOTICE

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual meeting and party will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Give in nominations for Branch Secretary at the meeting. Whist drive and dance 7 p.m. Tickets from G. Mills, 8, Manchester Road, Heywood, price 4/6 inclusive, 2/6 tea only, 2/6 dance only. Orders for tea by Nov. 30th. 7312

OBITUARY

MR. L. H. PAGE

The death occurred suddenly on October 27th of Mr. Lionel Henry Page at his home in Titchfield, Hants.

Born in Titchfield in 1881, he took to bell-ringing in 1900, in the village Church of St. Peter.

Prior to the 1914-18 war he was responsible for the local band, which rang its first 720 in 1909. By the outbreak of the first world war, due to his efforts, there were no less than 14 ringers in the local company capable of ringing Cambridge Surprise Minor for Sunday service. So keen was Mr. Page in those early days that he was reputed to have taught 75 per cent. of the village boys to handle a bell.

After his war service in the Royal Engineers he settled in Ealing, where he did much to stimulate a local band at St. Mary's. His efforts were well rewarded when the local band rang their first peal, Grandsire Triples, conducted by one of his own recruits, Mr. Frederick W. Goodfellow.

Some five years later he left Ealing for South-end-on-Sea and joined the band at St. Mary's, Prittlewell. It was here he rang his only peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, conducted by the late William Pye. After a very enjoyable five years at Prittlewell a shortage of work forced him to return home to Titchfield, where he lived until his death.

During his ringing career he rang about 150 peals, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal. His first peal was rung at Curdridge, in 1909, conducted by the late George Williams.

In 1946 he was incapacitated from ringing owing to great difficulty in walking and a few years later he was further handicapped by partly losing the use of his right hand due to a slight stroke.

Mr. Page leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters.

The funeral service took place at St. Peter's, Titchfield, on November 1st, conducted by the Rev. N. A. Miller. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band, supported by members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

MR. SAM COE

One of the few county cricketers who were ringers died on November 5th in the person of Mr. Sam Coe, who was aged 82. He did his ringing at Old Shilton, near Leicester.

As a cricketer he played for Leicestershire from 1896 to 1923, scoring over 17,000 runs, and held the highest individual score for the county—252 against Northamptonshire in 1914. After retiring from first-class cricket he became the county club scorer.

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A TRIP TO BOURNEMOUTH

The usual eight members of the Worcester-shire Association (which included the Association Ringing Master and the Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild) made their annual trip to view the 'belles' of Bournemouth during the week-end of November 5th.

The party arrived at headquarters in Fisherman's Avenue just before midnight on the Friday. The first item on the agenda was to hold an impromptu meeting of the Salisbury Guild, at which certain new members were elected, as the attempt for a peal next day was to be made under the auspices of that Guild. The legal adviser to the band was asked whether he thought a meeting held under such circumstances was legal and binding, but the only reply they could get was that it would cost them 5s. As to whether he meant for the advice or the subscription is not known—yet!

All enjoyed very much the items provided during the week-end, including the gammon steaks at Swindon, the trip to Kingston and the very nice bells there on which a peal of Spiced Surprise Major was rung, also the very pleasant service ringing at St. Peter's and St. John's, not forgetting the kindness of 'the old man himself' and his good lady, Mrs. Price.

The return trip was made via the New Forest, and ultimately a stop at Dorchester Abbey to ring for Evensong brought to an end a very pleasant outing.

A TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION ANNIVERSARY

To mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal for the old Towcester Association at Wicken, an attempt was made by the Wicken band to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 5th. This, unfortunately, came to grief. A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was, however, rung by F. C. Case 1, G. W. Holland 2, B. E. Saunders 3, H. Ridgway 4, W. A. Yates 5, T. E. Roberts 6, G. E. Green (conductor) 7, H. Cashmore 8. The grandfather of the seventh ringer and the father of the tenor ringer took part in the original peal

NOTICES

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MOORE—BRACEY.—The wedding of John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Moore, of 3, Berwyn Avenue, Hounslow, Middlesex, to Eileen, youngest daughter of the late Mr. A. E. Bracey and Mrs. Bracey, of Church Farm, Hethersett, Norfolk, will take place on December 3rd, at St. Remigius', Hethersett. All friends welcome. 7285

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MISCELLANEOUS

PATIENCE, PLEASE.—Our printers have informed us that the Bellringer's Notebook and Diary will be a little later than usual this year.

Copies should be available, however, by early December, and the fact will be heralded in good time by our usual advertisement in 'The Ringing World'.—W. Viggers, M. Hodgson. 7289

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—Owing to repair work being carried out in the belfry, ringing at Monken Hadley Church is suspended until further notice. 7278

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD.—Ringers' Day. November 19th. Bells (10, 26 cwt.) 2 p.m. Whist drive, dance and supper. Names for tea to A. Schofield, 86, Brougham Road. 7281

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in some style as peals.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Nov. 19th, Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing St. Dunstan's 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 7257

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stockton at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Nov. 19th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 7305

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, Nov. 19th, 3 p.m. Names to Dr. D. Gullick, Mount View, Weston Road. Special method: Painswick College Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7239

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Welwyn bells (8) 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tewin bells (6) 6 to 8 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 7272

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at Igham. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7202

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cliffe (8) on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service 4.30 p.m.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7254

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Derby Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For people in Leicester area train leaves London Road Station, Leicester, 1.52 p.m.—meeting in booking hall 1.40 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. M. Simpson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7200

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, St. Mary-atte-Bow, Stratford East (8), 3.30-5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Further ringing till 8.30. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 7234

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ealing on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringing at St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Christ Church bells available 3-4 p.m. Names for tea to A. H. Fulwell, 38, Beaconsfield Road, Ealing, W.5.—J. D. Rock. 7247

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Newhall, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45.—J. Cotton. (Phone: Overseale 264.) 7261

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at South Collingham (2.15-4.30) and North Collingham (6-8.30) on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service at South Collingham at 2.15. Please make an effort to attend. Tea, King's Head Hotel, at 5. Names to S. L. Barley, North Muskham, Newark. 7249

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (6), afternoon, Ditchling (8) evening, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7241

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford (8), Nov. 19th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Dolphin Inn. 7246

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (close to Colliers Wood Underground Station).—The annual bellringers' service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. Visitors especially welcome. 7235

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Weare, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 7307

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Hyde, Nov. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise, before 22nd, Mr. T. Wilde, 23, York Road, Gee Cross, Hyde.—C. K. Lewis. 7266

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Horsley (6), Saturday, Nov. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss G. Harrison, 20, Lower Kilburn, near Derby.—M. Bailey. 7298

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Newburn, St. Michael's, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Names essential to Mr. A. Taylor, 29, Boyd Street, Newburn, Newcastle 5. 7277

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Nov. 26th, Holy Trinity, Darlington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, by Nov. 24th, to Mrs. W. N. Park, 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington. 7304

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury (6) on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7245

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting in Guildford, Nov. 26th. Tea and meeting Congregational Hall, North Street (next G.P.O.), Guildford, 4 p.m. Bells available: Holy Trinity and St. Mary's 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.; S. Nicolas', Shalford and Stoke 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Nov. 23rd, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 7237

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting, Charlton Kings (8), Saturday, Nov. 26th. Annual meeting, Leckhampton (8), Dec. 17th, 3 p.m. Details later.—Mary Bliss, Branch Sec. 7282

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bitton, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 7303

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual dinner and social evening to be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Eastgate Street, on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at 7 p.m. sharp. St. Mary-de-Crypt bells available 4-6 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. each.—A. Lynall, Marlyn, Ermin Park, Brockworth, Gloucester. 7292

