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TECHNIQUE

THE Concise Oxford Dictionary describes Technique as 'Mode of artistic expression in music, painting, etc.,' and 'Mechanical skill in art.' The two parts of the definition seem at first sight to be contradictory, for many of us would reasonably assert that purely mechanical skill in handling a musical instrument or a paint brush does not necessarily imply a talent for artistic expression or confer the power to inspire emotions. There is, none the less, an artistic as well as a mechanical technique, and the subtle relationship between the two is somewhat like the mysterious relation between magnetism and electricity, well recognised but difficult to define.

In the art of bellringing there are recognised techniques, chiefly, but not entirely, mechanical. The first, and logically fundamental one, is, of course, the handling of the bell, and in this matter the careful tutor aims to secure in the pupil the correct mechanical movements. If this aim is fully achieved the learner will produce all the necessary revolutions and counter-revolutions of the bell without effort, without anxiety, and without conscious thought, even as the expert typist's fingers fall with unerring accuracy on the stops, or the competent pianist's hands shape themselves over the correct keys at the very sight of a chord.

The differences apparent in the presence or absence of correct technique are obvious to us all. Many of us who type clumsily and without sound training can only marvel at the speed and facility of the professional, and many of us who play in our own fashion on the piano are sadly aware that there is a great gulf fixed between our performances and those of the expert. And to turn to our own art of ringing it must often have been manifested to us that this man rings with immaculate technique, while that one is far from comfortable with his bell because some elementary but vital skill has never been acquired.

But, as has been noted above, mechanical skill is only one part of technique, whatever the particular activity we like to consider. For if skill in handling a bell rested only on the accurate and unvarying performance of certain movements of hands and arms then our ringing would have to be confined to rounds, if, indeed, our powers permitted even that. For in the mere ringing of rounds we have to cope with bells of differing weight, with bells that are false struck, and with bells that do not go well. And,

although we think very little about these matters, for us they are commonplace and taken, as we say, in our stride, it is, after all, rather wonderful that a trained ringer can pull off one of these bells in peal with his fellows and strike it accurately right from the start. There is here, in this uncanny aptitude, some subtle relationship between brain and muscle that defies our definition but which belongs to that other part of the description of technique, 'artistic expression.'

It is this variation from the purely mechanical, this adaptation to the demand of the moment, this reaction to emergency, that marks the great technician, whether it be the master batsman changing his stroke to the unexpected drop of the bowler's wrist, the pianist reacting with incredible swiftness to the unexpected grouping of notes over the page, the motorist with hand, foot and brain, avoiding disaster on the road, or the Spliced Surprise ringer performing a remarkable *volte face* with his heavy bell as he turns suddenly from Cambridge to London.

For the technique of change ringing, like the technique of bell handling, must be acquired, and to what extent it is mastered depends on the natural aptitude of the student. It is doubtful if it can be taught, although the study of principles, attention to the hints and 'tips' provided by experienced practitioners, and the careful observation of good ringers in action, will all contribute towards the stock of knowledge and experience upon which good technique is founded.

And the last of the three points given is by no means the least important. For to see the really fine ringer in action is an experience that stimulates and leads the earnest learner almost irresistibly to emulation.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Treble	†JOHN A. ACRES .. 7
AVRIL THACKRAY .. 2	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 8
RICHARD F. PRIME .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 9
*ANN COX .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. 10
JOHN A. SMITH .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 11
RICHARD GRANT .. 6	E. CHARLES TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

* First peal of Stedman, also on 12 bells. † 500th peal.

Specially arranged as a thanksgiving for the Rt. Rev. Mervyn Armstrong, O.B.E., M.A., Provost of Leicester, 1954-1958, who was consecrated as Suffragan Bishop of Jarrow by the Archbishop of York in York Minster this day.

TEN BELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EDWIN G. MOORE .. Treble	CHARLES COLES .. 6
FRANK A. BARRETT .. 2	NEIL I. ALLNATT .. 7
BRIAN R. WHITE .. 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 8
WALTER F. JUDGE .. 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. 9
PHILIP WALKER .. 5	J. RICHARD CHAUDY .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the above Society, and the 500th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the College of St. Mary Magdalen.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5111 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*MONICA E. COLLINS .. Treble	*PETER G. SHERWOOD .. 6
†BRYAN PATTISON .. 2	*FREDERICK OLDROYD .. 7
*SHELagh R. COLLINS .. 3	ARTHUR GIBBS .. 8
*E. JOHN WELLS .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 9
*ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. 5	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal of Caters. † 100th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Bernard Rex Davis, B.A., ordained priest on September 21st at Guildford Cathedral.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTY.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 lb. in D.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
*PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 8
FRANK E. HAYNES .. 4	HENRY H. FEARN .. 9
PAUL J. RIGBY .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

Rung on the eve of Harvest Festival.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

FRANK H. HICKS .. Treble	GWILYM SALMON .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 8
DAVID HQARE .. 4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 9
*GEORGE FRANCIS .. 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by SAM WELLER.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

In memoriam John Thomas and John L. Morris.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

ROBIN G. TURNER .. Treble	†WM. ARNOLD MORLEY .. 5
GORDON A. HALLS .. 2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 3	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 7
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER.

* First peal as conductor and first resident lady to call a peal for the Association. † First of Cambridge.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*ALLAN NORMAN .. Treble	ROGER K. STRETTON .. 5
†PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 6
†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
A. JAMES POYNOR .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal † First of Plain Bob Major. ‡ 100th peal of Plain Bob. Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. A. E. Taylor, curate of this parish, as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Loughborough. The peal was rung while the ceremony was taking place.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

ALLAN L. M. SHEPHERD .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
JILL MAYES .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First of Major as conductor. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*NORMAN W. ATTAWAY .. Treble	LEONARD TREVOR .. 5
GEORGE E. OLIVER .. 2	†GEORGE H. PEERS, JUN. .. 6
GEORGE H. PEERS, SEN. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 7
GORDON H. LANE .. 4	†HARRY HARPER .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire. ‡ First of Triples.

Rung to mark his 30th year as ringer for George H. Peers, jun.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 21, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MICHAEL FISHWICK .. Treble	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5
EILEEN HUDSON .. 2	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. 6
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. 7
J. BARRY PICKUP .. 4	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

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

Rung to mark the dedication of the new extension to Milnrow Parish Church Day School.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Sept. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYR AND JULETTA.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition of Thurstan's Four-part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

EDWARD W. BIFFEN .. Treble	FREDERICK WREFFORD .. 5
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 2	GEORGE SKINNER .. 6
*SYDNEY F. SKINNER .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 7
*JOHN ANDREWS .. 4	GEORGE S. LUXTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman on the bells.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DEBENHAM COURT MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

EDWARD HOWES Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
JOHN S. BARNES 2	GEORGE P. ADAMS 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Believed to be the first peal in the method (C.C.C. Major Methods, No. 50).

WASHINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

PETER A. SHARP Tenor	RONALD G. APPLEWHITE 5
JOHN F. PEARSON 2	LOUIS WILDERS 6
MARY C. PAYNE 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
G. LEONARD THOMPSON 4	GEOFFREY PAUL Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

E. Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.
FRANCES NEWMAN Treble	*HENRY PLUMB 5
GORDON BROWN 2	HAROLD E. RAXTER 6
*ROBERT C. HALL 3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN 7
LEONARD MILLS 4	†BERNARD HUNT Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

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

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Thomas, whose death was deeply felt by the local band.

BLOXHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society of Change Ringers.)

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr.
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS Treble	FRANK A. BARRETT 5
CHARLES COLES 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 6
DERMOT ROAF 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
EDWARD MOORE 4	PHILIP H. TOCOK Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as a farewell peal to Dermot Roaf, who is leaving for further studies at Cambridge.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*GORDON BROWN Treble	PAUL L. CATTERMORE 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN 6
WALTER H. RAXTER 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER 7
†LEONARD MILLS 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

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

Rung for Harvest Festival.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, being 1,280 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Lindum and Wembley, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT Treble	J. HENRY FIELDEN 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	*IAN M. HOLLAND 6
ALEXANDER E. MARSH 3	*NORMAN SMITH 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of 10 Spliced Surprise.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

*ANN HOWELLS Treble	†DENNIS J. F. OAKSHOTT 5
FRANK OAKSHOTT 2	†REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL 6
WILLIAM PARROTT 3	*NICHOLAS D. J. WEBB 7
A. PATRICK CANNON 4	EDWARD G. L. COWARD Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ First on eight bells.

Rung to mark the 21st anniversary of the incorporation of the borough of Epsom and Ewell.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*MAUREEN CANDY Treble	DEREK G. SPITTLE 5
JOHN HILL 2	JOHN E. BEAMS 6
*MARGARET HOWARD 3	CHARLES W. MUNDAY 7
ARTHUR S. BESANT 4	RALPH C. SPITTLE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

* First peal.

Rung by the local band to mark the 21st anniversary of the incorporation of the borough of Epsom and Ewell.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

WILLIAM H. MALE Treble	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER 5
COLIN B. LONGMORE 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT 6
MRS. D. H. NIBLETT 3	FRED C. LYNE 7
FREDERICK G. KINCHIN 4	FRANCIS POWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Thomas. Also the Southern Branch quarterly peal.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

HUGH NEILL Treble	JOHN G. GIPSON 5
*LUCY ALLEN 2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON 6
†R. FRANK BAKER 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS 4	†ALBERT J. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal for the Association. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

Rung to mark the ordination on St. Matthew's Day in Norwich Cathedral of Giles C. Galley, son of the Vicar of St. Neots, and the diamond wedding on September 20th of Mr. Samuel W. Hawksford (Parish Clerk of St. Neots) and his wife.

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WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. Treble	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 4
MICHAEL KNIGHTS .. 2	MICHAEL BLORE .. 5
CLIVE WALKLATE .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*DAVID WALDRUM .. Treble	C. WILFRED LORD .. 4
JAMES A. LORD .. 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
*COLIN C. LORD .. 3	*PETER WALLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

* First peal.

LITLINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Grandsire, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Reverse

Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*J. STEWART HUTTON .. Treble	ALLAN L. M. SHEPHERD .. 3
*GEORGE THODAY .. 2	JACK S. DEAR .. 4

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

* First peal. First in seven Doubles by all, and believed to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

S. ANTHONY .. Treble	*J. RYDER .. 4
H. W. HOWARD .. 2	*R. FORSTER .. 5
V. NEAL .. 3	H. WORRALL .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WORRALL.

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the ringer of the third and the mother of the ringer of the fifth.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

ALLAN L. M. SHEPHERD .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. 4
*GEORGE THODAY .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

* First peal of Minor.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID TARGETT .. Treble	MICHAEL J. BEST .. 4
EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 5
RONALD G. BECK .. 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

STOCKBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*LAURENCE MITCHELL .. Treble	EDWARD C. BARTON .. 3
ALBERT J. DUNK .. 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 4

GEORGE KENWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Brian G. Tomsett and Margaret A. Maddocks, who were married in this church this day. Also an 87th birthday compliment to Mr. George Wood, of Queenborough.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER D. BAILEY .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 5
WINIFRED WHEELER .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Rung as a compliment to Geoffrey Bailey, son of the treble ringer, who was married on September 6th to Miss Beryl Hardwick. Also a birthday compliment to Miss B. Matthews, of the local company.

STUDLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Grandsire, ten of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*DAVID E. J. PERKINS .. Treble	JOHN SLACK .. 4
JOHN W. PERKINS .. 2	GEORGE L. P. ALDHOUSE .. 5
HARRY M. WINDSOR .. 3	THOMAS H. GRIFFITHS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE L. P. ALDHOUSE.

* First peal. First as conductor. First on the bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Stedman, six of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 12 of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

GORDON BROWN .. Treble	ERIC T. LEE .. 4
COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 2	LEONARD MILLS .. 5
HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 3	ROBERT C. HALL .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

First peal of Doubles in more than one method by all except the ringer of the fourth.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. P. Wyke prior to his induction and institution to the parishes of Cropthorne and Charlton.

BINEGAR, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(Officers' peal.)

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

VICTOR ROBERTS (Ringing Master, Glaston Branch) .. Treble	
GWILYM SALMON (Treasurer) .. 2	
*RONALD D. SHORT (Secretary, Bridgwater Branch) .. 3	
HENRY J. SANGER (Peal Secretary) .. 4	
EDWARD J. CHIVERS (Secretary, Frome Branch) .. 5	
DAVID HOARE (General Secretary) .. Tenor	

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

Rung in honour of the wedding this day at Exford of the Master of the Association (Rev. Henry F. Warren) to Miss J. E. Hanman-Joyce.

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EXFORD, SOMERSET.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 13 cwt.
 *MRS. H. W. LLOYD .. Treble .. LESLIE H. ARSCOTT .. 4
 HENRY W. LLOYD .. 2 .. ISAAC FARMER .. 5
 ARTHUR R. TUDBALL .. 3 .. RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. F. Warren, Master of the Bath and Wells Association, on the occasion of his marriage.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 WOOLER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD Treble .. CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 4
 WILLIAM WENBAN 2 .. KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
 JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3 .. JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: Cambridge Surprise (2), Oxford T.B. (1), Kent T.B. (2), Plain Bob (2). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.
 BRIAN R. MANNING Treble .. DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 4
 MICHAEL BLORE 2 .. GORDON A. HALLS .. 5
 FRANCIS R. LOWE 3 .. JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

UPPER CAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 18½ cwt.
 *RICHARD T. MCCLUNG .. Treble .. *GRAHAM CHAMBERLAIN .. 4
 CHARLES ROUSE 2 .. RONALD J. COX .. 5
 OLIVER MILLS 3 .. †CLIVE LEGG Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First on tenor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Gapper, Master of Cam tower for many years, and for John Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green, for his help, inspiration and friendship.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Fri., Sept. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Oxford T.B.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*COLIN WIGNALL Treble .. J. BARRY PICKUP .. 4
 NORMAN SMITH 2 .. PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 5
 ROGER LEIGH 3 .. CYRIL CROSTHWAITE Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
 FRANCIS JOHN SMITH .. Treble .. CLAUDE TARR .. 4
 HARRY PURCHASE 2 .. *PATRICK J. BIRD .. 5
 STANLEY N. BRISTOW .. 3 .. WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* 25th peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. H. F. Warren, Master of the Bath and Wells Association.

BROMESBERRY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings), one 240 Morris's arrangement.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

*WILLIAM E. SPIERS Treble .. LEONARD SMITH .. 4
 *P. JOY SMITH 2 .. CHARLES PHILLIPS .. 5
 †REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3 .. †W. DUDLEY WILSON .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

* First peal. † First peal for the Association.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss R. Minchin, ringer at this church; also to mark the occasion of the Rector's move to his new rectory

LITLINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods, being two extents each of Datchet, Stowe Place, Uffington, St. Julian, St. Faith's S.C., Union, St. Sebastian, Rev. All Saints', St. Bartholomew, St. Vedast, Huntspill, New Bob, St. Osmund, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in F sharp.

JILL I. MARTIN Treble .. ALAN L. M. SHEPHERD .. 4
 PAMELA LATCHFORD 2 .. DEREK E. SIBSON .. 5
 DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 3 .. HARRY F. CHURCHMAN Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in 21 Doubles methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK C. PRICE 1—2 .. DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5—6
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3—4 .. ROY C. HURST .. 7—8
 Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
 Arranged for Frank C. Price.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 82 methods: (1) Reverse St. Edmunds S.C. and Huntspill B., (2) Bethnal B. and St. Vedast B., (3) New Bob, Fornett Bob and Itchingfield S.C., (4) Huntspill B., Ellingham B. and Oakley S.C., (5) St. Vedast B., Bedingham B. and Chipstead S.C., (6) Reverse St. Simon's B. and Reverse St. Nicholas' B., (7) St. Alphege B., (8) Uffington B., (9) Union B., (10) Reverse New B., (11) St. Edmunds S.C. and St. Simon's B., (12) Heathrow S.C. and St. Nicholas' B., (13) Cranford S.C. and Westminster II B., (14) Reverse St. Osmund B. and Reverse St. Remigius B., (15) St. Gregory B., (16) Datchet B., (17) St. Julian B., (18) Reverse St. Vedast Bob, (19) St. Bartholomew B., Reverse All Saints' B. and St. Sebastian B., (20) Reverse Shipway's Place B., Reverse Plain B. and Canterbury Pleasure B., (21) Stedman S.C., Coxwell Place B. and St. Botolph B., (22) St. Simon's B., Braywood B. and Rugby S.C., (23) Plain B., Boxford B. and Candlesby S.C., (24) St. Martin's B., Welford B. and Slapton S.C., (25) St. Osmund B., Longworth B. and Merton S.C., (26) Grandsire, (27) New Grandsire, (28) Reverse Grandsire, (29) Reverse New Grandsire, (30) Reverse St. Martin's B. and Reverse Winchendon Place B., (31) St. Andrew's B., (32) Stowe Place B., (33) St. Faith's S.C., (34) Reverse Huntspill B., (35) Westminster II B., Knaptown B. and Chesham S.C., (36) Shipway's Place B., Tandridge B. and Colnbrook S.C., (37) Blackburn Place B., Lyng B. and Broughton S.C., (38) St. Hilary B., Intwood B. and Ockham S.C., (39) St. Nicholas' B., Fundenhall B. and Longford S.C., (40) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure B., Dorton B. and Raveningham S.C., (41) Winchendon Place B., Haddiscoe B. and Thornborough S.C., (42) St. Remigius B., Harpley B. and Hascombe S.C.; 223 changes of method, 124 bobs, 32 singles.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

JOHN R. KENNETT 1—2 .. BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4
 R. BRENT WHERRY 5—6
 Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

The greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal of Doubles.

QUARTER PEALS

BARNET, HERTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. Bradbrook (first of Triples) 1, R. Harrison 2, M. Soper 3, J. Longland (first quarter) 4, C. King 5, T. Pink 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival, also to mark the visit of the Bishop of St. Albans for dedication of the church relighting and redecoration.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Cadle 1, E. Phillips 2, Marion Butcher (first quarter, aged 14) 3, J. Phillips 4, S. F. Carter (cond.) 5, S. Butcher 6. For the harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: T. Fowell 1, A. Barker 2, H. Butler 3, A. Armstrong 4, G. Bradbury 5, P. Barker (cond.) 6, W. Benton 7, E. Borley 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. P. Davies to Miss M. Allen at the Chapel of St. John's College, Oxford, and for harvest thanksgiving.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Moxon 1, C. Moxon 2, F. Cowling 3, G. Crompton 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. For the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Acton.

DUMBLETON, GLOS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Nadine Price 1, G. H. Burrows (first 'inside') 2, G. A. Payne 3, E. W. Penn (first 'inside') 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, P. D. Warren 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: 'Adrienne Gibson (first of Minor) 1, Sylvia Marsh (first 'inside') 2, W. Parrott 3, D. J. F. Oakshott 4, F. Oakshott 5, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 6.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: K. Hirst 1, Mrs. Levett 2, Mrs. Roberts 2, S. F. Buckland 4, P. H. Avey 5, R. G. Roberts 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, W. Levett 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. P. H. Avey.

