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STRIKING COMPETITION

THE regular reader of 'The Ringing World' will be aware that striking is becoming an increasingly popular subject of articles and letters. It is evident that quality of striking on the whole leaves much to be desired, although there are notable exceptions. At the towers where a high standard is maintained the learner is fortunate for he or she has a standard available every Sunday and at every practice. At the other towers the position is much more difficult.

No Association or Guild can shrug its (metaphoric) shoulders and excuse itself from tackling the problem of striking on the grounds of the very real difficulties involved. The problems of securing the status of ringers as Church workers and belfry reform no doubt seemed as difficult to our grandparents, but they tackled it with the results we enjoy to-day.

The North-West District of the Surrey Association was not satisfied that everything was being done that could be to focus attention on striking and give practical effect to securing improvements. The subject was discussed from time to time and various suggestions put forward. They included listening to bands ringing for services or at practice and competition ringing. In the end, despite the risks it felt were involved, it was decided to proceed with a simple striking competition. The first was held in October, 1957, and proved an enjoyable afternoon, but in one year little else could be proved. The most important factor was that over 90 ringers were present, the largest attendance at a District meeting for years and that an opportunity was given to hear some good striking.

At the annual meeting in January it was decided to hold another competition and October 25th was the chosen date. The same rules were adopted for it and are summarised below. Entry is restricted to genuine Sunday service bands and there are no entry fees or prizes. Bands may adjust ropes for length and ring up to two minutes rounds before ringing the test piece. This is 252 changes of any Triples or Major method, but bands from 5 or 6-bell towers may ring Doubles or Minor. The judge and marker are out of sight and do not know which band is ringing.

As in 1957, the day proved to be a fine one, which showed Ashstead up at its delightful best. A delay caused by a wedding put the starting time of the service and the competition back forty minutes, but nerves survived this, and the discovery that a new set of ropes had had to be fitted the previous evening because of the bad condition of the old ones.

The six teams then took their turns at ringing, all choosing Grandsire Triples, and then the 90 people present adjourned to the school, where tea was waiting. When it had been finished (had the Ashstead band been out scrumping the previous evening?) the District Master, Mr. Gordon Peters, introduced the judge, Mr. Charles Kippin, of Southampton.

His opening remarks were that the ringing was generally better than in the previous year, probably due to less nerves. Neverthe-

less, this remark gave great encouragement to the organisers. In fact, three of the five bands that competed both years had less faults, and a fourth had scored only one more. The faults per change were 91 per cent. of the previous year's figure.

The winning team was St. John's, Croydon, which had but one hesitation and maintained a good pace of ringing. Second was All Saints', Banstead. They missed one dodge, but kept a good compass. Most of their faults were centred on two bells, and Mr. Kippin reminded all of the care that must be taken to strike odd-struck bells correctly. In third place was St. Mary's, Beddington, who had no trips and maintained a nice compass throughout. Ashted, Ewell and Wimbledon were the other three competitors.

Mr. Kippin concluded by saying that bells 4, 5, 6 and 8 recorded most bad blows, and of these the 5th was most consistently slow at back.

Suggestions were then made for the committee's consideration for future years, after which Mr. Leslie Dawson, former captain of Christ Church, Frieze, was introduced to the company. He had brought with him a record of his tower ringing Oxford Treble Bob Minor and, thanks to Mr. Ted Lewis, a local ringer, a record player was waiting to play it. There was universal admiration for the wonderful standard of striking achieved, although it was equally obvious that closed handstroke leads would take a lot of getting used to by Southerners.

Summarising the position after two competitions, it can now be said that, provided that the effort can be kept on a friendly basis and cut-throat competition avoided, the competition does provide a focal point once a year for attention on striking. It gives an incentive to bands to improve their striking, an annual demonstration of progress (or regression), and until a better idea is thought out, it is better than doing nothing to improve the general standard of striking in an Association or Guild's territory.

In conclusion, there is one rather sobering thought which gives a preview of the probable results of the Central Council's research into the state of Sunday service ringing. This District has 27 towers, which take sufficient interest in it to have a representative. Of these, six have entered for the competition this year. Of the remainder, it is doubtful if more than four could raise a Sunday service band capable of ringing 252 Grandsire Triples.

WILLIAM PARROTT.