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Wellington (on main Leominster Road), Nov. 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 22nd to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 7311

LADIES' GUILD and DONCASTER AND DISTRICT.—Joint meeting at Conisborough, Nov. 26th. Names for tea to Mr. M. Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisborough.—D. Kelly, F. J. Jackson, Hon. Secs. 7300

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Deane, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5; cups only. Business 6. First meeting on this new eight.—J. Thornley, Sec. 7270

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Ossett (10), Nov. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea. Please notify, by 23rd, Fred Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett (Tel. Ossett 167). Buses, Sovereign Street, 2.15 and half-hourly.—J. F. Hodgson, Hon. Sec. 7306

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Eaton, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in Institute 5 o'clock. Names, by the 22nd, please, to Mr. J. Morris, Chapel Street, Eaton, Grantham.—J. H. Cook. 7284

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 26th, St. Mary's, Clapham Common, R.C., 3.15 to 4.15. Own tea. St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park. Business meeting (nominations) in vestry 5.30. Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 7267

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Caston on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by Thursday, Nov. 24th, to J. Barnes, Ivan House, Caston, Attleborough. 7260

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Fulmer (6), Nov. 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 22nd, to W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 7283

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashbury, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, to R. F. J. Gillling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 7299

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Bugbrooke on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous, to K. Rogers, Downs Farm, Weedon, Northants. Committee meet after business.—G. F. Roome. 7279

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, to Mr. J. D. Clarke, The Vicarage, Whatton, Notts. 7244

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Long Melford (8), Nov. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to V. Ambrose, 2, Westgate Street, Long Melford.—R. J. Seabrook, Dis. Sec. 7302

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly district meeting will be held at Ashted, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Schoolroom. Names for tea to J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashted, by previous Wednesday. Business includes nominations for district officers.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 7268

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, Nov. 26th. Bells 4-6 p.m., 7-8.30 p.m. Tea available. 7310

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual District dinner to be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 26th, commencing 6.30 p.m. Bar available 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 2.45-3.45; St.

Maurice (6) 3.45-4.30, 5.15-6. Service at St. Lawrence's 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 10s. each, now on sale from R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 7259

WOBURN, BUCKS.—A set of handbells are to be dedicated at St. Mary's, Woburn, on Nov. 26th. Ringing from 5 p.m. Short Evensong and dedication at 7 p.m. Ringing afterwards until 9 p.m. All ringers invited to attend.—K. S. 7276

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Honiton Clyst, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Nov. 28th, to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lymington. 7297

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Rededication, Kirby-le-Soken (8), Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m., by the Rural Dean. Buffet tea 1s. Numbers for tea, by Nov. 29th, must be sent to Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Kirby. 7288

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Handsworth, Birmingham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Details of service and tea later. Notify for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 29th, Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. 7291

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION (Llandaff Branch) and **SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD** (Southern District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (South Wales District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at Cadoxton, Neath. Bells (6) at Neath and Cadoxton available 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Please note: Names for tea, by Nov. 26th, to Mr. G. I. Lewis, 33, Cadoxton Terrace, Cadoxton, Neath.—J. A. Hoare. 7269

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting, New Buckenham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 29th, to Mr. W. Saunders, New Buckenham, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 7301

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by Nov. 26th. A good attendance desired.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7295

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Dec. 3rd, Durrington (6) from 2.30; Amesbury (8) in evening. Tea at Durrington for those who send in names, by Tuesday, Nov. 29th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7280

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Lyme Regis on Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 28th.—Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 7287

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available: St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12) 3.15-5.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Good attendance, please.—P. N. Bond, E. C. S. Turner, Hon. Secs. 7282

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Wollaton, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. P. Giles, The Rectory, Russel Drive, Wollaton.—C. W. Towers, Dis. Sec. 7286

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting, Dec. 3rd, Halesworth (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Nov. 30th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 7308

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bexhill, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Nov. 30th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 7293

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