HENDON, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss P. Pratchett 1, Miss P. Millhouse (first quarter) 2, Miss R. M. Foreman 3, J. Voss 4, J. Maltby (first as cond.) 5, G. Ellis 6. Rung to mark the laying of the foundation stone of the new C. of E. School by the Bishop of Willesden.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss G. Harboue 1, Mrs. John Chilcott 2, Miss P. Rayner 3, C. Newnes 4, M. Hawkins 5, P. Bettridge 6, G. Ruck (cond.) 7, G. W. Golding 8. Also 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss S. Garrett 1, A. Grant 2, W. W. Webb 3, P. Ruch 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, J. B. Sansom 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, E. Ricketts 8. Rung for harvest festival and also as a tribute to the Rev. F. W. Ferraro (Vicar), who was retiring at the end of the month.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Martin (first quarter) 1, J. Taberner 2, J. B. Clarke 3, W. Mansley 4, H. Hardacre 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Ruby Roberts, mother of a member of the local band.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: Margaret Tilbury (first of Caters) 1, A. Clutton 2, G. Harrison 3, Sheila Wallace 4, W. Plumridge 5, G. Hinton 6, P. Evans 7, D. Knox 8, S. M. Bailey 9, J. Simmons (first of Caters) 10.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. D. Hart 1, W. A. Stote (cond.) 2, Miss T. I. Bowcutt 3, R. Davison 4, W. Brandist 5. Rung in honour of the installation the previous day of the Very Rev. H. C. N. Williams as Provost of Coventry Cathedral.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. Porter 1, Mrs. R. Ducker 2, J. S. Rank 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, D. Johnson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. First in method for 3 and 4. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. E. Sellars on his 82nd birthday.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (being one extent each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Union Bob, London Singles, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and 60 changes of Grand-sire): L. Battison 1, M. Blason 2, A. Henman 3, R. Henman (cond.) 4, A. Ford 5. For Evensong.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grand-sire, 360 St. Bartholomew, 480 Plain Bob): Mrs. Croall 1, R. Ingham 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, H. Blackith 5, G. Hawkes 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. Wood (88), a member of the local band.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 21st, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: E. Talbot 1, J. Cook 2, G. Parsons 3, F. Shorter 4, W. Wilson 5, M. Williamson 6, C. Wood 7, J. Smith 8, J. Euston (cond.) 9, M. Oakshott 10. For ordination service.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Bridges 1, L. Cordell 2, Wendy Bowak 3, H. King 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Horton 1, Wendy Bowak (first as cond.) 2, Doreen Peacock 3, H. King 4, S. B. Latch 5, J. Lodge 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grand-sire): L. Bennett (first on treble) 1, H. Nichols (first 'inside') 2, Miss W. Bird 3, Rev. G. W. Ruming 4, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, C. Rouse 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Thomas, who rehung the bells, assisted by the conductor of this quarter, in 1952, probably his last re-hanging on his own.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, C. Webber 2, A. Cooke 3, G. Hutchings 4, R. Trickey (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. Rung for the 40th anniversary of the induction into priesthood of the Vicar (the Rev. S. E. Easter).

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (on the back six): C. Whitworth (first on treble) 1, S. Hodgkins (first 'inside') 2, T. Cox 3, J. M. Clifton (first 'inside') 4, J. M. Clarke (cond.) 5, L. Priestley 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. M. Clifton on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Enid Robinson on September 20th, and also to the Rev. A. J. Tombling (curate) upon his ordination to priesthood at Peterborough Cathedral on this day.

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SEEND, WILTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: L. Tucker 1, R. Hale 2, J. Abbott 3, W. Mortimer 4, M. Hoad (cond.) 5, G. Buckley 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 3.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Adcock 1, Miss V. Potter 2, T. A. Blow 3, P. Davis (cond.) 4, J. Relf 5, G. Hampton 6, F. Jones 7, W. Brownett 8. For Evensong and harvest festival.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Judy Robinson 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, L. Tuffrey 3, E. T. Lloyd 4, J. T. Gwilt 5, G. Bailey 6, J. K. Foot 7, T. H. Bartlett 8. For harvest festival and a farewell to L. Tuffrey.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. Routley 1, W. Smith 2, P. Watts 3, R. Penny 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. A wedding compliment to the Rev. H. F. Warren, of Exford (chairman, Dunster Deanery ringers).

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: F. J. Garrod (first quarter) 1, G. W. Edwards 2, Mrs. B. E. Banks 3, D. S. Harris 4, Miss A. M. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. H. Geeves 6. For harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to C. E. Hayter, of Hertford.

WALSOKEN, CAMBS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. M. D. Turnbull (first of Minor) 1, M. R. Reed 2, R. W. Spencer 3, S. J. Haw 4, G. Mason (cond.) 5, T. R. Bush 6.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grand-sire): M. Hawkes 1, Pauline Sprackling 2, F. Hawkes (cond.) 3, G. A. Payne 4, P. D. Warren 5, D. Williams 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: C. Webber 1, Mrs. D. North 2, G. Salter 3, D. North 4, G. Gammon 5, G. Walford 6, P. Bird (cond.) 7, C. Baker 8.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Randall 1, Jill Easom (14, first quarter) 2, R. Hobbs (cond.) 3, Valerie Waterfield 4, D. Emmerson 5, D. McNeil 6. Rung for morning service, and as a welcome to Simon Richard, born to Caroline and Ramsey Kimberley on September 12th. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Womack (14, first quarter) 1, R. Hobbs (cond.) 2, Valerie Waterfield 3, D. Emmerson 4, T. Randall 4, R. Hobbs 5, D. McNeil (cond.) 6. Rung for the patronal festival, and as a birthday compliment to the Rector (the Rev. A. J. Lincall). Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Scott (first quarter) 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, D. Emmerson 3, T. Randall 4, R. Hobbs 5, D. McNeil (cond.) 6. Rung for the patronal festival, All rung by the Sunday service band.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Best (first quarter) 1, R. W. Leighton 2, W. C. Bennett 3, S. Proud 4, S. Thompson (cond.) 5, T. Bullerwell 6. A farewell tribute to the Rev. J. Spencer Wade, on his retirement as Rector, by members of the local band.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Rosemary E. Gower 2, Rita A. Gower 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, D. Staples 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect and affection to Emily Mary Lowes, mother of one of the local ringers.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. Bishop 1, Anne Garnett 2, A. Bagworth 3, J. Tomsett 4, E. Jacobs 5, Susan Jacobs (cond.) 6, F. Corfield 7, M. Sinden 8. For harvest festival.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Plummer 1, A. Millam 2, E. Everest (cond.) 3, M. Plummer (first quarter) 4, J. Walder (first 'inside') 5, D. Smith 6. For harvest festival.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,259 Grand-sire Doubles: H. Tring (first quarter) 1, T. J. Gregory (first quarter) 2, R. J. Elliott (cond.) 3, J. T. Laker 4, A. B. Stoner 5, H. P. Hewitt 6. For morning service and as a farewell to the conductor, who is shortly going up to Oxford.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss S. McDougall 1, A. D. Cook 2, T. A. Sparkes 3, R. S. Smith 4, R. Skerratt 5, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Rung in the octave of the Feast of St. Cyprian.

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Nevin 1, Phyllis Gray 2, Jennifer Davies 3, P. J. Shipton 4, J. B. Long 5, R. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung by young ringers of St. Paul's, Bedford, while on the Norfolk Broads.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. M. V. Chilcott 2, J. F. Galyer 3, M. Williamson 4, Miss J. M. Winchester 5, S. Kimber 6, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 7, F. D. Jennings 8, L. A. Reece 9, R. I. Parsons 10. For the harvest festival.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 21st, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: D. Thompson 1, Jennifer M. Davies 2, Anne E. Amor 3, J. Hogg 4, R. L. Piron 5, K. Wakefield 6, J. R. Taylor 7, B. Pattison (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): J. Hulme 1, Diana Lawless 2, Carol Eustace 3, B. Hendrie 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, J. E. Cooke 6.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Wadman 1, M. J. Horseman 2, Mrs. M. J. Horseman 3, J. Brain 4, D. Hoare 5, V. Roberts 6, D. Cobb 7, G. Salmon (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major by 2, 3, 4 and 7. Rung as a tribute of respect and gratitude for the life and work of John Thomas.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Angell 1, A. P. Beck 2, R. G. Beck (cond.) 3, E. C. Wadman 4, D. Targitt 5, E. J. Chivers 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. John Thomas.

DROITWICH, WORCS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 8 covering): R. Hemming 1, P. D. T. Cattermole 3, J. Pointer 4, W. H. Raxter 5, G. Rawlings 6, T. A. Sparkes (cond.) 7, J. Farmer 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Pointer, and rung by the Sunday service band for Matins. Also on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): R. Hemming 1, T. A. Sparkes 3, J. Pointer 4, J. Farmer 5, R. S. Smith 6, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 7, G. Rawlings 8. For the Feast of St. Ninian.

QUARTER PEALS

DULVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy G. Taylor (first of Triples) 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, J. Taylor 4, Pamela M. Stevens 5, A. H. Reed 6, D. M. Bellamy 7, T. Toze (first of Triples) 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Hayman-Joyce and the Rev. H. F. Warren, master of the Bath and Wells Association of Change Ringers, who were married at Exford on September 24th.

EPHING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Lowings 1, D. M. Salisbury 2, F. G. Richardson 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, C. E. Willmington 5, A. J. Salisbury 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. F. Darbyshire, one-time curate at Hornchurch.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Osbaldiston 1, R. B. Smith 2, B. F. L. Groves 3, W. A. Smith 4, J. R. Kennett 5, D. E. Belcham 6, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 7, W. H. Dowse 8. First true quarter of Stedman Triples by all and on the bells.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Baverstock 1, Rosemary K. Hayward 2, R. Hoare 3, J. Verity 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, L. F. Cobb 6. First of Bob Minor for 2 and 4.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan E. MacIsaac (first quarter) 1, Heather Bonner 2, M. Spracklen 3, E. D. Poole 4, Mrs. Evelyn Mead 5, J. D. Kape 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. For harvest festival.

HANBURY, WORCS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Raxter (cond.) 1, L. Mills 2, C. B. Longmore 3, G. B. Brown 4, R. B. Cole 5, T. A. Sparkes 6, P. D. T. Cattermole 7, E. T. Lee 8. Rung on the eve of Battle of Britain Sunday.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Beeny 1, S. D. A. Price 2, Judith Funnell 3, F. Beeny 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, A. Pannett (first quarter) 6. Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob and 1,020 Grandsire): Miss P. Drury 1, Miss H. Pugh (first 'inside') 2, J. Martin 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For harvest festival.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): Helen Nevin 1, Anne E. Amor 2, Jennifer M. Davies 3, P. J. Shipton 4, J. R. Taylor 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6.

LEICESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. D. Birchenall (first quarter) 1, E. H. Bowley 2, C. V. Cattell 3, Alan Cattell 4, Arthur Cattell 5, P. Davies 6.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Woodruffe (first of Minor) 1, P. Hayward 2, C. M. Dring 3, M. E. Downs (cond.) 4, J. T. Mannerling 5, G. Pearson 6. For Evensong.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of Holy Sepulchre, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Finch 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, Miss N. G. Williams 8. Rung by the local band as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Jennings on their 56th wedding anniversary. Also on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, R. G. Chater 2, E. Billings 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, D. Rees 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Kenneth D. Perkins. Also at the Church of St. Edmund, on Sept. 28th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: R. S. Roberts 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, T. M. Haines 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, R. V. Baker 6, E. Billings 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. First in method for all the band. Rung for harvest festival.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): R. Reed 1, S. Elsey 2, F. Wigmore 3, W. Cousins 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Thomas, who rehung these bells.

