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CHANGE AND DECAY

THESE words were in our minds as we approached the church, standing in the middle of what had once been an upper middle class square; one could imagine the families that once lived here, each with carriage and pair and all making their way to a crowded church, with the servants sitting in the galleries above, and the bells sounding a welcome to all.

Alas, reality was a shock: portions of the fabric were crashed from roof to ground level and an aura of decay pervaded the square, the rain teemed down, damping even the enthusiasm of the pigeons, who had for years held undisputed sway in the tower.

The bells, a ring of eight (tenor 19 cwt.), have been mute for many years; even the inevitable chiming rope hanging in the porch did not provoke an answering ring. Plaster and dust descended in a cloud. The way up into the ringing room was of the wooden stair variety that one finds in classical churches. An empty room, on the left, had a copy of 'The Humorist,' 1934, on the floor, the only sign that someone had come this way before.

We entered the ringing room. What a scene of desolation! Dust lay inches thick everywhere. One of two sallies lay on the floor. An Ellacombe clavier, with three immovable ropes, stood pathetically in the corner. Several peal boards graced the walls, too high to read; one, lower down, stated that the Society of College Youths rang a peal of Double Norwich here in 1848. Several names, such as Cooter, Haley and Mash, were evident.

The windows came down to the floors of the ringing room. The one on the church side had not an unbroken pane of glass in its entire length. Looking through, one saw the church interior, the wet, stained ceiling, laths showing where the plaster had fallen, the dust covered galleries and the silent organ. The main body of the church was

unused and a small chapel under one of the galleries was adapted as the only usable part of the building.

We climbed up to the clock chamber. After our eyes became used to the gloom we could see the clock. How many years since it ran? We had no means of finding out, but there it stood, pathetic and abandoned. The sound of the wind and the dripping of the rain, which was teeming outside, intensified the sense of gloom, and one felt a feeling of extreme sorrow that such things could be. I reflected that some must have loved this place once and now they are dust. I offered a silent prayer that such things should never happen in my own well-appointed belfry. The feeling persisted that once this must have been somebody's pride many years ago.

Climbing higher, we discovered the bells were in two tiers, the wheels were decayed and broken and the bearings quite rusted. A fragment of rope was fastened to the spokes of some of the wheels. What hands had been the last to fasten these ropes, I wondered.

Ropes were attached to the clappers which led by tortuous routes to the clavier below, and most of the pulleys were rusted solid. A board in the church informed us that the chiming apparatus was installed in 1936 in someone's memory; how short are our memories! The topmost tier of bells lay just below the louvres, several pigeon's nests lay on the frame and one actually on the stock of a bell. The rain dripped remorselessly down. Climbing down, I struck the tenor — it sounded a muffled boom. The startled pigeons wheeled about above us.

We made our way to the street, leaving the tower to the birds and maybe the ghosts of the stalwarts of old, who had once performed there the art which we are proud to carry on to-day. The tower I have described shall be nameless as it is typical of many in London which I have visited, and when we hear of electronic bells, records and ringing machines, perhaps we should bear this in mind.

The rain teemed down. . . . E. J. R.

TEN BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT. STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

	2 qr. 9 lb. in D.	
AUDREY S. NOBLE Treble	PETER J. BARKER 6	
STELLA HUGHES 2	GEORGE W. HUGHES 7	
Mrs. S. H. Jones 3	ALAN G. FOSTER 8	
WILLIAM J. LEACH 4	BARNABAS G. KEY 9	
*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT 5	SIDNEY H. JONES Tenor	
Composed by GEO. HAYWARD.	Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.	
* 25th peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.		
Rung for the Harvest Thanksgiving.		

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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IVOR R. NICHOL Treble	GEORGE PACKER 6
BASIL JONES 2	JOHN WORTH 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD 3	WALTER ALLMAN 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
Kenneth Lewis 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER Tenor
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.	Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
The treble ringer has now 'circle	ed the tower.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and sixth.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Sept. 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

	T	enor	17 cw	t. 10 lb. in F.		
WALTER F. JUDGE		T	reble	CYRIL H. KINCH	 	5
				JOSEPH STRETTON		
				FRANCIS A. WHITE		
				WILLIAM IVINGS		
				17 TO T		

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung with the bells half-muffled after the funeral of the late Mr. Ernest Pearson, in appreciation of his life and work.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 183 cwt. Treble C. Aubrey Harrison
Harry Hall JACK BRAY ... HARRY HALL 6
PHILIP BARNES 7
FRANK KENNINGTON Tenor 2 GWEN I. RUSBY RONALD CHAFER 4 4 J. BENJAMIN BUDD ..

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Budd.

LOUGHBOROUGH. LEICESTERSHIRE

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 19. 1956. in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In five methods, consisting of 760 Little Bob, 2,880 Plain Bob, 544
Double Bob, 544 Reverse Bob and 276 Gainsborough Little Bob, with
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.
*MADELIKE P. SMITH . Treble

\$G. RONALD EDWARDS . . 5 Double Bob, 544 Reverse 282 char of method. *MADELIK P. SMITH .. Treble *JOAN K. BROWN .. 2

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Staniforth on the birth of a daughter.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

lenor 23 cwt. in D.	
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble NOLAN GOLDEN	5
ROBERT E. LESTER 2 OLIVER G. BARNARD	6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3 H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4 BERT GOGLE , . T	enor
Composed by Charles H. Martin. Conducted by Nolan Gol	

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 4 cwt. 3 gr. 19 lb.

*BERTRAM J. COGGINS Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT		5
EDWIN G. MOORE 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON		6
CHARLES COLES 3	EDGAR J. SMITH		7
†Frank A. Barrett 4	ALAN R. PINK		Tenor
Composed by J. S. WILDE.	Conducted by ALAN	R.	PINK.
* First Surprise peal. † First pea	al of Surprise 'inside'		

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. M. R. W. Farrer, assistant curate of this parish.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY. A PEAL OF 5056 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3	qr. 25 lb. in A.	
C. EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK 2	STEPHEN J. IVIN	6
ALICK CUTLER 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
MARY LAWRENCE 4	JOHN R. MAYNE	Tenor
Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.		

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

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

OF 5088 VORKSHIPE SUPPRISE

THE RESERVE OF SOOD PORTE.	STILL SURIKISE MIMJUR
Pitstow's.	Tenor 134 cwt.
*JANET BURROUGHS Treble	JUNE M. CLEMENTS 5
LEONARD STILWELL 2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 6
RALPH BIRD 3	†George Francis 7
Brian J. Luff 4	tW. LESLIE WELLER Tenor
Conducted by W.	LESLIE WELLER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal together. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

		cwt. in E.	
JOHN R. COOPER	Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	MARK MARSHALL	
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	Teno

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung as a wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason, with the best wishes of the band



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*RUTH

October 3, 1930	THE
BOTTESFORD. L	EICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL	DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, ii	n 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
	ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE N	
	t. 1 gr. 8 lb.
RUTH A. CAREY Treble	DENIS A. FRITH
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	
BRIAN BUSWELL 3	*J. DAVID CLARKE
PETER M. GILES 4	JOHN M. JELLEY
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BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

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

Rung to mark the occasion of the consecration of the Vicar of Bournemouth (Rev. Canon A. L. E. Williams, M.A.), to be Lord Bishop of Bermuda, which took place at Westminster Abbey on St. Matthew's Day, September 21st.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 26 lb. in F.

"MURIEL PIPE Treble
GEORGE W. HOWLETT . 2
JOHN W. BLYTHE 6
C. JACK GIBSON . . 3 H. WILLIAM BARRETT . . 7

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN. . . 4 WILLIAM J. BUTTON . . . Tenor
Composed by J. BARKER.

"First peal of Plain Bob Major the wedding of Mr. Keith Rogers and Miss Veronica Neave: Rung for the wedding of Mr. Keith Rogers and Miss Veronica Neave:

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, HEADINGLEY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 201 cwt. in E.

PERCY J. JOHNSON ... Treble
WILLIAM BARTON
GEORGE ROBINSON ... 1 JOHN AMBLER ... 6
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 7
GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Tenor
Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal in the method

* First peal in the method

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
TERROR 12 CM

Tenor 13 cwt.
.. Treble | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ... *Neville Jenkins . .

ST. LAURENCE-IN-THANET, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Sept 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Bruerton's Twelve-part.
*Ronald L. Sheppard .. Treble
*G. Christopher Durham 2
Herbert Luck 3
Stanley J. Gee . . . 4 Tenor 18 cwt. in E. JOHN A. RUSSELL THOMAS W. EDWARDS .. *†J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... REGINALD S. WEEKES .. Tenor

Conducted by John A. Russell. * First of Triples. † 50th pcal. ‡ First peal.

Rung to commemorate the wedding anniversaries of the ringers of the sixth and tenor, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL, A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 24 cwt. *GORDON GAYLARD

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss June Hill and Mr. Reginald C. Beale (son of the conductor).

> WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E. *RAYMOND JOHNSON ...

Composed by Stephen H. Woods. Conducted by Harry Howard.

* First of Little Bob. † 300th peal.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Cheetham, of Walkden. Mr. Cheetham has been a member of the church choir for 45 years.

STEYNING, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Mon., Sept. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble | JUNE M. CLEMENTS ...

A. PATRICK CANNON ... 2 GEORGE FRANCIS ...

EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3 W. LESLIE WELLER ...

ERNEST TREAGUS ... 4 BRIAN J. LUFF ... TO Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.

First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to W. Leslie Weller, who is joining the R.A.F.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Fri., Sept. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 93 cwt. DONALD E. COBB . . . Treble | BEVAN W. WILLGRESS . . 4
PHILLIP WHALLEY . . . 2 | IAN H. ORAM 5
*JOHN A. MARTIN . . . 3 | ALLEN TWYMAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.
Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.

* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Yvonne D. Kirk and Mr.
Alan D. G. Gray, which took place in this church prior to the peal.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First in more than one method of Minor 'inside.'
Rung by a band from R.A.F., Locking, as a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the second, and a farewell to John A. Martin, who leaves shortly for Cyprus.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary. A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Sur-Conducted by Peter J. Eves.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the late Rector of Kirdford, the Rev. C. R. Evans.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD. HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

PYLLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE, THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR Seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 23 lb. in E. Conducted by CHARLES BARKER. * First peal. † First peal in the method.