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THREE PEALS IN A DAY IN S.W. HERTS

ALL FOR THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	ALAN J. FROST 5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 2	DEREK P. JONES 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The conductor has now called peals in 300 different towers.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
ALAN J. FROST 2	PHILIP MEHEW 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals.
The composition contains 16 combination course-ends with 50 bobs only.

ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 EVENING STAR DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 59, 64-69).

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in B.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	PHILIP MEHEW 4
ALAN J. FROST 2	JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D.26).

TWELVE BELL PEAL

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE .. Treble	CHARLES COLES 7
FRANK A. BARRATT 2	NEIL I. ALLNATT 8
BRIAN R. WHITE 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 9
JAMES H. PAILING 4	PHILIP H. TOCOK 10
WILLIAM C. PORTER 5	FRANCIS A. WHITE 11
J. RICHARD CHAUNDY .. 6	GRAHAM H. WEBB Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

TEN BELL PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	PAUL J. RIGBY 6
RUTH M. BORDER 2	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
ARTHUR D. COOK 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 8
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 4	PETER BORDER 9
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. Treble	ADRIAN J. TUMBER 6
*REGINALD A. REED 2	DON C. EXELL 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	DAVID J. FORDER 8
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 4	†GEOFFREY K. DODD 9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 5	MAURICE J. BUTLER Tenor

Arranged by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

*150th peal for the Guild. †First of Caters. First of Plain Bob Caters by all the band, on the bells, in the county, and for the Guild.

STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*EDMUND MALIN .. Treble	†ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 6
FREDERICK R. WIGGIN .. 2	ROY K. MOWFORTH 7
DAVID W. FRIEND 3	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 8
*RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES 9
ERNEST STITCH 5	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

*50th peal together. †First of Stedman. †100th peal on ten bells.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 4 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7
BASIL JONES 3	JOHN WORTH 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	BRIAN HARRIS 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed and conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
First peal in the method on the bells, in the county, and by the Association.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	WILLIAM LOVE 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	GEORGE SAYER 8
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4	BERT GOGLE 9
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5	CLIFFORD BIRD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A farewell compliment to Canon J. A. H. Waddington, Vicar, 1945-58.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE NORMAN TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

CLIFFORD BIRD .. Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 6
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 7
WILLIAM LOVE 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 8
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN 9
GEORGE SAYER 5	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

All the above are regular service ringers at 'Mancroft.'
Rung in honour of the induction of the Very Rev. John Waddington, formerly Vicar of St. Peter, Mancroft, Norwich, as Provost of the Cathedral on this day.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 6
DEREK P. JONES 2	HAROLD TAYLOR 7
CHARLES WALKLATE 3	VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 8
SAMPSON WALKLATE 4	RONALD G. EDWARDS .. 9
ROBIN G. TURNER 5	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and the 31st anniversary of the hallowing of the Cathedral.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	STEWART BAILEY 6
*†GWENDOLYN I. HOWLETT .. 2	JOHN F. GROVE 7
†REV. IAN D. CAMPBELL .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 8
*†ROGER KING 4	JACK N. BROWN 9
JOHN BIBBY 5	JOHN E. SPICE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

*First peal in the method. †First of Royal. †First on ten bells.
The conductor has now rung each of the 13 bells in the tower to a peal, and is the first to 'complete the circle' since the bells were recast.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ANSTHEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

DOREEN D. DUTTON Treble	SAMUEL J. HAINES 5
HERRICK B. BOWLEY 2	*ALBAN DISNEY 6
WILLIAM A. LACEY 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 7
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 4	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* 100th peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. R. Evans, instituted and inducted as Rector of Anstey the previous evening.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK A. BARRATT Treble	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 5
EDGAR J. SMITH 2	PHILIP H. TOCOCK 6
EDWIN G. MOORE 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	GRAHAM H. WEBB Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT 5
*RICHARD A. JACKSON .. 2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN 6
*JOHN G. PUSEY 3	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 7
*NIGEL J. MAGGS 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

Rung as a compliment to Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Niblett on their recent marriage.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

BERTIE A. CORNELL Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 5
ERIC EDMONDSON 2	FREDERICK W. ELLIS 6
FREDERICK J. SPICER .. 3	GERALD PENNEY 7
CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER .. 4	STANLEY HUCKLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by STANLEY HUCKLE.