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The peal at Steep, Hants, on September 27th is the culmination of a successful course of training at that tower by the College of Campanology, arranged for pupils of Bedales. The course was in charge of Miss Cecily Roberts, a member of the school staff and an honorary tutor of the College. At the ringing tests, conducted by the College prior to the peal, all eight candidates passed, six securing the student's certificate 'of merit.' Credit is due to Martin Press who, although injured previously on the rugger field and unable to grip with his right thumb, rang well throughout the peal.

Young ringers of St. Paul's, Bedford, while on holiday on the Norfolk Broads scored a quarter peal at Acle.

Keenness brings its reward. After ten unsuccessful attempts, Mr. George Thoday has rung his first peal at Litlington, Cambridgeshire. 'He rang consistently well,' writes the conductor, Mr. J. Richard Castledine.

The peal of Stedman at Bloxham, Oxon, on September 27th, was noteworthy as it is 50 years since the last peal in the method was rung on the bells. The father of the conductor, Mr. Walter F. Judge, took part on that occasion.

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent, has recently undergone a serious operation, but he has hopes of returning to the peal columns in a few weeks' time. He thanks ringing friends for their letters, 'phone calls and messages during his illness.

Bands visiting Ashbourne, Derbyshire, are asked to be punctual as the Vicar likes personally to welcome ringers to the church. There have been no peals rung here since 1923, as it was stated that the spire would not stand up to more than 20 minutes' ringing. Permission has now been given for a peal attempt through the representation of Mr. B. P. Morris.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Owing to the state of the fabric, peal ringing has been banned at Tamworth for many years, but upon learning that the captain of bell-ringers was celebrating his 30th year as a ringer, the Vicar (Rev. A. Jones) said he felt the occasion was worthy of a peal and that Mr. G. Peers, jun., would go on ringing for at least another 30. An excellent peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, the first since the bells were recast in 1932.

St. Leonard's, Heston, provided two separate bands to ring quarter peals of Grandsire Triples on September 28th for their harvest thanksgiving services.

Hawkshead, where the bells have been augmented to eight and hung in a new frame, has a Further Education class in change-ringing. An example to other parishes!

Recordings of the church bells of Westbury-on-Severn, Lydney, Newland and Ruardean will be heard in a magazine programme, 'The Faith in the Forest of Dean,' to be broadcast on Sunday, October 19th, 9.45 to 10.30 a.m., in the West Home Service only. The programme is edited and introduced by Martin Willson.

Mr. Leonard Tuffrey, of Hall Green, Birmingham, will shortly be taking up residence in Ferndown, near Bournemouth. He served 25 years in the Birmingham City Police on the 'E' Division and Traffic and Communications Department, a part of which time he was a member of St. Martin's Sunday service band, and rang many peals of Surprise with George Fearn and his band. During the last eight years he was a member of the Sunday band at St. James', Shirley, where on September 28th a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a farewell. Their friends wish Mr. and Mrs. Tuffrey much happiness in their new surroundings.

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FOURTH REUNION OF VETERANS

WITH unabated enthusiasm, the fourth annual reunion of veterans, arranged by Mr. A. W. Coles, took place on September 27th at the Fanmakers' Hall, Bishopsgate, London. A company of 51 was present, with an average age of 73. The oldest veteran was Mr. F. V. Sinkins, now 94, who enjoyed the fellowship.

Ringling took place at St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Bartholomew-the-Great's and St. Botolph's. A photograph of the party was taken, and as on previous occasions, Mrs. Davis and her ladies arranged a bountiful tea. The Rector of St. Botolph's (Rev. H. H. Treacher) was present and welcomed the company.

Proceedings after tea started with a remembrance of those who had 'passed over' during the year, and their names were read by Mr. A. W. Coles as follows: F. W. Richardson, F. Bennett, F. Dench, J. Thomas, F. E. Pervin and E. J. Butler.

Apologies were received from F. M. Mitchell, J. T. Dyke, J. Ames, A. B. Peck, H. Sear, C. A. Hughes, R. Newman, F. C. Maynard, E. H. Adams, N. Tomlinson, W. Webb, W. A. Knight, C. Norris, H. Langdon, E. C. Sheppard, A. Walker, J. A. Freeborn, E. Gladman, G. N. Price, C. W. R. Grimwood, G. Marriner, A. H. Winch, F. Cullum, G. Freebrey, H. Baalam, E. D. Smith, P. Spice, W. Bottrill and F. Morris.

THE COMPANY

Those present included George E. Symonds, Ipswich (83); Geo. H. Head, Hanworth (83); Frank V. Sinkin, Streatham (94); Walter J. Bowden, Southgate (81); Reuben Sanders, Westminster (84); Henry Stalham, Brighton (86); Len Stilwell, Worthing (68); J. W. Chapman, Streatham (77); J. Marks, Bletchley (64); H. Belcher, St. Paul's (72); W. H. Hewett, Westminster (72); W. J. Rawlings (64); A. W. Coles, North Mymms (70); H. W. Clark, Blackheath (65); H. E. Audsley, Dartford (58); Dr. E. Leonard Taylor, Lyme Regis (76); G. R. Goodship, Ipswich (70); W. Wenban, Stanmore (71); S. H. Hoare, Watford (66).

Ernest G. Fenn, St. Paul's (77); J. Frank Smallwood, Darley Dale (74); George Fleming, Winesham, Suffolk (75); Charles J. Sedgley, Ipswich (71); A. A. Hughes, St. Lawrence Jewry (73); F. W. Perrens, Coventry (66); L. W. Wiffen, Braintree (77); A. H. Pulling, Guildford (78); Geo. Gilbert, Burnham (71); T. W. White, Guildford (64); H. J. Eldred, Ealing (76); A. Day, Harpenden (65); W. T. Holmes, Hatfield (70); A. Cutler, Willesden (66); J. Brackley, Woking (69); W. Shepherd, Addlestone (75); H. J. Ranzetta, Holloway (66).

B. Aldridge, St. Mary Cray (71); J. Bennett, Grundsiburgh (71); A. Turner, Holloway (70); Edwin Barnett, Crayford (73); Arthur G. Mason, St. Margaret's, Lee (66); F. W. Elliott, Rickmansworth (71); J. E. Rootes, Bushey (68); F. W. Brinklow, Oxhey (73); Tom Collins, Ruislip (70); A. Hunter, Ruislip (72); J. R. Sharman, Cogenhoe (82); C. Hibbert, Reading (58); D. H. Oliver, Enfield (60); J. S. Hawkins, Tooting (79).

Mr. J. F. Smallwood expressed the thanks of the company to Mr. Coles for enabling the 'get-together' to be held, and giving them an opportunity of seeing old familiar faces again. It was a great joy to him to shake hands with those he had known for 50 years in ringing, and he hoped they would have many more such gatherings.

TEST OF CLEVERNESS?

He supposed they thought they were all very clever with their long experience, but they were not as clever as they thought. The real test was to ring a handbell peal in a thunderstorm, and preferably sitting on a compost heap. Then they would know what real ringing was.

He expressed thanks to the Rector of St. Botolph's for the use of the hall and permission to ring; the Rev. J. F. Tringham and the Rev. Dr. N. E. Wallbank for the use of their bells; Mrs. E. E. Davis, who was responsible for the tea arrangements, and her helpers and those who gave gifts, viz.: Mesdames G. Goodfellow, D. Holland, M. Colville, K. Locke, R. Coles, E. Sanders, O. Russell, J. Hook, R. Treacher and K. Parsons. For assistance in transport he thanked Messrs. J. W. Euston, D. Oliver, G. A. Spencer, A. G. Mason and F. W. Goodfellow.

The Rev. H. H. Treacher said it was a great joy to him to welcome the company, and he hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them again next year.

After the tables were cleared, Mr. D. Oliver played a recording of East Bergholt bells, and there was handbell ringing before further tower-bell ringing.

GUILD SECRETARY'S WEDDING

The wedding was solemnised at Christ Church, Winchester, on September 20th, of Mr. J. A. C. King, secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and Miss G. M. Harris. The Rev. H. C. Davies officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. A. Harris, had three attendants—her sister (Mrs. M. Buckingham) and the Misses M. and J. King, sisters of the bridegroom. Mr. D. King was groomsmen.

After the ceremony the happy couple were greeted outside the church by a band of handbell ringers from the Cathedral. The reception was held at Old Chesil Rectory.

The honeymoon was spent in Cornwall.

SHELLEY RINGING CONTEST

For the third year in succession, Meltham won the Shelley ringing contest at Shelley Parish Church on September 27th. The judges were Mr. Percy Hawthornthwaite, of Shelley, and Mr. Albert Goldthorpe, of Shepley, with Mr. J. W. Buxton as marker. The test piece was 600 changes with 120 changes as practice. The results were:—

Meltham: 52 faults, total 52.

Sandal: 75 faults, total 75.

Friezland: 102 faults, total 102.

Cawthorne: 130 faults, total 130.

Thornhill: 5 penalties, 316 faults, total 321.

The Vicar (Rev. A. Crow) who presided at the meeting which followed tea, presented the cup and prizes to Mr. E. Earnshaw on behalf of the Meltham team, and also to the runners-up. Mr. J. W. Moxon thanked Shelley people for the excellent arrangements, and Mr. J. W. Buxton replied.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

The Ladies' Guild meeting held at Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, on September 13th proved to be most enjoyable and well attended. Many methods were rung on these lovely bells, including Grandsire Triples by a band of ladies.

Canon Oliver Davies officiated at the service, and tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall. Mr. Trevor Roderick thanked the ladies on behalf of the visitors. Mrs. Whitworth thanked Canon Davies for his warm welcome to the Ladies' Guild.

At the business meeting Miss Mary Orchard (Radyr), Miss Norma Hemmings and Miss Gillian Warwick (both of St. Mellons) were elected members. Caldicot was chosen as the place for the next meeting, with Llangibby as an alternative.