SHIRLAND, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Plain Bob and 21 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt, in G sharp.

*K. John Faulkner . . . Treble Kenneth M. Durow
†Patrick W. Sewry 2 Reginald J. Stretton

KENNETH S. FAULKNER . . Tenor

Conducted by Reginald J. Stretton.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal in two methods for all the band. Rung for the Festival of St. Matthew.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Sept. 22. 1956, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

RONALD RUSSELL ... Treble | WILLIAM R. PARKER 4

PERCY D. BALDOCK 2 | WALTER WESTON 5

HENRY P. COLLIN 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

The quickest peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Ian Towns, bellringer and chorister at St. Martin's Church, Ancaster, and Miss Jean Mary Turner, whose marriage took place this day at the Church of St. Timothy

HANDBELL PEAL

GALWAY. IRELAND.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE LISIEUX GUEST HOUSE, LOWER SALTHILL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 13 in E. Seven extents. *A. J. HOWARD (Trinity) .. 1—2 | *F. B. COOKSON (St. John's) 3—4 J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 5-6

Conducted by J. D. PAINTER.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand 'as conductor. Believed to be the first peal in the county.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Matthew. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

A PEAL TOUR IN DERBYSHIRE

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid of York.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

	GEOFFREY PEARSON 5
	PHILIP MEHEW 6
	ALICK CUTLER 7
LEONARD STILWELL 4	ROLAND PARK Tenor
Composed by C. W. Roberts. *25th peal.	Conducted by Roland Park.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE. On. Mon., Sept. 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17½ cwt.

Treble | DENNIS KNOX LEONARD STILWELL Treble Dennis Knox
Geoffrey Pearson
Thomas Cullingworth ... RONALD H. BULLEN 2

MRS. T. J. LOCK 3

J. ALAN AINSWORTH . . . 4 ROLAND PARK 9
THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor
Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK . WILLIAM ROGERS Composed by JOHN CARTER Cond First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

On Mon.. Sept. 3, 1956, in 2. Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by George Baker.

* First peal in the method.

Conducted by George E. Fearn-

DERRY

On Mon., Sept. 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST, LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 302 cwt.
Tenor 304 cwt.
Tenor 304 cwt.

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WILLIAM RUGERS ITEUIE	
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	W. NORMAN PARK
RONALD H. BULLEN 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Te
Composed by C. MIDDLETON.	Conducted by WILLIAM ROGE

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.	HOPE. DERBYSHIRE.
On Tues., Sept. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary,	On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes, At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR	A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR Containing 2,208 Cambridge 1,536 Yorkshire and 1,344 Superlative,
Containing 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 640 Superlative and 320 Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method.	with 132 changes of method. Tenor 14\frac{1}{2} cwt.
Tenor 12½ cwt.	WILLIAM ROGERS Treble ROLAND PARK 5 THOMAS J. LOCK 2 †W. NORMAN PARK 6
C. EDWARD LANKESTER Treble DENNIS KNOX 5 EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2 WILLIAM T. BEESON 6	*Ronald J. Sharp 3 Leonard Stilwell 7
*Geoffrey Pearson 3 Arthur V. Pearson 7 J. Alan Ainsworth 4 George E. Fearn Tenor	Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.	* 200th Surprise peal. † First peal of spliced in three methods.
* First peal of spliced in six methods.	DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.	On Fri., Sept. 7, 4956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes, At the Church of St. Helen,
On Tues., Sept. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,	A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 154 cwt.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 17 cwt.	MRS. T. J. LOCK
RONALD H. BULLEN Treble PETER J. STANIFORTH 5	MARY LAWRENCE 3 RONALD H. BULLEN 7
Mrs. Phyllis Poole 2 William Rogers 6 Edgar R. Rapley 3 George E. Fearn 7	WILLIAM ROGERS, 4 GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
Mrs. T. J. Lock 4 PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor Composed by G. Lindoff (C.C.C. No. 18).	
Conducted by Philip A. Corby.	BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE. On Fri., Sept. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.	AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS. A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
On Wed., Sept. 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,	Tenor 17 ¹ / ₄ cwt.
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR	LEONARD STILWELL Treble RONALD J. SHARP 5 EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2 JOHN R. COOPER 6
Tenor 12½ cwt. Thomas Cullingworth Treble Alick Cutler 5	W. NORMAN PARK 3 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 7 THOMAS J. LOCK 4 RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor
RONALD H. BULLEN 6	Composed by N J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RALPH G. EDWARDS.
J. Alan Ainsworth 4 Thomas J. Lock Tenor	MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.
Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.	On Fri., Sept. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
On Wed., Sept. 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,	Tenor 14 cwt. Ronald H. Bullen Treble *William T. Beeson 5
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Tenor 254 cwt.	JOHN R. COOPER 2 GEOFFREY PEARSON 6 ALICK CUTLER 3 PHILIP MEHEW 7
MRS. T. J. LOCK Treble WILLIAM T. BEESON	RONALD J. SHARP 4 THOMAS J. LOCK Tehor
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 3 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 8	Composed by T. B. Worsley (C.C.C. No. 4). Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
J. Alan Ainsworth 4 Ralph G. Edwards 9 W. Norman Park 5 George E. Fearn Tenor	* 50th peal in the method.
Composed by William Pye. Conducted by George E. Fearn.	DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.	On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes, At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Wed., Sept. 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes, At the Church of St. Lawrence,	A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 12½ cwt.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 18 cwt.	GEOFFREY PEARSON Treble Alick Cutler 5 ARTHUR V. PEARSON 2 WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
WILLIAM ROGERS Treble THOMAS J. LOCK	RONALD H. BULLEN 3 GEORGE E. FEARN 7
Geoffrey Pearson 2 Rev. G. Gordon Graham 6 C. Edward Lankester 3 Leonard Stilwell 7	ROLAND PARK 4 RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4 RONALD H. BULLEN Tenor Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.	KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
Composed by C. Middleton, Conducted by William Robers.	On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE. On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,	A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER. A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR	Being 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.
Tenor 12 cwt.	*MARY LAWRENCE Treble PHILIP MEHEW 4 EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2 ANDREW C. SINFIELD 5
Mrs. T. J. Lock Treble Geoffrey Pearson 5 Andrew C. Sinfield 2 Thomas Cullingworth 6	JOHN R. COOPER 3 J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3 J. ALAN AINSWORTH 7 W. NORMAN PARK 4 RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor	* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor.
Composed by William Barton. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.	First peal on the bells for 25 years. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and for the wedding of Dennis Knox
First peal in the method as conductor.	and Sybil Dodd, which took place on this day at Luton.
HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE. On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,	DORE, DERBYSHIRE. On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.	At Christ Church
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 10½ cwt.	A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 11½ cwt.
JOHN R. COOPER Treble RONALD J. SHARP 2 THOMAS J. LOCK 6	LEONARD STILWELL Treble Geoffrey Pearson 5 WILLIAM ROGERS 2 THOMAS J. LOCK 6
*MARY LAWRENCE 3 PHILIP MEHEW 7	RONALD J. SHARP 3 PHILIP A. CORBY 7
ALICK CUTLER 4 GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor Composed by John Thorp. Conducted by Roland Park.	CYRIL WRIGHT 4 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by William Rogers.
* First peal in the method.	R 1 3 for the wedding of Dennis Knox and Sybil Dodd.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana M. Gough 1, June A. Grieveson 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, Valerie Mepham 4, C. D. Linington (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. The ringer of the 4th has now rung 50 quarter peals. Rung as an 87th birth-day compliment to Mr. Goldsmith. Also on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, R. D. Brown (cond.) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Junc A. Grieveson 4, Diana M. Gough 5, Pamela R. Gough 6. Ringer of the 5th has now 'circled the tower. Rung as a farewell to Derek H. Paine, a member of the band, who has left this parish to begin his work in Birmingham.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260

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BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. K. Plank 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, Miss B. Russell 3, J. G. Davis 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, L. W. Moses 6. Rung as a farewell to Leslie W. Moses, who is leaving Bath for a new appointment in Launceston.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Spavins (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Davies (first quarter of Major) 2, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 3, R. Piron 4, J. B. Long 5, R. Lennard 6, K. Spavins 7, S. J. Ivin 8.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Scpt. 14th, 1,2() Doubles (consisting of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Bryant 1, G. Flower 2, Miss J. Powell 3, G. Williams 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, T. Pearce (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss Jean Powell, who is leaving the district for Southampton.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redeliffe on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Migley 1, J. D. Hunt (first of Stedman) 2, T. P. Edwards 3, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. H. Gilbert 5, C. D. Mann 6, P. M. J. Gray 7, S. Gillett (first on eight) 8. Rung as a farewell to Judith M. Migley, who was leaving for Canada on Sept. 7th.

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CAVERSFIELD, OXON.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Sharpe (cond.) 1, H. A. Massey 2, P. J. Steeples 3, W. Baggett 4, C. H. Kinch 5. Rung at the wedding of Fl.-Lieut. R. V. Taylor and Miss P. M. Rodwell.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hutchins (first quarter) 1, R. E. Coles (cond.) 2, H. Blick 3, J. Trout 4, E. Carter 5, I. D. Davies 6, C. Howells 7, R. Brown 8. Rung with 7. 6, 8 covering for Evensong. Also as a compliment to Mr. A. Morgan, organist, on his appoint-

covering for Evensong. Also as a compliment to Mr. A. Morgan, organist, on his appointment as Mayor of Cowbridge.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Sept 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Gregory 1, M. H. Paulson (first of Stedman) 2, D. Mellor 3, R. H. Bullen 4, E. Garrard 5, G. H. Paulson 6, H. E. Taylor 7, E. Paulson (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to M. H. Paulson on getting a scholarship to Manchester University, after an attempt for a peal of Grandsire had failed.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. Clarke 1, J. Hurrell 2, E. B. Crowder 3, C. Philpott 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, G. Hurrell 6, F. Hurrell 7, P. Rablah 8. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday evensong.

Britain Sunday evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HARROW, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Manewell 1, Shirley H. Dorey 2, Margaret C. Howe 3, R. E. Waters 4, C. E. Slade (cond.) 5, Sylvia Heasman 6. First quarter for treble ringer. For Evensong.

HENE, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. H. Brazier 1, M. Fromm 2, R. Wilson 3, H. Weaver 4, W. Weaver 5, R. P. Wood (cond.) 6, J. Clemments 7, D. Saunders 8. First quarter on eight for 1 and 2. First in method for 5. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday. Britain Sunday.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON. — On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Holway 1, J. Salway 2, W. Seldon 3, A. G. Betts 4, B. Pidgeon 5, K. Dawe 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam of Mrs. W. D. Ashdown, wife of a member of the local band, who was interred this day at Broadclyst.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Retter 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, M. A. Turner (Philadelphia, U.S.A.) 4, A. Holway 5, E. W. Rowe 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. First quarter for the ringer of the fourth since 1908.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 16th, Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Gibbons 1, Miss P. Drury 2, C. E. Hayter 3, Miss H. Hancock 4, D. G. Wright 5, J. Martin (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to John Martin, who is leaving to go to Cyprus. and also as a farewell to K. C. Jones, who is leaving to join the R.E.M.E.

LANE END, BUCKS .-- On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Slater 1, A. Free (first 'inside') 2. K. Seymour (cond.) 3, R. Hazell 4, C. Hagger 5, S. Smith 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Norman Carr and Patricia Webb.

LONDON.—At St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. A. Hughes 1, Miss E. Wooldridge 2, L. W. Battley 3, D. G. Hollis 4, C. W. Ottley 5, F. Ranson 6. J. Hales (cond.) 7, J. A. Hales 8. For evensong and also as a birthday compliment to C. W.

LONGNEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Watts 1, A. Wixey 2, P. T. Hurcombe 3, T. Goodyer 4, M. Ling 5, F. E. T. Tranter 6, R. G. Corby (cond.) 7, C. Wixey 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 4th. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, G. S. Morris 2, H. E. C. Goodenough 3, C. W. Powell 4, J. T. Barrett 5, H. G. Keeley 6, R. Keeley (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: C. Silman 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Page 3, R. G. Dadds 4, P. Dadds 5, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 6, F. Gadsden 7, L. Twyman 8. Rung for Evensong and as a wed-disc appliage of the princers of ding anniversary compliment to the ringers of

READING, BERKS. — At St. Mary's on Sept. 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Monica Fray 1, M. J. Horseman 2, A. Diserens 3, B. C. Stirland 4, R. H. Begrie 5, J. N. Diserens 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2. ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At All Saints' on Sept. 11th, 1,240 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: Susan Chaddock 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Miss M. Mills 3, Miss E. Wardill 4, J. Chaddock 5, G. S. Lee 6, F. Fisher 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First of Spliced Plain and Little Bob by 1, 5 and 6. Rung by the Sunday service band.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sept 23rd, 1,250 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): J. Merrifield (St. Paul's) 1, Miss J. Eloie (St. Martin's) 2, F. E. Mann (St. Paul's, cond.) 3, E. Doel (St. Thomas') 4, H. Abrahams (St. Thomas') 5, Miss E. Ball 6, J. Lewis (Britford) 7, G. Smith (South Newton) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sidney Macey, who passed away Sentember 15th passed away September 15th.

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SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS. — On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): H. Paul 1, A. Thornton 2, E. M. Bradley 3. A. Sheppard 4, J. Potts (first. as cond.) 5. D. Ruckledge 6. For evensong.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Griffen 1, A. Flutter 2, R. Buckby 3, G. Wykes 4, W. Brown (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of the niece of the ringer of the fourth.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON. — At St. Ann's on Sept. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Turner 1, B. Bladon 2, M. Rowe (first as cond.) 3, W. Theobald 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS.—On Sept. 23rd, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Rodmell 1, Miss B. Clarkson 2, T. Goodin 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, I. Glenton 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harrop on the birth of a son and Mr. and Mrs. R. Ducker on the birth of a daughter. The prepriets in each case are of a daughter. The parents in each case are

of a daughter. The parents in each case are local ringers.

SWANSEA,

Church, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (360)

Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire): Patricia Whitworth 1, J. Edney 2, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 3, J. T.

Williams 4, J. Solly 5, J. Dale (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, also a farewell to Mr. J. Solly, who is leaving for the R.A.F.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Faircloth (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Mills 2, D. Welham (first 'inside') 3, P. Mills 4, M. Mills 5, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 6.—Also the same evening, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. W. Mills 1, Miss H. Stewart (first 'inside') 2, U. W. Wildney 3, D. Welham 4, M. Mills (cond.) 5, W. Downs 6.

WALMER, KENT. — On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hawkins 1, Miss M. Hawkins 2, Miss G. A. Rich 3, T. A. Wickens 4, J. M. Stephens 5, F. A. Rye 6, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung for evensong and as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church
of St. Mary, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire
Triples: J. Coles (aged 13, first quarter) 1,
H. Rumens 2, C. T. W. Coles 3, F. C. Maynard 4, E. E. Holman 5, D. Hewitt 6, R. J.
Chapman (cond.) 7, A. J. N. Boyack 8. For

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET. On 7 Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Horseman (first of Triples as cond.) 1, Monica Fray 2, D. Cobb (first of Triples) 3, L. Derrick 4, B. Willgress (first of Triples 'inside') 5, G. Brewin (first of Grandsire Triples) 6. I. Oram 7, Mrs. D. Strong (first of Triples) 8.

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BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirty members attended the monthly meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society held at All Saints' Church, Pocklington, on September 8th.

The bells were raised and rung to methods from Rounds to Stedman and Kent Treble Bob until time for the service at 4.30 p.m. The Curate (Rev. A. J. Millward) conducted the service, and welcomed the Society to Pocklington. An apology for absence was read from the Vicar, Canon Richardson, who unfortunately was on an out-of-town engagement

Tea was taken in the Church Hall and was provided and served by the wives and mothers of the local ringers, maintaining all the traditions of good teas at Pocklington. The business meeting followed, with the president, Mr. A. E. Sellers in the chair, and afterwards ringers re-Sellers, in the chair, and afterwards ringers returned to the tower for further ringing until time to cease the bells, bringing to a close another successful meeting.

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HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

Ringing Competition Marred

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax Association was held at Ripponden on September 22nd. Five teams entered, and some very good ringing gave the judge, Mr. Harry Nutt, a stiff task.

Two unfortunate occurrences cropped up that were not catered for in the competition rules, namely, a rope slipped the wheel during team No. 4's attempt and they had to stand.

A hastily-summoned committee of one representative from the four other teams competing and the referee in the tower, decided that the team must not recommence the test piece, but have one-seventh of the faults found by the judge added to their total.

The second incident happened whilst the last team was ringing, when a total stranger climbed the stairs to the ringing chamber and so upset the team that they broke down and could not be persuaded to start their test piece again.

The judge gave his decision as follows:— Friezland 37 faults, Sandal 44, Liversedge 33, Meltham 37, Shelley 20. Liversedge were therefore the winners.

During the business meeting suggestions were put forward to try and eliminate the unfortunate things that had happened, one being that an executive committee be formed at the time of the draw and the other that a doorkeeper be appointed.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwarden for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Frank Rhodes for all the work undertaken by him in arranging the teas and for the comfort of all present, were passed with the full approval of the meeting.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Monmouth Branch at Caldicot

The Monmouth Branch meeting, held at Caldicot on September 22nd, was most enjoyable. Although the attendance was not as high as formerly, the majority were young people, and the Master, Mr. J. Alsop, saw that there was plenty of ringing for all.

The Rev. Rhys Morris, Vicar of Caldicot, and a member of the Association, welcomed everyone to the church and later conducted the service. An excellent tea was prepared in the church hall by Mrs. Hooper and her helpers.

The Rev. Rhys Morris kindly took the chair at the business meeting, and this proved to be agreeably short. Mr. J. Sims reported that half the sum necessary had been received for the restoration of Chepstow bells. Masters Colin Dodd and Roger Gale were elected new members from Caldicot, and Ronald Trigg and Michael McLoughlin from All Saints', Newport.

Magor was suggested as the place of the next meeting, with Shirenewton and Machen as alternatives.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Northern District was held at Backway on September 22nd. Ringing commenced at 3.30, after a wedding. Tea was provided by Mrs. Gulham at the Three Horseshoes, which was followed by the business meeting in church, with Mr. J. Dean in the chair. The next meeting will be held at Codicote on October 27th, Beverley being the special method

The day was fine and the ringing above meeting standard, which included some good courses of Yorkshire Surprise.

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Ringers in Bournemouth and district lose a very good friend BELFRY

by the consecration of Canon
A. L. E. Williams. M.A., as Bishop of Bermuda. A lover of bells, Bishop Williams, while vicar of Kirby Whiske, Yorks, gave two bells to augment the ring there. At Banbury, although the Vicarage was close to the church and the bells somewhat noisy, he freely gave permission to ring.

During his ten years' incumbency at Bourne-mouth visitors knew well of his cordial wel-come and charming speeches at the Bournemouth dinner. There was only one condition he imposed on peal attempts at St. Peter's— the provision of 'Davis' silencers. Local ringers could not allow the soft pedal to be applied on September 22nd when ringing a peal in honour of the new Bishop.

The many friends of Mr. D. Smith, secretary of the Barnsley and District Society, and vice-president of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, will be sorry to hear that he is at present a patient in Pinderfields Hospital,

In an accident at work he sustained serious leg injuries, which are likely to keep him out of action for a considerable time. We all wish him the quickest possible return to normal health and activity.

and activity.

Miss Powell (for whom a quarter peal was rung at Bedwellty on September 14th) has now left Bedwellty to take up an appointment in Southampton. Before she left, she was presented with a copy of Mr. Ernest Morris's book 'Towers and Bells of Britain,' which was signed by the local ringers, and a leather-bound Bible, which was presented to her by the Rector and churchwardens of Bedwellty. The ringers will miss her very much at Bedwellty, but hope she will be very happy at Southampton.