EPSOM AND EWELL CELEBRATIONS

Epsom and Ewell ringers took a prominent part in the celebrations on September 27th to mark the 21st anniversary of the incorporation of the borough. The suggestion of the secretary of the Surrey Association that a peal attempt be made at each tower in the borough was approved by the celebrations committee.

Because of weddings, the attempt at St. Martin-of-Tours' was brought forward to the morning, but this band had the misfortune to break down. A quarter peal was then rung.

The attempts at St. Mary's, Ewell, and at Christ Church, Epsom, went ahead as planned in the afternoon, and both bands scored a nice peal. Mr. C. W. Munday called Grandsire Triples at Ewell with a local band, and at Christ Church five of the local ringers rang Plain Bob, the conductor being Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, of Dorking.

Afterwards the ringers went to the Baths Hall, where the deputy mayor was waiting to greet them, along with Ald. J. A. Larby (chairman of the celebrations sub-committee). A real ringers' tea followed, and then those taking part were thanked for their participation in the celebrations. Ald. Larby explained that the Council's policy had been to encourage the residents to do the things they liked doing and for the Council to meet them afterwards.

At Christ Church, Epsom, permission is to be sought to erect a peal board.

On Sunday, September 28th, a civic service was held at St. Martin's, and at the invitation of Mr. E. Lindley, the local captain, ringers from Ewell and Christ Church were privileged to take part in the ringing for this service.

RAILWAYMEN RINGERS AT NORWICH

The autumn meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild was held at Norwich on September 27th, under the Master, Mr. Harold Walker.

Ringling commenced before lunch on the magnificent Mancroft 12—13 to be correct, split up into the front ten, where the president of the Norwich Association (Mr. Nolan Golden) and the Ringing Master at St. Peter Mancroft (Mr. Arthur Bason, almost fit again) welcomed the ringers. After lunch, owing to a wedding at Mancroft, ringing was shared at St. Giles', quite close, where Mr. George Sayer (Master) met and welcomed the ringers.

Welcome visitors were the Rev. Giles Galley, recently ordained curate of St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, Mr. Albert J. Pitman, Mr. C. S. McLeod (Regional Establishment and Staff Officer, Eastern Region), and Mr. J. A. McIntosh (Assistant, London Midland Region).

Tea was served at Ashworth and Pike's Restaurant, where the ringers were joined by Canon John Waddington, who in a few breezy words welcomed them to Mancroft and Norwich. Mr. McLeod and Mr. McIntosh also welcomed them.

Apologies and good wishes were received from the general manager, Eastern Region (Mr. H. C. Johnson), and other prominent railway officials. Ringing continued during the evening, and votes of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting were proposed by the Master of the Guild, seconded by Mr. S. Fokett and supported by the general secretary (Mr. Frank Stenson).

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Subscriptions are now due for the last quarter of 1958. Rates: 3 months 7s. 6d.; 6 months 14s. 6d.; 12 months £1 8s. Please remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. New postal subscribers welcome.

HAWKSHEAD'S NEW BELLS ARE DEDICATED

LESS than a year ago, expert examination confirmed that the 500-year-old six main beams supporting Hawkshead (Lancs) Church bell frame and bells were completely worn out.

In November, 1957, it was decided to replace the worked out timber with rolled steel joists to support a new iron frame, with provision for increasing the ring from six to eight bells. The latter was an act of faith which has been justified. In less than ten months from the first report on the bells the work has been done and the two bells added. Lt.-Col. G. O. Sandys, of Graythwaite Hall, in Hawkshead parish, whose ancestor, Myles Sandys, of Graythwaite, gave the tenor in 1765, provided a new treble and the people of Hawkshead have given a new second bell. By Michaelmas Day, 1958, the overall sum of £1,750 had almost been raised—all by direct giving.

Whilst the bells were silent the ground-floor ringing chamber at Hawkshead Church contained an exhibition of bells and their fittings, photographs and diagrams illustrating the bell-founder's and bell-ringer's craft. Within the display the 1765 treble was mounted, and over £200 was subscribed through its crown staple bolt-hole and the gift acknowledged by a hand-bell within, much to children's especial delight at having 'rung the bell'!

On July 29th, the Vicar and churchwardens represented the parish at the casting of the two new bells at Loughborough, enjoying Messrs. Taylors' hospitality, including the famous 'ten' in the works. All Hawkshead's wardens and the Vicar can handle a bell, and the Vicar's warden (Mr. Robin Shuttleworth) is also belfry captain.

The church was crowded to capacity with parishioners and ringing friends from towers in the S. Westmorland and N. Lancashire area for the dedication service on September 29th. Slowly, but with joyful purpose, and to the hymn 'When morning gilds the skies . . .' the procession moved to the ringing chamber—verger Tom Barlow (a ringer always ready to stand in), Miss F. Syngé representing the P.C.C., Lt.-Col. G. O. Sandys, representative ringers, Mr. Paul Taylor, of Loughborough, the clergy, the churchwardens and the Bishop of Penrith, predecessor of the present vicar.

Within the ringing chamber the Bishop greeted the ringers. Miss Syngé asked the Vicar and wardens to receive the bells, and the promise was made that they would give 'utmost care that they shall be ever and only used in the service of God and to His glory.' Lt.-Col. G. O. Sandys offered the new treble for dedication, after which the belfry captain rang it four times. The new second was similarly offered on behalf of its donors and duly dedicated, Mr. F. M. Coward, the oldest ringing member of the local band, ringing it four times also. So the new trebles were first handled by Hawkshead born and bred ringers.

The hallowing of the bells with prayers for their right use followed. So the bells were pulled off in rounds by Hawkshead men and lads—Robin Shuttleworth 1, F. M. Coward 2, G. Brown 3, J. Wright 4, M. Glaister 5, H. R. Johnson 6, H. Mellor 7 and R. Sunderland 8.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (president of the Lancashire Association), who gave not only something of

his knowledge and love of church bells and the art of ringing, but above all, an understanding of their purpose.

The hymn 'The God of Abraham praise' was sung; then followed the Patronal Festival prayers by the Vicar (Rev. R. Lindsay, M.A.), and God's blessing was pronounced by the Bishop of Penrith. Complete silence was observed for a minute, and the newly-dedicated bells rang out, steadied in rounds and then went into a touch of Grandsire Triples with the band made up of ringers from neighbouring towers: F. Langtree (Broughton-in-Furness) 1, J. Bagnall (Barrow-in-Furness) 2, J. E. Burles (Barrow-in-Furness) 3, A. Capstick (Ambleside) 4, L. S. Clement (Kendal) 5, F. Birkett (Langdale) 6, N. M. Newby (Dalton-in-Furness) 7, R. Shuttleworth (Hawkshead) 8.

Almost 100 local ringers had one simply glorious hour of short touches whilst refreshments were provided in the Market Hall below the church, completing an altogether historic, happy and memorable occasion in the life of the old parish of Hawkshead and the church bell-ringers of the area. Hawkshead is grateful to the many who helped to make it so. R. L.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT OUTING

In perfect weather, the ringers of the Winchester District held their annual outing on August 30th.

The first ringing was on the pleasant light six at Shrewton. We then made our way amid cornfields to West Lavington, with its musical ring of six in a very fine tower. The visit coincided with the village flower show. After an hour here we made our way to Devizes. During lunch, the captain of St. James', Southbroom (Mr. A. T. Weeks), made himself known to us, and our grateful thanks are due to him for all the help he gave us in arranging our outing.

Our first ring after lunch was on the fine, heavy octave at St. John's. Ringing here consisted of several courses of Grandsire Triples with rounds and call-changes for the less experienced. Afterwards several touches were rung on the heavy six at St. Mary's Church. After half-an-hour we made our way to St. James', Southbroom. Mr. Weeks met us here and pointed out some interesting features concerning the history of the church and town. The rather small ringing room was packed to capacity but all were able to ring. Tea followed at the Ruth Pierce Restaurant.

The surprise item of the day was an unexpected visit to Upavon, arranged by Mr. Weeks, where the local ringers had the bells 'up in readiness. The last tower of the day was St. Thomas's, Salisbury, where with the help of local ringers we were able to ring a good course of Stedman Triples.

At Stockbridge the party broke up, and after the usual vote of thanks a short break for refreshments followed. Winchester was reached just before 10 p.m., and all agreed that it had been a very enjoyable day. C.

GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

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A LEARNERS' TOUR

ABOUT a mile from Bruton in East Somerset there is the village of Pitcombe, which has a church with an ancient tower containing three ancient bells. They are all very much alike and bear a kind of seal and the initials 'W.S.' A Bristol mediæval foundry cross can just be recognised on the second, and is clearly reproduced on the tenor which was recast by Taylors in 1910. Largely thanks to Mr. H. J. Sanger, of Evercreech, and his band, who have spent much time and patience in teaching the writer and others to ring, these bells have been regularly rung for over two years by a mixed band of young ringers, who also ring the three bells at the neighbouring church of Shepton Montague, where the services alternate with Pitcombe. Valuable help has also been given by the ringers at Bruton and Castle Cary on their practice nights, and by many more at Branch meetings of the Bath and Wells Association.

This year it was decided to arrange a week's ringing tour, in the course of which we should endeavour to learn method ringing on five bells, the extent on three having already been achieved. Being all young and active, we thought that cycling and youth hostelling was the best way of travelling. It was necessary to obtain the services of a female co-leader and some 'helpers' for the ringing. This was done through advertisements in the 'R.W.'

In March the leaders, Miss Holden Brown, of the St. Matthias', Richmond, band, and the writer, spent a weekend at Malvern Youth Hostel attending lectures intended for teachers proposing to take parties of school children in hostels. One piece of advice learnt there was that the middle day be a 'free day' with no organised journey. This was, I think, appreciated by the whole party, who spent much of it in the sea at Sidmouth, though we did book one tower on this day.

The band that set out on September 1st consisted of nine ringers, including boys and girls from 12 upwards. Some were only round ringers, others could hunt the treble to Grandsire; most could ring changes on three, but only one was a real method ringer. In the course of the first two days we progressed from plain hunt on four to Bob Minimus. Some of the band could already raise and lower in peal, and those that could not were given instruction and practice in the art. At Harford, Devon, on the third day we rang our first plain course of Bob Doubles and also a plain course of Grandsire.