Mr. Ronald W. M. Clouston GOSSIP has obtained permission to inspect, and if necessary overhaul, the alleged ring of bells in one of the towers of the Church of San Francisco el Grande, Madrid. His present information is that there are nine bells, some at least hung for incident and are all from the foundate of the ringing, and are all from the foundry of John Warner and Sons, Birmingham. A report on these bells from Mr. Clouston will be be read with interest.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow dedicated Carlton Colville bells on September 19th.

Mr. Ralph G. Edwards is now in Birming-bam. We expect to see his name among St. Martin's Guild peals during the coming winter.

Photographs of the veterans' gathering may be obtained from Mr. A. Deal, 118, Sarsfield Road, S.W.12. Prices: 'All in' 2s. 6d., separate tables 1s. 6d.

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis reminds the Cumberland and Westmorland tourists that a peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Crostwaite, Keswick, on July 8th, 1950, conducted by the late Dr. J. C. E. Simpson. This peal was rung for the Lancashire Association.

A stalwart of the St. Michael's with St. Paul's band, Bath, Mr. Leslie W. Moses is leaving Bath to take up a new appointment as a district superintendent with an insurance company at Launceston. He has the good wishes of the band, who rang a farewell quarter on September 23rd.

The bells of All Saints', North Ferriby, Yorks, which have been silent since the war except for Ellacombe chimes, will shortly be heard again. Through the initiative of the organist, Mr. Gambie, a band of recruits and others has been collected, and they are being taught by the Kirkella ringers.

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A DERBYSHIRE RINGING WEEK

IN a county containing ancient and historic churches, mansions and buildings; agricultural, grazing, heath, forest and park land; hills and lovely dales; countless streams, waterfalls, also lakes and reservoirs; stone quarries, pit head of deep coal mines and open-cast coal mining; industry of various kinds; few straight and level roads; and above all, homely and most friendly people, the annual tour, organised by Mr. T. J. Lock, took place during the first week in September. The members of the party spent an energetic and altogether pleasant and successful time, 18 peals being scored out of 25 attempts. One sad story must however be related in the fact that the day following our first visit to Ashover Church for service ringing and meeting, Eddie Hopkinson, the local captain, our newly-formed friend, was involved in a fatal accident at his work.

After some old friends had been collected in London, the main party left Hertfordshire in the usual coach, and as the route took us through Bedford our first halt was in the Broadway, where we were able to exchange greetings with Eddie and Kath Jeffries, who unfortunately were not able to join us this time. The Derby district was our first objective as regards ringing, and the programme opened with attempts for peals of Yorkshire—Royal at Derby Cathedral and Major at West Hallam. At the former tower the attempt was lost after 2 hours 20 minutes, but at the latter tower number one success was achieved, which proved to be a favourable 'turning course' for the conductor, Roland Park, who had just arrived from Darlington with his brother Nofman.

The journey to headquarters could not have been a happy one for our driver. Albert Lawrence, for it became known that of the approaches to Ashover, one was not so good as the others, and tricky to negotiate after dark. We were well received at the Ashover Country Hotel, and enjoyed an excellent evening meal and a comfortable bed. Ashover is situated in the peaceful countryside four miles north of Matlock, and we learned that the parish is the second largest in England, being 10,000 acres in extent, with a boundary of 22 miles, and the Vicar has no curate. The present church was built in the 14th century, but contains a lead font, date 1151, a 13th century wooden door, and a 400-years-old chancel screen.

The first day of residence. Sunday, was the wettest, but after a dutiful morning we set sail (almost) for a hurriedly convened meeting at Macclesfield. Through the good offices of John Worth and the other local captains we were welcomed to assist or join in service ringing at the three towers in the town—St. Michael's (12). Christ Church (10) and St. Peter's (8). The journey involved crossing the Pennine Range, which for the most part was shrouded in mist, but we did see, without close inspection, the 'Cat and Fiddle' inn, 1,690 feet above sea level, being situated higher than any other in the country.

RINGING BETWEEN CHOIR STALLS On Monday we left for Duffield, where a peal of Cambridge Royal was rung, and Derby, St. Peter's, where an extent of Rutland was brought round for the first time on these bells. In the afternoon an attempt for Melbourne Surprise at Melbourne was stopped prematurely after 40 minutes owing to the temporary indisposition of one of the band. Here the ringing takes place between the choir stalls, the front two of which were removed for our convenience. One of the strange meetings of life occurred in this church, for as we were pulling up the bells a reverend gentleman approached us with an air of interest. After a few words in exchange we knew him to be the Rev. W. H. Bishop, of West Didsbury, near Manchester, who 14 years ago officiated at the marriage of a brother of one of our party.

The fourth peal attempt of the day was made at Derby, St. Luke's, where success was gained by what must be one of the best heavy-bell bands in the country—at any rate the ringing was such that George was proud of the tenor ringer who, we understand may have moved to Birmingham for his own betterment and experience at turning in the big bells. Ralph made it quite clear that after this performance George should, and probably would, invite him in a few peal attempts in Brum during the coming winter.

Owing to the geographical nature of the county, and a refusal, three attempts were scheduled for Tuesday, but Ron Bullen made a fourth attempt possible by taking a band to Darley Dale, his home tower. Yorkshire was, however, lost after 11 hours. A second band went to Crich, situated on very high ground and 'miles from anywhere,' but Spliced Surprise Major in six methods was brought round. Of interest at Crich is the fact that the Vicar, Rev. J. W. E. Brown, is an acquaintance of Rev. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay; the church organ, installed by a well-known trust, is valued at £12,000; and nearby is a memorial, in the form of a beacon, to past members of the Sherwood Foresters, to which present members pay an annual pilgrimage.

The remainder of the party crossed the county boundary to enjoy a short ring at Sutton-in-Ashfield (8) and then back again to ring at All Saints', Ripley (8). The two remaining peal attempts for the day were both of London, at Heanor and Ilkeston. We had the pleasure of including some friends in these efforts, but two from Derby, Denis Carlisle and Gordon Halls, were unfortunate in that the attempt in which they took part was lost through no fault of theirs after 2 hours 10 minutes. It was also hard luck for Dennis Knox, who would have liked success on this occasion, his last attempt before he left the party to return home to take the plunge. Better fortunes. Dennis! Success was registered at Ilkeston, and the report elsewhere will identify the three from Leicestershire who met us for this occasion. In the meantime, Long Eaton (8) bells were made available for an hour's ring. Should anyone be interested to see some simple mechanism which, operated from the ringing chamber, can turn the clapper of a bell pulled up wrong, they are advised to visit Ilkeston.

MEMORIES OF CRESWELL

The following day we changed our way out from Ashover and proceeded in an easterly direction to Bolsover and Creswell At the former tower Bristol had to be abandoned after 2 hours' ringing, and at the latter tower less than two courses of Hallam were completed, and it was decided to substitute with Superlative. The spare ringers were afforded a ring at Clowne (6), where the welcome included lunch in the Mission Room, served by bell-ringing members of the G.F.S. At Creswell Church is a memorial window to those who lost their lives in the 1950 mining disaster. The design incorporates miners at work, overshadowed by the Elmton elm tree, which was struck by lightning shortly before the colliery disaster and was at the time said to be a bad omen. Elmton is a nearby village and comes under the care of the parish of Creswell. Cambridge was the method for the afternoon— Royal at Chesterfield and Major at North Wingfield—and both were successful. We were pleased that the Rev. G. Gordon Graham was able to take a rope in the North Wingfield peal. On our return to headquarters we found that Andrew Sinfield and Ron Sharp had arrived according to schedule.

Thursday was a day of travel as well as ringing, a day when we were at the heart of the Peak District and, but for the weather, could have climbed to the summit of Kinder Scout. We did, however, visit 'fields'—Fairfield and Hayfield—where extents of Rutland and Super-

lative respectively were accomplished. our lunch was digesting, Albert guided us through some lovely countryside, past Castleton Caves to Hope, where two quartets alighted full of it; and why not, for they brought into rounds a peal of Spliced Surprise without a hitch. The coach journey on through Snake Pass, 1,680 feet above sea level at its highest point, and down into Old Glossop, where unfortunately a defective rope caused a halt to the attempt for a peal of Yorkshire after 1 hour 5 minutes. For anyone with initiative plus, we record that there are two motor cars lying deep down in the valley by the side of the Pass waiting to be recovered and probably refuelled. The 'Band of Hope' was collected and taken to Glossop, where they enjoyed participating with the local band for the early part of their practice. were 50 miles from home, at which we eventually arrived very late (by arrangement), but an excellent cold spread was waiting. We were so rejuvenated that some of the men as well as the ladies assisted the hotel staff to wash up.

The programme for the next day was Derby Surprise at Darley Dale and New Cambridge at Bakewell, Bristol at Matlock and Spliced at Wirksworth. For the third time on this tour a local named method proved elusive, and as the records show a peal of Yorkshire was substituted. New Cambridge was not attempted at the second named tower as the conductor also was switched, so we scored with another peal of Yorkshire. In the afternoon Bristol was rung at Matlock, this being the 50th in the method for William Beeson; but four methods spliced was abandoned at Wirksworth after two at-

tempts lasting about an hour.

THREE PEALS ON LAST DAY

We drove northwards on the last day, and once again into a neighbouring county, from where, it is said, good ringers as well as good cricketers come. Fate, however, denied us a cricketers come. Fate, however, denied us a peal attempt in Yorkshire as owing to a broken clapper at St. Marie's, Sheffield, we could make no other arrangement. Three peals were re-corded for the day—Lincolnshire at Dronfield, Surprise Minor at Killamarsh—with which the local ringers as well as the tourists were most pleased-and Superlative at Dore. Two of these peals were chosen to record our regards for Dennis Knox, and we collectively wished him and his bride what other people wished us when we were in a similar plight. Three fresh personalities otherwise came into the tour, during the morning when we were able, through the kindness of Mr. Parr, of Killamarsh, to ring on the octave at Eckington, a non-ringing gentleman was met who was a workmate of the late Arthur Craven, the well-known composer. Then Dore we were glad to accommodate Wright, of Bolsover, in the peal band, whilst in the ringing chamber there was clear evidence that J. E. L. Cockey, now emigrated to Canada, was a churchwarden and an active member of local band.

This was our peal ringing programme completed, during which time the usual high standard of striking was maintained, and one well-known ringer had recorded another century of peals, though too modest to set his claim. Handbells were available, but owing to the full programme, were little used, and the augmented choir seemed non-existent this year, being incomplete without the usual contralto.

On Sunday we took leave of headquarters and the hotel staff, with the main intention of arriving at our permanent homes in good time. We were, however, favoured with collecting another tower, as after we had stopped for lunch at Market Harborough, the bells of the parish church started ringing for a wedding, and the members of the local band kindly allowed us to extend the ringing with some short touches.

So we rang in a total of 34 towers during a thoroughly enjoyable week, and would like to ecord here our thanks to incumbents, captains, and other ringers and friends who so kindly contributed their share in our interests.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Ripon

The September general meeting of the Association took place at Ripon Cathedral on September 15th, favoured by excellent weather and a satisfactory attendance of members and friends representative of each of the four districts. The fine ring of ten bells was put to good use shortly after 2 p.m., and further use was made of the ring of eight at the neighbouring tower at Sharow. ing tower at Sharow.

Due to the fact that the racing authorities had allotted an extra day's racing, difficulty was ex-perienced in arranging a tea, but a switch in the time overcame this.

The business meeting took place at 5.45 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A. Mr. E. Hudson was voted to the chair for the first part of the proceedings in the unavoidable absence of the president, who was officially taking part in the Cathedral ceremony for the reopening of the Chapter House after restoration. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. S. F. Palmer, F. W. Dale, H. S. Morley, J. J. L. Gilbert, N. Chaddock, W. Barton, J. Pearson, P. Birkett and D. Smith.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting at Wakefield on January 19th, 1957, if the necessary arrangements could be made, with Pontefract as an alternative, on the proposition of Mr. W. F. Moreton, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley.

At this point the president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, returned, and took over the chair, thanking Mr. Hudson for deputising for him. He (the president) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells and for his kind welcome to Ripon. This was seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson and carried with applause. The Dean of Ripon, the Very Rev. F. Ll. Hughes, in reply said how pleased he was to have this opportunity of pleased he was to have this opportunity of meeting the ringers. The ringing of bells was traditionally British, and the various uses of the bells was the gateway to the souls of people. When the bells rang out again after the war they truly reflected English thought and emotion.

A similar vote of thanks to the local company for their excellent arrangements was moved by the general secretary, who said he was gratified to see so many present, as the problem of distance was always a potent factor with general meetings in the Northern District. To many, Reipon was off the beaten track in this respect, and he congratulated the local company, and in particular Mr. E. Hudson, upon the excellent arrangements made. Mrs. L. K. Marshall seconded, and this was carried with acclamation. The president reminded members that the Snowdon Dinner was to take place at the Windmill Hotel, York, on October 20th, and that the Archbishop of York, Dr. A. M. Ramsey, had kindly accepted an invitation to attend. Accommodation was limited to 100, and early application for tickets was advised.

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Miss V. Gillian Schofield, of Bradford, was elected a member, and Mr. A. Capstick a nonresident member.

The president referred to the passing of Mr. Walter Bailey, of Skipton, who joined the Association in 1894 and had taken part in eight peals. As a tribute of respect, the meeting stood in silence.

A vote of thanks to the Y.M.C.A. authorities for the use of the room was moved by Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. G. Benfield, and carried unanimously. Mr. E. Hudson humorously acknowledged the vote of thanks by announcing he was vice-president, and would convey their thanks to the committee, who did not as yet know they had given permission! This concluded the business and members were then able to enjoy further ringing until 9 p.m.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Some good ringing was enjoyed at a quarterly meeting of the Southern District held at Limpsfield Chart and Limpsfield on September 15th. The weather could not be regarded as brilliant,

The weather could not be regarded as brilliant, but did not account for a rather poor attendance, especially from the district. However, the rather isolated nature of 'The Chart' may have deterred some members.

Ringing was from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., at Limpsfield Chart, followed by tea at the Carpenters Arms. A brief business meeting followed, which seemed more subdued than on previous occasions. Was this because a certain gentleman (who shall remain anonymous) was not with us? with us?

When the meeting adjourned to the church for the service, the ringers on arriving at the belfry were personally greeted by the Rev. S. Linton. priest-in-charge, who conducted the service. He afterwards showed the company some features of the church, which although only 62 years old has many points of interest.

Ringing afterwards took place at Limpsfield Parish Church. It is hoped that the district will be well represented tomorrow (Saturday) at Crawley, when a joint meeting with the Northern Disrict of the Sussex Association will be

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Bellringing — Aid to Longevity

The monthly meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at Christ Church. Alsager (always a happy rendezvous for Cheshire and Staffordshire ringers), and attracted more than 30 ringers, representing 11 towers, including a visitor from Perth.

Longevity is very prevalent amongst ringers, due, no doubt, to its healthy exercise and good happy company. Two veterans were present on September 22nd—Mr. George Whalley, Alsager, and Mr. John Wheadon, Wilmslow, both over 84 years of age, having given between them over 100 years of service to Sunday service ringing.

Another interested and welcome visitor was Mr. G. Parkes, bell-hanger representative of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who had been looking over Liverpool Cathedral bells. Also present, though not yet ringing again, after his wonderful recovery from a broken neck, was Mr. Arthur Yorke, tower captain at Alsager. 'The Three "Minor" Musketeers' from the Bowdon Branch also received a cordial welcome.

The bells were raised at 3 o'clock and kept going till 4.30, when the Guild Office was said by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Gwynne John, for-mer vicar of Christ Church, Crewe, who wel-comed the ringers; after which, tea was served in the schools

At the short business meeting, Mr. Derek Smith, Wistaston, in the absence of Mr. Wilfred Kerr (hon. secretary), on holiday, proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of his bells, his address and welcome; Mr. Holloway, one of the ringers, for deputising at the organ; those responsible for the tea; and the Vicar's wife, Mrs. John. and her helpers who served tea.

Mr. W. Frank Stenson, in seconding the vote of thanks, congratulated the Vicar on Alsager's enterprise. The station staff had won first prize in the Stoke section for the best kept station, and the Vicar had been elected chairman of the newly-formed gramophone club. Mr. Stenson mentioned he had a 'ringing' record, dedicated and presented to him by a famous band of ringers who had visited Alsager and Church Lawton some time ago. He, however, 'put his foot in it' when he said it was 'only Minor,' meaning the method; the 'Three Minor' Musketeers,' who are not only Minor 'fans,' but experts, soon wanted to know why 'only' Minor. However, notwithstanding, some good touches of Minor were rung and enjoyed, also Doubles, Triples and Major. and the Vicar had been elected chairman of the



THE OLD BRIGADE assembled at the Fan Makers' Hall, Bishopsgate, on Sept. 15th for their second annual reunion. The average age of the company was 71½ years. For story of the reunion see last week's issue of 'The Ringing World.'

LETTERS

LUNDY ISLAND BELLS

Dear Sir,—An extract from a recent local news feature may be of interest to readers:

'The bells of St. Helena's Church, Lundy

Island, were heard this week probably for the last time. On the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving a local inhabitant chimed seven of the octave, which is in a very bad state of repair. To mark the occasion, decorations included local mushrooms and fleece from sheep grazed on the Island. For maximum attendance the Island's public house was closed as the total population numbers only

The bells have not been rung for many years and are no longer safe to hang in the tower, salt air having almost rusted through the iron work. The vicar (resident at Appledore on the mainland) informs us that no date has yet been fixed for their removal.—Yours faithfully,

H. MALLETT.

Exeter. •

COMPOSITIONS OF STEDMAN CATERS AND CINQUES WANTED

Dear Sir.—Now that the Central Council has agreed to publish a collection of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, it is desirable that the committee responsible should see as many compositions as possible with a view to inclusion. It is intended that the collection shall be as comprehensive as possible, and include peals by many composers and on all possible plans.

May I therefore appeal to all those who have compositions in their possession—particularly those of composers who are no longer living—to forward them to Mr. C. W. Roberts, 5, Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey, Essex, who will return all composers' books, etc., after inspection as required. If the response to this appeal is as good as I hope, it will clearly not be possible to publish all compositions sent; but the more material we have to select from, the better.—Yours, etc.,

C. W. WOOLLEY,

Convener, Peals Collection Committee. Bushey Heath, Herts.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD Meeting at Tenby

A quarterly meeting of the St. David's Guild was held at Tenby on September 8th. The bells were available to the ringers from 2 p.m., and although the weather was not too kind, it did not prevent ringers from all parts of the diocese attending the meeting. It was also very pleasing to see so many visiting ringers present, and a very special welcome was accorded to Miss Wyman, from Sussex.

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A service was held at 3.30 p.m., at which the Vicar, the Rev. Canon J. B. Hallam, officiated. The lesson was read by the Vicar of Steynton, the Rev. W. R. Nicholas. After the service, the members were entertained to a very nice tea at the Church House, where 60 members sat down. The usual business meeting was held, with the Vicar in the chair. A tribute of respect was paid to the late president, the Lord Bishop of St. David's, who had passed on since the last

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After disposing of the agenda very quickly, it was agreed that the Master of the Guild should read the lesson at future meetings. A very hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar for having the Guild at Tenby, for providing the tea, and to the ladies who waited at tables, not forgetting the organist, Mr. Gwyn Thomas, of Tenby, who also is a ringer

The Vicar responded and members then returned to the tower to finish off the meeting. which must have been, as far as ringing was concerned, one of the most successful meetings C H. H.

for some time.

safely in Gloucester.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

CHRIST CHURCH, CREWE

Christ Church, Crewe, ringers in the past have always been favoured with good weather on the occasion of their annual outing. This year was an exception, as on August 11th the ringers, together with friends, visited North Wales in the face of a heavy rainstorm. The route taken was via Marbury, where two more ringers joined us, and thence to Gresford. Despite the dampening effects of the weather, Mr. T. R. Griffiths and Mrs. B. D. Threlfall were waiting to accord us a very cordial welcome, and a most to accord us a very cordial welcome, and a most enjoyable hour on the beautiful eight bells of All Saints' Church passed all too quickly.