On Thursday and Friday we were joined by Mr. W. and Miss G. Stevens, of Cannington, near Bridgwater. Thanks to them we were able to make more progress in Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles, and at Silverton, our only 8-bell tower, we had the assistance of Mr. A. G. Selley and three of his band. This resulted in a touch of Grandsire Doubles with 7, 6, 8 covering and two plain courses of Triples. At our last tower (Shapwick, Somerset) Mr. K. Prime and two others made up for the loss of Mr. and Miss Stevens, and we rang 120 Bob Doubles as a crowning success.

In all, we rang in five 5-bell towers and six 6-bell towers, with one eight. Distances ranged from about 24 to 34 miles a day. On the last day it was planned to finish the trip by train, but only four eventually did this, the remainder making the journey by cycle in less time than the train took. HUGH B. MAKINS.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BRIGHTWELL BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to your correspondent 'S,' writing on the peal tour of Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire, I am unable to allow a statement of his to pass unnoticed.

He writes that 'an ill-fated band left for Brightwell (Berkshire) to find the bells hard going.' Would it not be more correct to have said that the method or methods chosen for this peal were found to be hard going as the striking was decidedly poor and failed to do justice to any peal tour?

Due to careful towerkeeping these bells (tenor 11 cwt., and hung in a wooden frame and plain bearings) are kept in very good order and always go quite well. It might be of interest to note that they are usually rung twice on Sundays by six girls whose ages range from 12 to 14 years, and since this attempt they have now decided that their well-struck call-changes will always sound better than any 'scientific ringing.'—Yours faithfully,

C. J. CASTELL.

Newbury, Berks.

PENTLOW BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have been interested in the recent correspondence re the ringability of Pentlow bells, Essex, and I agree entirely with Miss Rosemary J. Seabrook's remarks. I had the pleasure of a ring at Pentlow when the Society of Rambling Ringers visited St. George's Church on August 12th, 1955. No doubt some members will recollect the group photograph being taken, with the round tower in the background.

According to Walter's 'Church Bells of Essex,' Miles Graye cast the fourth in 1628, the third in 1635. He cast the second and tenor, which weighs 10½ cwt. in G, in 1665. The treble was added by John Thornton in 1711. Walter's footnote boldly states: '1904 not ringable.' They must have had some attention since.—Yours sincerely,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

Lichfield, Staffs.

CANON G. WATKINSON

Dear Sir,—As recently reported in 'The Ringing World,' Canon G. Watkinson retired from the vicariate of Northowram after 61 years' service.

A meeting of parishioners decided that this unique record of service should be marked by (a) a personal gift to the Canon, (b) the presentation of a book in which will be inscribed the names of all those who wish to be numbered among his friends and acquaintances, and (c) the erection or installation in church of some permanent memento of his life and service.

There must be many ringers who, over the years, have come in personal contact with Canon Watkinson and would like to be included in this gesture of affection and esteem. Literally hundreds have rung on the bells in the church which he built and which will be his lasting memorial.

Will any ringers so wishing to associate themselves please get in touch with the undersigned. All donations will be acknowledged.—Yours faithfully,

W. G. TURNER.

4, Marlton Road,
Northowram, Halifax.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read Mr. Wratten's letter on Doubles methods and the definition between a variation and a method.

Mr. Wratten's way of publishing his Doubles peals is obviously the correct solution and should be adopted by all conductors so that methods and variations can be classed accordingly.

Unfortunately, so few of these variations are known to the average ringer; many I know do not even know what April Day—the most popular of these variations—is.

I feel that an article by somebody in the know (perhaps Mr. Blagrove might oblige) will be of great use to the average village ringer and will add to the variety of Doubles peals, and also to the variations that one can ring at a meeting or a practice without having to look a new method up on the spot.

Incidentally, I am informed by Mr. Lewis that there are only eight named variations known to him of Plain Bob Doubles, using different bobs and singles; the Doubles preface names nine, but apparently Besthorpe and Hudibras are the same, and Ludham and Kennington are the same variation, whilst Norfolk is produced by the bob of one variation and the single of another.

A variation named Seighford makes the number up to eight, but theoretically it is possible to get 27 variations using non-symmetrical bob leads, but some of these may not work.

An article by one of our Doubles conductors will throw some light on this matter and assist me and many others. I expect to achieve a long-standing ambition to ring a peal in 42 Doubles variation.

Also perhaps somebody can enlighten me if the following method has been named: if not, I would like to call it Woodhay Doubles.

1 2 3 4 5
2 1 4 3 5
2 4 1 5 3
4 2 5 1 3
4 5 2 3 1
5 4 3 2 1
5 3 4 1 2
3 5 1 4 2
3 1 5 2 4
1 3 5 4 2
1 3 4 5 2
3 1 5 4 2
3 5 1 2 4

Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere.

WILLIAM DENYER MEMORIAL

Dear Sir,—May I express thanks to all those ringing friends who sent donations to my father's memorial, which has now been handed over to the Vicar of St. Michael's Church, Aldershot. The chalice and paten are extremely beautiful, costing just over £100, and will be used every week.

A memorial tablet to my father recording his 35 years of captaincy was dedicated after Sung Eucharist on September 28th, and this is the gift of the Aldershot ringers and is on the wall of the ringing chamber.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES W. DENYER.

Farnham, Surrey.

NEW ANGLE ON TEACHING BEGINNERS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to find someone who spoke of 'a new angle' and 'teaching.' I'm sure we lose many very promising ringers through the captain simply pushing a book (full of tabulation figures—nothing more) into a novice's hand, and in reply to all and every question has only one answer: 'You learn it.'

Learns what? All the possible permutations of a set of figures off by heart? Surely there must be some key way of teaching a method without having to learn the whole performance by heart; e.g., the basic example:—

1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 4 3 6 5
2 4 1 6 3 5
4 2, etc.

I know my position in each round without having to learn the sequence of the whole 78 places, and even if I want the whole 78 places I can work them out for myself without memorising.

Now, has anyone (who must be a born teacher not a mere teller) put into book form the simple fundamentals of change-ringing so that the novice can see some hopes of learning?—Yours sincerely,

G. HODKINS.

West End, Southampton.

P.S.—I suggest you need a bell-ringing mathematics master capable of teaching the 'C' stream.—G. H.

Note.—We are confident this reader will find a tower in Southampton with a proper instructor who can teach.—Ed.

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that I have made an error in claiming two compositions as my own—the 5,184 of London on page 568 of your issue of August 29th was first published in 'The Bell News' Appendix, 1895, under the name of Nathan J. Pitstow, and the 5,040 Cambridge Royal on page 600 of your issue for September 12th has been rung under the name of Gabriel Lindoff many years ago. I am indebted to Messrs. R. F. B. Speed and F. E. Darby respectively for this information, and apologise for unwittingly reproducing someone else's work.

Whilst on the subject, I find that another composition of London should be credited to N. J. Pitstow—the 5,088 No. 2 in the C.C. Collection, page 47; see 'The Bell News,' January 12th, 1889, where it appears as the reverse form of arrangement No. 5 in the C.C.C. Also, the 5,088 Superlative No. 7 on page 25 of the C.C.C. can be found in a reverse form, and a different arrangement of shunt bobs, in 'The Bell News,' May 2nd, 1885, again under the name of N. J. Pitstow! In the issue of that paper for August 29th, 1885, there is, also by N. J. P., the five-part of Superlative which has been ascribed in recent years to F. H. Dexter, I believe—

2 3 4 5 6 B W H
3 5 2 6 4 X 3
5 6 2 3 4 2

Four times repeated.

Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN IVIN.

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LETTERS—Continued

EXAMINE UNRINGABLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Looking through Mr. Dove's excellent Guide to the Church Bells of Britain, one now and then sees the word 'unringable' beside the particulars of a tower.

Without directing any criticism at Mr. Dove, who has no doubt compiled his book on local information submitted to him, I would suggest that a good 50 per cent. of these 'unringable' bells are silent merely as the result of a 'parson's gag,' or of rumour as to their condition, started many years ago.

The Parish Church of St. Sampson, South Hill, is situated about three miles from Callington in Cornwall. The tower contains a ring of five bells (tenor nearly 9 cwt.). According to local reports these bells have been 'unringable' for over 20 years, owing to the poor state of the fittings and frame and the shaky condition of the tower.

Repeated applications to the vicar of the parish for permission to view the bells were refused. One has every reason to suspect that this particular cleric had no interest whatsoever in that part of his church.

Recently, however, five ringers from Kenwyn, Truro, and Mr. Jim Phillips, of London, having discovered that the vicar had just retired, descended in force on the tower, armed with ropes and a can of oil. Permission to inspect the bells, and if possible to ring, was readily given by two churchwardens.

On entering the belfry, a ground-floor ring, we discovered one complete rope on the tenor, a rope and sally but no tail-end on the treble, and three odd bits just visible through the floor above and apparently attached to the three remaining bells.

The bell chamber was reached by ascending some steps, climbing through an archway in the wall and thence by ladders. We discovered the five bells hanging in a frame of perfect condition and with wheels and stays in perfect order. The second bell was buried up to the waist in twigs: these were speedily despatched through the north louvre. The bearings were then inspected and oiled, and each bell swung up by hand, on the wheel, to check for any visible defects or tower movement. Finding no fault thus far, we then proceeded to fit ropes, give a last-minute check and then proceed down the ladders to the ringing chamber below. After removing odd boxes, jam jars and other junk, the bells were raised in peal, and a perfect six-score of Grandsire Doubles rung. One or two curious villagers found their way to the tower, and one of the churchwardens told us that it was the first time his 16-year-old daughter had heard the bells. Some rounds were rung, and a six-score of Stedman, before the bells were finally lowered in peal.

With the exception of stiff clappers and a slightly sluggish tenor, these bells are in perfect ringing order, and in a tower that shows no sign of structural defect.

A ring of five bells at Bayton, near Launceston, was reputedly unringable and neglected until just over 12 months ago, when a determined band of ringers visited the village and rang the bells; reports are that these bells are now rung every Sunday, resulting from the interest aroused by the visit of some outside ringers.