After having disposed of light refreshments at the Border Cafe we took to the road again, passing through Wrexham, where the rain ceased and the sun favoured us for the attractive run through Llangollen and Bala to Portmadoc. An excellent lunch awaited us at the Royal Sportsman Hotel, and afterwards we adjourned to St. John's Church for an hour's ringing on this very fine eight. We were welcomed by Mr. P. Roberts, and during the ringing the Vicar came to the ringing chamber to express his appreciation of our efforts.

The journey was continued along the coast road through Harlech to Barmouth. By this time we were half-an-hour behind schedule, and our stay at Barmouth was drastically curtailed. Ample compensation was provided, however, by the beauty of the scenery through which we passed as we travelled, by way of Dolgelly, to Welshpool. Dinner had been arranged at the Royal Oak Hotel, and after justice had been done to this ample repast, the homeward journey was commenced. A somewhat lengthy stop was made at Shrewsbury, but everyhody even. was made at Shrewsbury, but everybody even-tually found the back back to the coach for the last stage of the journey, during which 'The Dean' regaled us with his annual recitation of 'The 11.69.'

Storm clouds were again threatening when a tired but happy party arrived home at 12.45 a.m. Ringing throughout the day was confined to the standard methods, but a high degree of striking

was set.
We are most grateful to the incumbents for their co-operation, the local ringers who welcomed us, and to our ringer-coach-driver, Mr. George Porter, of Wistaston.

W. K.

GLOUCESTER GUILD OF UNITED CHURCH BELLRINGERS

Members, wives and friends made up the happy party which set out from Gloucester on September 15th on what was to be an enjoyable and most exciting outing. Gordon
Corby's arrangements were excellent.
Touches of Bob Maior, Grandsire Triples
and a doubtful touch of Oxford Bob were rung

on St. Mary's musical ring at Chipping Norton. A bright young ringer, known affectionately as Tom, found the fair, held in the centre of the town, compared very favourably with ringing, as did his feminine counterparts.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely tea at the Fox Hotel, Chipping Norton, but apologies to the Local Water Undertaking for what must have been a great increase in water consumption-

due to our teatotaller!

On then to St. Andrew's Church, Kingham, for a lighter ring of eight. Ringing followed

the same pattern as at Chipping Norton, with a good touch of Bob Major.

At our last tower, Burford, the first surprisingly good touch of Bob Major revealed the Cathedral-like tone of the Parish Church bells. We must record the aptitude of the younger ringers: their ringing at these three towers did

On the way home a stop was made at Frog-mill Inn. Andoversford. Everyone arrived

SOMERTON, SOMERSET

For their outing on Sept. 15, Somerton ringers and friends chose two towers in Somerset and four in East Devon, namely, Buckland St. Mary (6), Kilmington (6), Sidmouth (8), Ottery St. Mary (8). Broadhembury (6) and Pitminster (6), the general favourites being Kilmington and

There were plenty of rounds for the learners and several methods were also rung, including Cambridge Surprise Minor and Plain Bob Major.

Things that will be remembered are the beautiful church and bells at Ottery St. Mary, the pretty Devon village of Broadhembury with its wide street and thatched cottages, and its anticlockwise ring of bells, and last, the approach to the ringing chamber at Pitminster-no spiral staircase, just straight steps followed by a right-angled turn and a slope up. It was at Pit-minster, too, as a fitting close to the day's ring-ing, that the Rector came up into the ringing chamber and led prayers.

Lunch was eaten at Sidmouth and tea at Honiton; both were good, and contributed to the day's enjoyment, as also did the weather.

Thanks are due to the incumbents and tower captains for meeting the party and for allowing the use of the bells.

WEDDING OF MISS PAMELA STEERE

The marriage of Miss Pamela M. Steere, only daughter of Mrs. W. M. Steere and the late Mr. G. W. Steere, and Mr. Peter G. W. Humphries, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Humphries, took place at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, on September 22nd.

The bride was given away by her brother, Norman G. Steere, and was attended by Miss Heather Talbot, both ringers at Croydon. bride wore a dress of ivory figured brocade, carried red carnations, and was met at the west door by the choir. The bridesmaid was wearing a dress of floral nylon and carried white carna-

As the bridal couple left the church a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung, and later in the afternoon a peal attempt, in honour of the occasion, took place at St. Mary's, Beddington. Unfortunately, this was unsuccessful.

The reception was held at the King's Arms Hotel. Croydon, where handbells were rung. As the couple left for their honeymoon at Shanklin. Isle of Wight, handbells were rung at the door of the hotel.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting was held at Royston on September 15th. Owing to the date being one week later than usual because of an unavoidable postponement, the meeting coincided with other meetings that would have supplied it with many members.

Nevertheless, a small but representative gathering enjoyed ringing in a variety of methods. Tea was taken and the business meeting held in the adjoining Church School.

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The absence of the secretary through illness necessitated certain important business being deferred. The next meeting will be held at H. C.

LONDON.—On Sept. 16th, at Westminster Abbey, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, J. F. Smallwood 3, J. Crampion 4, A. B. Peck 5, W. Hibbert 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7. C. Watts 8. Rung directly after the service of thanksgiving for the victory achieved in the Battle of Britain in the year-

MANUAL OF RINGING TRAINING OF THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

(Copyright by the Governors) PART 1.— 'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM (Continued from page 621)

SECTION VI. (Lesson 4) BELL BALANCING

(And introducing Rhythmic Hunting.) (Bells silenced up to four, according to number of students.)

Applied Ringing.—The student has now reached a stage when his learning how to gain bell control, through 'bell balancing,' can use-fully be supplemented by first steps in 'applied' ringing action; that is to say, by some acquaintance with the main element of method ringing, which is, of course, 'hunting.' Apart from the fact that these supplementary steps will help to maintain interest and promote a more intelligent appreciation of what is being aimed at, they be-come virtually a necessity of class organisation where the number of students is in excess of, say, 4 or 5. The reason becomes obvious when it is realised that in the practice of the 4-stroke cycle to gain bell control the time devoted to each student is necessarily more than for the previous exercises; and while waiting students can be directed to watch participating students for faults, and can learn much thereby at first, yet this can become dull and monotonous for them, and their attention must then be more interestingly occupied. This can be done by the introduction of an exercise known as rhythmic hunting practice, and such introduction must be given to the whole class, and at the opening of the session, in order that those students standing out for bell-practice may know exactly what to do when they return to the rhythmic hunting

90. Basic Change Production. — First state that bells are rung round in the order of the scale of notes, as 'rounds,' until the call 'Go!' is heard, warning the ringers that they are to go into 'changes.' The basis of change production is an element of bell-movement that may be conveniently known as a 'transit.' This is the interchange of position of two adjacent bells. Normally all the bells go off into changes by transits on 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, etc., thus producing the first change-row. On the blackboard the Tutor now writes, say, four rows of rounds on foun bells, marking the rows as 'H. B. H. B.' to denote the handstroke and backstroke rows. Between the second and third rows he enters 'Go!', explaining that a 'whole-pull' warning of the go-off is always given. (All these markings can be at the side, with arrows or other such indicators.) Then follows the first changerow, 2143. Suitable X's in the row-interval will indicate the two transits that produce this row. Now indicate that if this transit procedure be repeated exactly similarly for the next row, we derive the original (rounds) row again. But if the leading unit '2' is allowed to remain un-disturbed and a transit is this time effected in columns 2/3 (also in 4/5, etc., where there are more bells), we get a new order or row, 2413.

Again, this second arrangement cannot be repeated, so we revert to the first arrangement of transits, yielding 4231; and so on alternately (S) (D) (writing the rows on the blackboard), until the starting row (rounds) turns up again. (Q) (Note that this occurs in twice the number of units, for 'plain hunting' only.) But now explain that while ringing it is not necessary to remember how the transits are to be made from row to row (though in a sense the expert ringer and conductor can usefully do so) since the transit action is made to be continuous; so that, step by step, a bell makes its transition from side to side of the group of change rows (or from 'front to back' or from 'lead to lie'), changing position only one column at a time,

with no 'jumping over,' and then travelling back again, having struck two blows at the leading and lying positions. Illustrate this by joining up the positions, in successive rows, of any one unit, say, '2,' and noting that the track or path of the bell in movement runs steadily from side to side, one place at a time.

91. **Plain Hunting.** (S) This is called 'plain hunting,' and in actual practice both ear and eye, especially the former in *correct* practice, are employed in performing it, as will be explained later, in detail, when opportunity for such practice with other ringers will arise. For the present, it will be taken in the form of a rhythmvariation beat exercise; and it may be noted that a similar mental process is involved in all good method-ringing. But first we learn the meaning of such terms as 'hunting up,' 'hunting down,' 'leading whole pull,' 'lying whole pull,' 'That's all' and 'Stand.' (Q) (Reference to the blackboard diagram in Article 90 is useful for this.)

92. Hunting by Rhythm .-- In rhythmic hunting the rhythm or beat of bell-sound is counted or tapped out (stick on floor or baton on table or chair, etc.) by the Tutor while the student(s) represent the blow-position of a bell-stroke by a hand-clap at the appropriate count or tap. (The 'Biow-placing' of Article 88.) At first, all the students will act as though on one 'bell,' i.e., they should (except for any error) clap simultaneously; later they may divide into groups, each group as on a different bell, though this becomes more difficult for the Tutor to check and control. All the normal ringing calls can be used and thus the students get familiar with them in readiness for bell-handling: 'Treble's going,' 'Go, Plain Hunting!', 'That's All,' and 'Stand!'. Reference can be made to the blackboard diagram as in Article 90, where the path of the second in four was marked in, students take that bell as theirs to be marked by hand-claps. Tutor will first count aloud the rhythm, moderately slowly, of rounds on four bells (i.e., at about 24 to the minute, with the open-handstroke pause), and will take breath on each pause after the backstroke count. rounds, of course, the hand-claps will come on every count of '2nd' since they are on the 2nd bell), so the effect will be thus: 'First, Second, Third, Fourth, First, Second, Third, Fourth' (breath), First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fourth' (breath), First, Second, Third, Fourth, First, Second, Third, Fourth' (breath), and so on. (Ex. 24.) The italies represent the positions of the hand-claps, and the breath is taken in the handstroke opening. Ordinal numbers are counted so as to distinguish positions from actual bells. On the order, 'Go, plain hunting!' the effect becomes thus: 'First, Second, Third, Fourth, First, Secon Fourth, First, Second, Third, Fourth, First, Second, Third, Fourth, First, Second, Third, Fourth' (breath), 'First, Second, Third, Fourth' (That's all), 'First, Second, Third, Fourth' (breath and Stand), 'First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fourth, Second, Third, Second, Third, Second, Third, Fourth, Second, Third, Fourth, First, Second, Third, Fourth.' (Ex. 25.) The exercise can be repeated for each of the remaining bells in turn, when counting the beats aloud, by students themselves, may be

92a. Individual 'rhythmic' hunting.-Practice in hunting, individually, may be had at this stage by introducing the use of handbells, one per student, in groups of four. (Ex. 25a.) Apart from the preparation (in handling of the bells) for handbell ringing that may be learnt later, the faculty of rhythmic hunting is further developed. Rounds, in the open handstroke beat, are first practised; then Exercise 25 is taken up, but in modified form. Instead of the

hand-clap the bell is swung up and down, in the hand-clap the bell is swung up and down, in the standard fashion, to represent the handstroke and backstroke respectively; and instead of the whole group marking the bell position from change to change, only one student marks any one bell position; and instead of only one bell's position being marked, all four bell positions are marked simultaneously. Once the students have grasped the idea of what is required, they will be found to pick up the rhythmic hunting fairly quickly. This is useful practice, too, for the forthcoming exercise—41a.

(Note to Tutor.) It is more helpful if the students can be introduced to this exercise one at a time, more experienced ringers taking the other three handbells. However, if this be not possible, the exercise, as set out, will be found to be quite practicable, in due time.

93. Class routine. — In a sizable class, at this stage, enough has been explained to all for the first students to take their places at the ropes for bell practice, while the rest of the class continue with the rhythmic hunting exercises; but in a class of, say, three or less, such exercises may continue until all bell-positions have been mastered. Later on place-making and its consequential dodging will be explained, and this, too, can then be practised in a similar way Experience shows that students enjoy these exer cises and soon become adept. (QT) They thus have a fair knowledge of what is to be done when they (having acquired bell-control) begin to operate a bell to the three elements of method

94. Bell Balancing. (D). (Ex. 26). Meanwhile this all-important practice can proceed from the point reached in Ex. 23—The 4-Stroke Cycle—(Article 87). The silenced bell(s) being raised and set at back, the Tutor will carefully demonstrate the complete stroke-cycle, faultless and with bell balanced after each check-stroke the will emphasise, as he rings, the points in turn as taught in all the previous exercises, and will remind the students that each of the indicated faults will be looked for and checked. with a warning that persistent fault-making will set the student back to the appropriate pre-vious exercise, (See close of this Part for the Appendix on 'Faults'—for both Student and Student-Tutor.) Each student is given the full range of orders from the initial 'Take Position!' observing Orientation, Proximity and Stance, as taught—to the 'Reach Up!'. 'Grip Ropeas taught—to the 'Reach Up!', 'Grip Rope-end!' (not sally, so as to get the correct rope-end grip), and then 'On to the Balance!' before the final 'With balance after check-strokes, Pull!'. The Tutor will take his own position before the student, as in Ex. 23 (Article 87), and be on the alert to overcatch; but will encourage the student to get his bell on to the balance after each check-stroke. It should be held there for about four seconds before it is pulled off again. so as to ensure that it really is under such control: but the stay should not be allowed to make any 'rest contact.' (O T)

95. Bell Setting. - When bell balancing is consistently achieved, then follows the exercise of bell setting.' (Ex. 27.) As previously, all pre-liminary orders are gone through and any faults checked. The bell is pulled off and allowed to rise on to the balance, where it is held for a moment, then gently eased over the balance point, on to the stay, and set. When actually set, the grip is released momentarily, then re-sumed, on order, and the next pull-off is taken. with the same procedure now on the other checkstroke. (So when the exercise is properly performed the bell is duly set after every checkstroke.) As soon as this proficiency has been attained (and not before), the student is told to continue ringing steadily for a few pulls until he gets the order 'Stand!' (given just after the handstroke check and just as the handstroke pull is about to start), when the student will complete the whole pull and set the bell after the next handstroke check. Repeat until certain. (Q T) (Continued next page)

OBITUARY

HARRY GRIEVE WAYNE

The Leicester Cathedral band suffered a fur-The Leicester Cathedral band suffered a further grievous loss by the sudden and untimely death of Harry G. Wayne, at the age of 55. He rang for evening service on Sunday, September 23rd, and took part in a faultless course of Yorkshire Maximus, and when he left he seemed to be his normal cheery self. He died suddenly during the same night, a post-mortem examination showing death to be due to coronary thrombosis. He had always appeared to be in excellent health. The previous weekend he had accompanied the Leicester contingent to Manchester for the annual meeting of the National Police ter for the annual meeting of the National Police Guild, and afterwards said how much he had enjoyed the day.

He joined the Cathedral band in 1937, shortly after the 12 bells had been installed, and his only previous experience was the ringing of the curfew bell at the church of his native village of Blaby. He started his ringing career somewhat later than is usual, but he was enthusiastic and under the expert tuition at that time available he made such rapid progress that he was able ne made such rapid progress that he was able to ring his first peal, which was of Stedman Cinques, in February, 1938. He had rung in nearly 200 peals, over 60 of them being Surprise Maximus. He took part in the first peal of Bristol Maximus and rang several peals of Spliced Surprise Maximus, including one in 12 States Constituted in 1958. methods rung for the Coronation in 1953. He had taken part in most of the outstanding achievements of the band under the late Harold Poole. He had been secretary and treasurer of the Cathedral Society for a number of years and was in charge of the finances up to the end. He was a genial and convivial individual and it was always a pleasure to be in his company. He was a vocalist of no mean repute, and with Mrs. Wayne often contributed to the enjoyment of manufacturing business and a prominent Free-mason. He was held in the highest esteem by a wide circle of friends.

The funeral service, prior to cremation, was held at the Cathedral on September 26th, and there was a large attendance, including his ringing colleagues and friends, Freemasons, employees and others. There were numerous floral tributes. On September 27th a muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at the Cathedral in tribute to his memory. tribute to his memory.

He has left a widow, two sons and a daughter to mourn their great loss, and the deepest sympathy of his ringing comrades and a host of

MANUAL—Continued

96. Pulling to a beat. (S) This exercise is to condition the student to the beat of ringing on a non-hunting bell; that is, a preparation for ringing in rounds and/or on a 'covering' bell. (Explain.) Tutor first demonstrates by ringing a bell and calling the 'beat' as he does so, thus: 'Pull-and-Check-and-Pull-and-Check-and-Pause, repeating this phrase of nine words in of the phrase. (Ex. 28.) The strokes coincide with the timing thus: On the first two words 'Pull-and' comes the handstroke pull, on the third and fourth words 'Check-and' comes the backstroke check, on the fifth and sixth words 'Pull-and' comes the backstroke pull, and on the seventh and eight words 'Check-and' comes the handstroke check. Then, on the ninth word 'Pause' the bell is held momentarily on word Pause the belt is lieful montenanty of the handstroke balance. (This represents the open handstroke pause.) The exercise is then repeated. Continue until the student has the bell well under control in ringing to this beat. (Q)

(Registration. Closure. Lower and 'open' bells. Clock ON.)

friends is extended to them in this rude distur-

bance of happy family life.

The Cathedral Society has lost a beloved and faithful servant, who will be very much missed.

WILLIAM T. ELSON

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. William T. Elson, on September 25th in hospital, following an operation. The funeral service was held at St. Mary's Church, Putney, last Monday.

REDEDICATION

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN

After a silence of nearly five months, the bells St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, were rededicated on September 23rd by the Dean, the Very Rev. W. C. de Pauley. The bells have been rehung and extensively overhauled by John Taylor and Co.

The address was given by Canon J. W. Armstrong, rector of Christ Church, Leeson Park, Dublin, who recalled that the cathedral tower was destroyed by fire in 1362. He said that the first mention of the bells was in the following the control of the properly was made for funds to year, when an appeal was made for funds to replace both them and the tower. In 1443, the Dean and Chapter added another bell, and then, in 1670, there was the first mention of a ring of eight bells. These were recast in 1863, and seven of them were sent as gifts to various churches around the country. The eighth bell was retained, and it still remains in the cathe-

Shortly before the close of the last century a ring of 11 bells was placed in the cathedral and, said Canon Armstrong, the tenor bell weighed 24 tons. The ring was raised to its present level of 14 by an addition of a further two in 1909 and a final bell in 1923.

Canon Armstrong said that people were inclined to take too much for granted in the physical adornment of the cathedrals and churches in the country. 'We must offer God the best of our gifts,' he said. 'These bells are an outward sign that we, in this cathedral, are prepared to have only the best for calling the people to worship.'

The enthusiasm and service which have been, and are being, given to the cathedral by the St. Patrick's Society of Change Ringers was praised by Canon Armstrong. On behalf of the Dean and Chapter and the congregation of the cathedral by the skew them. dral, he thanked them.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Broadwindsor on September 15th, when towers represented were Beaminster, Broadwindsor, Evershot, Hawkchurch, Loders, Lyme Regis, Netherbury and Whitechurch Canonicorum. Visitors were present from Westminster, Yeovil, Crewkerne and South Petherton

A touch of Stedman Doubles preceded the Guild service, conducted by the lay reader of Broadwindsor (Mr. Cape). Canon C. C. Cox read the lesson and the address was given by the Vicar, Rev. R. W. Rodda.

In his address the Vicar told of the way in which the parishioners had worked to get the money so quickly for the rehanging of their pre-Reformation bells. He welcomed the Branch on this their first visit to the church since the work had been completed.

A company of 34 sat down to tea, served by the Broadwindsor ringers' wives in the Reading Room.

A by-meeting was fixed for Whitechurch Canonicorum on Wednesday, October 17th, starting at 6.30 p.m., and the annual meeting on December 1st at Beaminster.