Bells, as we all know, are very expensive items, and should not be allowed to hang silent and unattended in our towers. I would suggest, therefore, that if a few keen and determined ringers in the various guilds and companies were to make a point of visiting these towers with 'unringable' bells, they would find in five cases out of ten that, with a little attention, the bells are perfectly safe and enjoyable to ring upon—Yours, etc.,

Truro. ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

The London University Society of Change Ringers also sent a wreath to the funeral of Mr. John L. Morris.

FOUR SPICED PEALS

Dear Sir,—Many thanks to Mr. M. S. Lancefield for kindly pointing out the falseness in my 'arrangement' of Spiced. It would perhaps have saved a little of your valuable space if he had pointed out where the falseness occurs. However, I have observed that it is the alternative method callings, CSSS and SSSC in courses 7 and 8, which should not be used as they run false with the Bristol in courses 5 and 10 of the alternate part.

The arrangement rung at Aldermaston on August 9th was the 5,184, which is true, shortened by omitting the two leads of Bristol and the connecting bobs, in each of courses 6 and 9 of the second part. This may be verified by adding together the number of changes of Cambridge and Superlative rung, which comes to 2,624 and not 2,748, which would have been the case if the false variation had been used.

Regarding Mr. A. J. Pitman's method of reversed calling. These symmetrical compositions are the logical result of the symmetry of methods themselves and of the falseness in and between the methods. (Middleton's Cambridge is symmetrical, to quote just one example.)

Whilst I must admit to having used Mr. Pitman's system in this arrangement, I do not share Mr. Lancefield's view that there is no further scope for composition in the four standard methods.

I must apologise for the mistakes and falseness in the composition submitted, but I assure you, sir, I never sign myself R. H.—Yours faithfully,

N. J. DISERENS.

Dear Sir,—With reference my letter in the 'R.W.' of September 27th concerning the falseness of the peal of 4 Spiced Surprise by N. J. Diserens. I would like to point out, in case of misunderstanding, that the falseness I referred to has no connection with the omission of the bob Before in the last course of each part, of which I was well aware.

The actual falseness occurs in the short courses which link together the quarter peal sections—when the 6th is brought home from 5ths, with the calls Before and home repeated, the falseness applies to all four quarter peal sections, but I will give an instance of one only: the first lead of Superlative in the eighth course of the first half peal is false against the second lead of Bristol in the tenth course of the second half peal.

If the alternative calling for the Before and home courses is not used, that is if Bristol is used instead of Superlative, the composition would most probably be true (have not had time to check); then omitting the twin leads of Bristol where desired would reduce the length of the peal to a reasonable number of changes.—Yours faithfully,

M. S. LANCEFIELD.

Willesborough.

INVERARAY BELLS

Dear Sir,—The letter on page 614 from Mr. F. C. A. Bennett regarding Inveraray bells was unexpected. It is nice to know that the bells are ringable.

What a sight looking at those bells through glass doors and in another room the chiming apparatus of ten bells which I have had the pleasure of trying. The apparatus is fixed near the middle of the room and not against the wall, which is usual.—Yours sincerely,

JENNIE ARMSTRONG.

Morpeth, Northumberland.

In connection with the Leeds Musical Festival, the service from Leeds Parish Church, at which the Princess Royal is expected to attend, will be shown on I.T.V. on Sunday morning next, October 11th, and the bells may be heard in the background somewhere between 10.50 and 11.10.

OUTINGS

WALTHAMSTOW

St. Mary's, Walthamstow, car outing on September 27th into Herts and Beds had a heavy programme in respect of both the number of towers and weight of metal. Of the nine rings, only two were 'light-weights,' most of the remainder having 23 to 26 cwt. tenors.

Towers visited were St. Albans (St. Peter's), Leighton Buzzard, Dunstable, Woburn (where the ringing, particularly Double Norwich, did justice to the fine bells). After a picnic lunch ringing continued at Husbome Crawley, Maulden (although there is little merit in claims for 'fastest on the bells,' it seems likely that the Cambridge here inadvertently achieved that record for a course), Hitchin, Baldock (a welcome break here for tea), and finally to the light eight at Welwyn, where difficulty was encountered with very low sallies.

Credit is due to the younger generation for their excellent striking on these varied bells. Fred Maynard and Harry Rumens, Master and secretary respectively, both with well over 50 years' ringing service behind them, were game to the last, climbing ladders and stairs at all eight of the nine towers with 'upstairs' ringing chambers.

Thanks are given to incumbents for permission to ring their bells, to all those who welcomed us, and to P. Chapman and H. Rumens, the organisers. A. B.

PRESTBURY

Prestbury, Glos, ringers had their second half-day outing this year on September 13th. Towers visited were Haresfield, to get the organiser a new tower—a rare event now; Standish, Stonehouse—where an excellent tea was had before ringing, Woodchester and finally Stroud. It was one of the very few bright afternoons, and so with our usual good fortune on these trips a good time was had by all. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor on the sixes, and there was a good course of Grandsire Caters at Stroud besides some Stedman Triples and Bob Major. There was a secret arrangement which led to Mr. B. D. getting up all five tenors, and Miss W. B. letting them all down, and it worked out quite well!

FROM HUTTON (ESSEX) TO KENT

On August 30th a handful of ringers from All Saints', Hutton, strengthened by the addition of a ringer of some 50 years' experience from the neighbouring Brentwood, embarked at Tilbury for a voyage to Kent. Safely on dry land again at Gravesend, we hastened in our two cars to Snodland where, with the help of two members of the local band, we made a very pleasant start on the day's ringing. Thence to Ulcombe, with its considerably heavier six, on to anti-clockwise Pluckley and on again, despite growing demands of the inner man, to reach Willesborough in time to avoid clashing with a wedding. We had felt some qualms about including this last-named tower in our itinerary, having read in a recent article in 'The Ringing World' about its high standard of ringing; our young host was very tolerant, however, and we hope our efforts were not too unworthy.

From this point the timing of our programme was more leisurely, and we relaxed for a picnic lunch by the banks of the swollen River Stour before continuing our journey to Charing, where once again we met with a most friendly welcome. The next tower, Hollingbourne, gave us the heaviest but by no means the hardest ringing of the day, and it was difficult to realise that this tenor of 21 cwt. was more than double the weight of the tenor at Shorne, which was the seventh and last tower of our little excursion.

Our grateful thanks are due to all—whether Men of Kent or Kentish Men—who made this most enjoyable day possible. W. G. W.

GUILDFORD GUILD HONOUR RETIRING OFFICERS

Guildford Diocesan Guild at their annual dinner held at the Stoke Hotel, Guildford, on October 4th, and attended by a company of 171 ringers and friends, had as their special guests four of the retiring officers and their wives. They were Mr. Albert Harman, Master; Mr. G. L. Grover, hon. secretary and treasurer; Miss Winifred Oliver, assistant hon. secretary; Mr. Leslie Hunter, hon. auditor.

Bishop B. M. Dale, the assistant bishop, presided over a typical family gathering, supported by the Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer), with Mr. F. E. Collins, Master of the Surrey Association, as toastmaster and M.C. Apologies were received from Messrs. H. V. Young and Arthur Smith (Leatherhead), Roy Collins (Chobham) and the Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Gant (Binsted).

The toast of 'The memory of J. S. Goldsmith (first hon. secretary of the Guild) and members of the Guildford Guild' was drunk in silence, the toast being proposed by the Master. Specially remembered were Reg Lathbury (Walton-on-Thames), Bob Whittington (Cranleigh), William Denyer (Aldershot) and Mr. Warner (St. Nicolas', Guildford) who died in the past year.

RING FOR LAY PEOPLE AND BISHOPS

Mr. T. W. White proposed the toast of 'The Guildford Diocese.' Replying, Bishop Dale said: 'What I want to say on behalf of the Bishop of the Diocese and on behalf of the clergy is thank you very much, because you do so much for the Church in a wonderful way. You ring not only for lay people but bishops. When on a dark night I am trying to find a little parish church and get completely lost, I stop my car and engine, stick my head out and find my way by the sound of the bells.'

The retiring officers were honoured on the call of Major E. J. Bragg, and he recalled the confidence of the whole Guild in their services, as for the last ten years or more each district had unanimously nominated them and no other names had been put forward. 'We are very pleased to have them as our guests, as for many years they had done the bulk of the work.'

They welcomed their new officers. Mr. Denyer had taken over from Mr. Harman. Mr. Russell from Mr. Grover, Miss Hyde from Miss

Oliver and Mr. George Brown from Mr. Hunter. 'The skies over this Guild are clear; everything is going on swimmingly, but we must remember that the new officers will be feeling their way through a certain amount of fog, and they are lucky in having the old officers with their experience behind them.'

The toast was acknowledged by Miss Oliver. She said she had a plant at home which she daily fed with ginger and sugar. She felt that if members fed their Guild with the ginger of enthusiasm and the sugar of goodwill it would remain, as her plant, a constant source of delight.

Mr. M. Lesiter (Aldershot) proposed 'The Ladies and Guests.' He had a special word of welcome to Mr. Stirling, who was shortly to be married to Miss Hancock, and on behalf of the company wished them every joy and happiness.

Miss Hancock (Ottershaw) and the Rev. E. A. Gardiner (rector of Seale) replied.

The speeches were followed by an entertainment given by the Gay Debonairs, from Croydon Parish Church.

As in past years, the tables were beautifully decorated with flowers provided by Mr. A. Harman, who was thanked by the Master. Flowers were presented to Mrs. Grover, Miss Oliver, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Hancock and Mrs. Denyer. Chocolates were presented to Mrs. Harman. A happy evening concluded with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

The autumn quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Purton and attracted a good number of ringers. One of the Association's peal books was on view, and admiration was expressed at the beautiful work of Mr. A. E. Reeves, former peal secretary, and Mr. F. G. Wilton, the present secretary. Dr. H. Craig presided at the short business meeting, and towers suggested for the next three meetings were Highworth, Wroughton, and Christ Church, Swindon. Ringing took place at Lydiard Millicent after tea, and a good variety of methods was rung, including Hull and London Surprise Minor.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD West Dorset Branch

The Branch held its quarterly meeting at Hawkchurch on September 27th. Attendance was 27. The Rev. P. Smith (Vicar of Hawkchurch) conducted the service, Canon C. C. Cox read the lesson and Mrs. Smith accompanied the hymn singing. Tea was provided by the P.C.C. and served by Mr. L. Hayball and ladies. At the business meeting the secretary explained why the annual meeting of the Branch had been brought forward from the first Saturday in December to November 29th, to be held at Bridport. The secretary also told the meeting that he had heard from the general secretary regarding the Central Council's survey of church bell-ringers, and was putting in into operation in West Dorset.