The attention of the members was drawn to Rule 5 (in the 1954-55 reports), which stated that 6d, per person should be paid to the Guild before a peal would be recorded. Discussion on this matter was left for the annual meeting.

Canon Cox, in thanking the Vicar for the use of the church and tower, the lay reader, and the ladies for their ample tea, congratulated Broadwindsor on the splendid work done in having the bells rehung and the alterations to the ringing chamber.

The Lyme Regis band then entertained with a touch of Grandsire Caters on Canon Cox's handbells, followed by a touch on Mr. Pannell's maiden bells. These were much appreciated.

Further ringing then took place on the tower bells. Methods during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge Treble Bob and London Surprise Minor. E. G. P.

The footnote to the peal rung at Barsham, Suffolk, in our last issue, should have read: 'First peal on the bells since 1912,' and not as

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DEATH

WAYNE.—On Sept. 24th, 1956, suddenly at his residence, High Tor, Highfield Drive, Wigston, Leicestershire, Harry Grieve, aged 55 years, dearest husband of Doris, devoted father of Peter, Enid and Robert, father-in-law of Janet and grandpa of Judith. Some day we shall understand.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, Oct. 6th, 2.30 p.m. Committee 4 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 9030

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Orwell, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church School. Barton (5) in the evening.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9018

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner to be held in the Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelms ford, on Saturday, Oct. 6th, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 11s. 6d. Special invitation to Cathedral Evensong, 4 p.m.; bells available afterwards.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—
Watford District.—Meeting, Bushey Heath, Oct.
6th, 3 p.m. Service and tea.—K. R. Dunstan,
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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, October 6th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 8910

4.15. Tea 5 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Ashford
District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at
Ashford (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea
(Parish Room) 5.15 p.m.—W. P. Garner, 8950

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and the MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements in nearby cafes.—C. D. Cowley and J. W. Cotton, Secs. 8998

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and OX-FORD GUILD.—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (10), afternoon and evening. St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m. Tea and evening social in St. John's Hall. Book F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.—F. A. Finch and W. Butler, Hon. Dis. Sees. 8994

NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR, Saturday, Oct. 6th, St. Leodegarius, Old Basford (8). Bells available 3 to 6 p.m. Names for those requiring tea by 4 p.m. in the belfry. Trolley buses passing Nottingham Midland Station every three minutes. Nos. 41 and 43; Old Market Square, 41, 42 and 43—ask for Valley Road. Old Basford one minute from church, one mile from fairground. All welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Tetsworth, Oxon, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. —H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thamc, Oxon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Creaton, Saturday, Oct. 6th.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 9024

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Shirley (8), Bells available 3.30 p.m. Notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPR 1025.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—
Meeting at Penistone, Saturday, Oct. 6th, at 3
p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 9021

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, October 6th. Ringing arrangements: St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E.1 (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Martinin-the-Fields (12), 3 to 5 p.m.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 9061

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined meeting with Northern District, Sussex Association, Crawley, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available after tea. 8966

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Joint meeting with SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern), Crawley (8), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.— First practice of Michaelmas term, St. Bene't's. at 8 p.m on Thursday, October 11th. Freshmen welcome. 9039

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Next meeting at Ecclesfield, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, Gatty Hall, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. E. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield, Sheffield.—H. Chant, Hon. Treasurer. 9057

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's with St. Mark's on Saturday. Oct. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Perry, Lynwood, Lyncomba Vala Bath.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—
Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrington, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Usual arrangements.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stogumber on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tea for notifications received by Oct. 9th.—A. R. Tudball, Sec. 9058

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.— Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mells (8), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 9049

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggles-wade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (d) 3 p.m. Tca 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 9041

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.— Meeting at Patrington, Saturday, Oct. 13th Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. (price 3s, 6d.). Names for tea to Mr. L. Rodmell, Highfields, Patrington.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting at Huntsham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 9th to J. Davey, Hayes Cottage, Huntsham, Tiverton.—W. H. Ware, Scc. 8983

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Committee 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All at Newcastle Cathedral. Bells: Gosforth, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Fenham, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Stephen's, 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.; St. John's, 3 to 4 p.m. and 8.15 to 9 p.m.; Gateshead, 7 to 9 p.m. and Cathedral 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea (price 5s.) must be sent by Oct. 10th to D. A. Bayles, 12. Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 9023

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSO-CIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th, Pentrich and Swanwick. Pentrich 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Swanwick after tea. Names to Mr. Brighouse. Mostyn House, Derby Road. Swanwick, Derbyshire.—B, A, Sollis, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Buxted (8). Saturday, Oct. 13th. Names to E. Eade. Beacon View, Buxted.—C. A. Bassett. 9059

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting at Longstanton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden and J. D. Painter. 9056

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.— Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Oct. 13th, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9065

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Nazeing (6) on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Thorpe Bay, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. R. Wilson, 133, St. Augustine, Avenue, Thorpe Bay.—J. Willmington, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9010

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIA-TION.—Swindon Branch.—Highworth (8), on Saturday, Oct. 13th. For tea advise Mr. J. Hill, 1, Brewery Street, Highworth.—W. B. Kynaston.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Great Gaddesden (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 10th to R, Shutter, Church House, London Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 9027

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Eastern District.—Saturday, Oct. 13th, Aspenden, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to F. Aldridge, 14, Council Houses, Aspenden, Buntingford, Herts.—T. J. Southam. Dis Sec. 9063

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Service at St. Dunstan's, 4.15 p.m. These bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head.

Names, with cash please, together with nominations for officers, to me, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th. St. Stephen's and Cathedral bells after business meeting.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Combined meeting, St. John's, Deptford, Saturday, Oct. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Catering difficult. Names for tea not later than Monday, Oct. 8th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 9022

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maid-stone District.—Annual meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 13th. All Saints' bells (10) avail-able from 3 p.m. St. Michael's Tonbridge Road (6), from 3 to 4 p.m. only. Service at All Saints', 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in College Room. Please send names for tea to Mr. L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District Meeting, Usk, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names, please, to Mr. Lionel Jones, Heathfield, Monmouth Road. Usk, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary, Walton, 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13th, Names for tea (price 1s.) before Wednesday, to A. Jackson, 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool, 4.—G. I. Howlett. 9051

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Rochdale Parish Church. St. Chad's, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 11th to A. Smith, 11, Greenbank Road, Rochdale.—F. Pritchard.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Blackburn, Fylde and Preston Branches, Preston Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Preston Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 13th. The president and general secretary are expected at this meeting. Good attendance requested, please. Tea, at nominal charge, for those sending names by Wednesday. 10th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston.—C. Blakey, J. Turner, L. Walmsley, Branch Secs. 8957

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinck-Jey District.—Market Bosworth, Saturday. Oct. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in café 5 p.m. Notify by Wednesday, Oct. 10th, Mr. R. Proud-man, Market Place, Market Bosworth, Nun-eaton.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 9067

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION -- Meeting at Eccleshall, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th, to A. Whittall, Ivy Mount, High Street, Eccleshall, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD -Banbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Cropredy (6), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 8987

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Newbury branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Please send names for tea to H. T. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury, Berks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .-Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Deeping St. James, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea

essential by Oct. 9th. No names, no tea. 9040 SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Tutbury, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolver-

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Revised cup contest and meeting at Rampton (6), Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3 p.m. Brumpton's bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 12.30 and 2.15. Names for tea by 9th to Mrs. D. Beecroft, Royal Oak, Rampton, Retford.-H. Denman.

H. Denman. 9017
SUFFOLK GUILD.—Haleworth District.—
Meeting at Wissett (6) on Saturday, Oct. 13th.
Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names
for tea by Oct. 11th to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21,
Hotson Road, Southwold. 9001
SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.

—Practice meeting, Thakeham, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH

GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Catherington (6), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4. Tea in Bells from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4. Tea in Farmer's Inn 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Bessant, Allendale, Victory Avenue. Catherington.

Avenue. Catherington. 9006
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH
GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Twyford, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8)
2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. at The
Dolphin Inn. Names by previous Tuesday to
R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 20th, Tanfield, St. Margaret's, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. K. Cheeseman, Church House, Tanfield, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 9036 GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. Wotton AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

TION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Special meeting, Saturday, Oct. 20th, Wotton-under-Edge (8), bicentenary of bells. All ringers welcome; 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD -Annual dinner will be held at the Stoke Hotel, Stoke Road, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 20th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Application for tickets (13s. 6d.), enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. — Half-yearly meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, Oct. 20th. St. Peter's (8), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), after meeting. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by Wednesday previous Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holy Dyke, Barton-on-Humber. 9037 NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Brockdish, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Oct. 15th to Mr. E. Chilver, Bridge Street, Brockdish, Diss.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 9046

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. - Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wilby (6), Saturday, Oct. 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Partridge, The Bakery, Wilby, Wellingborough. 9034

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salis-

bury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Amesbury bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 20th. Amesbury bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 16th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury, 9045 SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting of Bury St. Edmunds and Mildenhall Districts at Fornham St. Martin, on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at 2,30 p.m. Service 4,30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to K. G. Brown, 21, Peasecroft Road, Ixworth.—K. G. Brown and E. M. Peachey, Dis. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Snowdon Dinner, Windmill Hotel, York, Saturday, Oct. 20th, at 6 for 6.15 p.m. Applications for tickets by first post on Oct. 15th to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. Ringing arrangements: Minster (12), 2 to 3.55 p.m.; Acomb (6), 2 to 5.30 p.m.: Institute of Architectural Study (6), 3 to 5.30 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The Association Dinner at the Corn Exchange, Rochester, Saturday, Oct. 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets, 8s 6d., from your District secretary or myself. Everyone welcome.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, 420, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—319th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tickets 16s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9009

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 9s. 6d. each, from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. Early application is advised as accommodation is limited to 100. Ringing arrangements: St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), from 3 p.m. (12), from 3 p.m.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pegler 1, Miss J. Roper 2, R. Reeves 3, C. Clarke 4, J. Gregory (cond.) 5, J. Wyatt 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. First in the method for 2, 3 and 5 and first as conductor. Also first for the tower by a local band. Rung as a tribute to the late Mr. E. C. Pearson, hon. treasurer and secretary of the Banbury Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild.

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