Canon Cox informed the meeting that the time had come when he must inform the Branch that he would not be offering himself for re-election as Branch chairman. This news was received with regret by all, and a short silence followed.

Quite a lively discussion took place on Branch meetings and ringing together of call-change ringers and method ringers. This discussion was started by the Rev. P. Smith, who said he might move a motion on this subject at the annual.

Ring included Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Doubles, London, Cambridge, Double Court, St. Clement's and Bob Minor.

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Another Good Six-Bell Ring Rededicated In Hampshire



A LARGE congregation filled Binsted (Hants) Parish Church and bell-ringing enthusiasts from a wide area were also drawn to the church on September 27th, when the recently restored and recast bells of the ring of six were rung for the first time and were dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton (the Rt. Rev. K. E. N. Lamplugh).

As the procession returned to the chancel the bells were rung in rounds by Binsted ringers: Mrs. Gant 1, Miss V. White 2, Mrs. White 3, Miss G. Stretton 4, Mrs. R. Corke 5, Mr. P. Knight 6.

Mr. J. P. Fidler represented Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the bell-founders who carried out the recasting and rehanging in the new frame.

After the service some 80 or more parishioners and friends gathered in the Wickham Institute, where an excellent tea was served by members of the Mothers' Union and where the afternoon's rejoicing was in some measure qualified by a formal ceremony of farewell to the Rev. H. E. and Mrs. Gant.

Between 40 and 50 ringers travelled to Binsted to 'try' the new bells, and all were delighted with their sweet tones and their easy handling.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

CROSS—SMEE. — The marriage between Trevor A. Cross and Patricia Smees will be solemnised at SS. Mary and Nicholas', Leatherhead, on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringing friends will be welcome at the church. 3142

DEATH

McGUINNESS.—On October 4th, 1958, at the home of her son, 9, Linden Way, Boston, Lincolnshire, Augusta Annie McGuinness, aged 88 years. 3144

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MISCELLANEOUS

BELL-RINGERS' DIARY.—Thank you to the 29 Associations who have so far answered the request for information. Will remaining secretaries kindly reply at once to ensure their 'details' are correctly printed, otherwise we must repeat as last year. Note: 'Reminders' and 'final pleas' will not be sent out this year.—W. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 3130

BROMLEY, KENT.—There will be no practice on October 14th, 21st, or November 4th.—D. Martin, Sec. 3154

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Nominations are requested for President, Ringing Secretary and Treasurer, and should be sent to the General Secretary before October 31st. No nominations shall be accepted unless the nominee gives written consent. Nominees shall not be eligible if in arrears with their subscriptions. The retiring officers are eligible for re-election. 3139

STEPNEY, E.—Will visitors please note that there will not be any ringing practice on Wednesday, Oct. 15th.—H. G. Weedon, Hon. Sec. 3168

TO CONDUCTORS.—Make a point of presenting a copy of 'The Ringing World' to those who ring their first peal or quarter peal. Send 6d. with report.

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CANCELLATION

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Broxbourne on Saturday, Oct. 11th, cancelled. Postponed to November.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3133

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Bathwick (8), on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. R. Stubbs, 3, Powlett Road, Bathwick, Bath. 3045

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Camerton, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3080

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Longstanton on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. Neill, Master; D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3097

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Special invitation to Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m., and bells available immediately afterwards. Tickets, 12s. 6d., from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Accommodation limited.—F. V. G. 3001

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Send, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at School Hall.—Miss H. Hancock. 3138

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Langleybury (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3120

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 11th. St. Dunstan's bells from 2.30, with service at this church 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Details of other ringing will be circulated to all towers.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3036

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Maidstone, on Oct. 11th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Mr. L. Manering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone. 3067

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Spalding, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Richardson. 3099

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Birstall (8) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. 3104

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Ewhurst (23 bus from Guildford), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3114

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—General meeting, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 2.45 to 4 p.m., St. Lawrence Jewry. Service, business and further ringing, 5.30 p.m., St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3075

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Warwick Grove, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards. 3108

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Abergele, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 3126

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Great Haseley, Oxon, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Bus at 2.30 p.m. from Oxford for Great Haseley.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 3051

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral, Great Western Road, Glasgow, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec., 15, Durham Road, Portobello. 3141

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Walberton (6) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 3091

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Deane (near Basingstoke), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3105

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Buriton (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea in Maple Inn 4. Service 5 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 3136

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, including nomination of officers, at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at Holloway 4 p.m. Nearest stations, Holloway or Highbury Corner. 3148

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Husborne Crawley, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 3153

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Heswall, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Wednesday previous Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3167

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at the Wine Lodge Hotel, Corporation Street, Coventry. Ringing arranged at All Saints', Allesley, and St. Michael's Church, Stoke, Coventry, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. Dinner 6.30 for 7 p.m.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 3135

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to A. L. Bennett, Cornways, Buckfastleigh. 3145

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION with the SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—First joint meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, Sutton-in-Ashfield. Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, 16th, to B. A. Sollis, Pendene, Haddon Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.—B. A. Sollis, D. H. Rooke, Hon. Secs. 3140

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Alconbury (6) on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, St. Osyth, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 15th, please, to Miss R. Langlands, The Bakery, Spring Road, St. Osyth. 3149

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Haresfield, 2.30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service and tea. Names for tea by Oct. 14th.—T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 3149

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Wickwar (6), Saturday, Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Oct. 15th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3150

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and Six-Bell Contest, Calverley, Oct. 18th. For tea, please notify Mrs. Joan M. Dawson, 16, Salisbury Place, Calverley, Pudsey, by Oct. 11th. No names, no tea.—A. Farrand, Sec. 3034

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Bidden-den, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Members please support. Names by 15th to E. A. Fellows, 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle. 3163

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 3171

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—Joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Central District), Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and Middlesex Association (S. and W. District), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service at St. John's 5 p.m., tea to follow. Social evening from 6.45. Names for tea by 14th, please, to F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Ringing at Denham (8) 2.15 to 3.45; Hillingdon (10), 3 to 5 p.m.—Mrs. S. Bullock, W. Butler and W. T. Cook, Hon. Secs. 3090

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service in Cathedral 3.15 p.m. Tea in Choir School immediately after service, followed by meeting. Cathedral bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, Oct. 14th, to Mr. C. S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3111

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) 4 to 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner, Branch Sec. 3146

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Newchurch, Oct. 18th. Bells at 3. Cups of tea 5. Meeting in tower 6. 3173

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Birch, on Saturday, Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Names by 15th to Miss Worthington, 61, Mabfield Road, Manchester, 16. No names, no tea.—R. Benson. 3166

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Leire, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) augmented from four in September this year by Taylor and Co. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in School Rooms 5 p.m. Names, please, by Tuesday, 14th, to Mr. G. Johnson, Main Street, Leire, near Rugby.—Mick Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3127

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Hugglescote, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Only cups of tea provided. 3151

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Husbands Bosworth, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Bell Hotel.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3155

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Wasingborough (8), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Usual arrangements. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 3094

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wolstanton on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 15th, to D. R. Whalley, 77, Dimsdale View, Porthill, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 3125

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Hethersett, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 15th to R. G. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett. 3112

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wroxton (5), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Ringing at Hanwell 7 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 14th, please, to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 3100

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Piddington (5), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by 15th to C. Kinch, The Causeway, Bicester. 3157

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Finchampstead on Oct. 18th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Cambridge Surprise Minor.—B. C. Castle. 3169

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Greatham, Saturday, Oct. 18th, 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday previous, to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. 3152

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, Downton. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5. Bells from 2.30 and till 8. Britford, 7 to 9 p.m. Please send names for tea by 14th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury 3093

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 3147

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Eriswell on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Eriswell. Mildenhall bells available from 6 p.m.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 3161

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (6), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, Church Room. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 14th, please.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 3124

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, East Woodhay (6) on Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Axe and Compass, Woolton Hill. Bells available afterwards. Names for tea before Oct. 14th to Mr. Jim Webb, Hayes Farm, East Woodhay.—G. K. Dodd, Sec. 3132

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Soberton, Oct. 18th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at White Lion. Names to Mr. H. Dudman, Priestfield, Station Road, Droxford. 3172

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 21st Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 5.45 p.m. Professional entertainment by Henry Hall and Smith's Concert Party. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3.15-4.45 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 3.30-5.30 p.m. Tickets (9/- each) obtainable from General and Branch Secretaries or Dinner Committee until Wednesday, Oct. 15th.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3065

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Clevedon, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 2965

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting at Bexley on Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service afterwards. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 20th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. No names, no tea!—A. Hill, Hon. Sec. 3134

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mears Ashby on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Skerritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick. 3156

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The second striking competition will take place at Ashted on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Bookings for tea (non-competitors) should be sent by previous Thursday to J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashted. Entry forms available from W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 3031

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—The 321st anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (18s. 6d.) now available.—John Chilcott, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 3117

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Maldon, All Saints', Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3131

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Co-operative Cafe, High Street, Leicester, 7 for 7.15 p.m. New first-class entertainment. Tickets (price 11s.) from undersigned by Oct. 30th. Ringing arrangements: South Wigston (8) 2 to 4, Belgrave (8) 2 to 4, Humberstone (6) 2.30 to 4.30, Aylestone (8) 3 to 5, Birstall (8) 3 to 5, St. Margaret's (12) 4 to 6, St. John's (10) 5 to 7, All Saints' (8) 5 to 7 p.m. Please note that the Cathedral bells (12) will be available for general ringing from 5 to 6.10 p.m. only. Visitors welcomed.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (Wigston 3244). 3165

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The meeting arranged to be held on November 15th at Rayne will now be held on Saturday, November 8th.—H. A. Pratt. 3158

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn. Tickets (price 15/6 each) available from the undersigned. Accommodation limited to 100, so apply early!—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3049

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