First peal as conductor.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. Treble	WILLIAM HOLLAND 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 2	JOHN S. SEAGAR 6
DENNIS HOLLAND 3	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 7
SYDNEY J. PHILBRICK .. 4	BARRY HOLLAND Tenor

Composed and Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 5
ALAN F. THIRST 2	ALAN J. FROST 6
GRAHAM MCKAY 3	WILLIAM T. COOK 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 4	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ALAN F. THIRST.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,984 Superlative, 1,216 each of Cambridge and London, and 704 Bristol, with 127 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER C. HUNT Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	JOHN N. DISERENS 6
REGINALD W. REX 3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 7
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. H. Hartley, as Vicar of this parish.

ANSTHEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRANSTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. Treble	JOHN E. COOK 5
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON 6
*DOREEN DUTTON 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
WILLIAM A. LACEY 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* 100th peal. First in the method for the Guild, and by all the ringers except the third.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Oct. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON 5
PETER BORDER 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	A. PATRICK CANNON 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*REGINALD UPTON Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
LEONARD CHAMBERS .. 2	JOHN HAWTIN 6
†JAMES A. LORD 3	ROLAND BENISTON 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4	GEORGE HOWLETT Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples 'inside.' 100th peal on the bells.

LONDON, S.W.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS .. 6
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 3	ALAN J. FROST 7
ROBIN G. LEALE 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

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THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,088 changes of London, 1,024 of Cambridge and 992 each of Superlative, Pudsey and Bristol, with 101 changes of method and all the work of the five methods for each bell.

Tenor 11 cwt.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5.
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP .. 2	†COLIN A. TESTER 6
*JOHN R. COOPER 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
*GEOFFREY PEARSON 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* 100th peal together. † First in five Spliced Surprise Major methods.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN AMBLER Treble	ALEXANDER E. MARSH 5
WILLIAM BARTON 2	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY 7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

The conductor's 300th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

Rung with half-muffled bells in memoriam Percy J. Johnson.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 FIFE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 5
DIANA J. PERRINS 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE 6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
ROGER BALDWIN 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method, rung without previous practice.

FIFE SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—16—12—36—14—58—12—38.

L.E. 13527486 2nds.

F.C.E.s: 24365, 32465, 43265, 46253, 32546.

Composition as for Kerry Surprise Major.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*RONALD K. RUSS Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES 2	DONALD E. COBB 6
ALBERT DISERENS 3	FRANK W. LEWIS 7
JOHN N. DISERENS 4	RONALD F. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 CHELSEA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX 5
BRIAN BLADON 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
JOAN BERESFORD 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

COLIN WIGNALL Treble	*J. BARRY PICKUP 5
*CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 2	NORMAN SMITH 6
*PHILIP DUNDERDALE 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
ROGER LEIGH 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal in the method.

CHELSEA SURPRISE MAJOR

56—56.14—58—16—14—38.14.36.14.78.

2nds place lead. 4ths place bob.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 5
*PETER A. SHARP 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
*JOHN M. BURTON 3	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 7
*G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4	†GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT A. REEVES .. Treble	CHARLES COLES 5
*DENNIS C. BOWEN 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 6
FRANK A. BARRETT 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
EDGAR J. SMITH 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B 42).

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

Rung on the Feast of All Saints. Rung also as a compliment to Brian C. Stirland and Hazel Hancock on the occasion of their marriage.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. Treble	LESLIE SMITH 5
*THOMAS SENIOR 2	WILLIAM HOLLAND 5
RONALD BIRCH 3	BARRY HOLLAND 7
†GEORGE R. HINER 4	DENNIS HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENNIS HOLLAND.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

Rung on the 17th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 960 Plain Bob, 3,840 Grandire and 240 Morris.

Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

JAMES A. ADAMS .. Treble	ALEC GAMMON 3
MRS. LAURENCE BUSBY .. 2	LAURENCE H. BUSBY .. 4
ROY H. JONES Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES A. ADAMS.

Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Butler, of Bucknell, near Bicester, Oxon, and as a welcome home to the Vicar (Rev. L. Wright) and Mrs. Wright.

MERROW, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F.

*R. IAN VAUGHAN .. Treble	A. PAMELA WARREN .. 4
†JOAN E. PROBERT 2	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. 5
†VALERIE A. BUNDY 3	PETER G. SMART Tenor

Conducted by PETER G. SMART.

* First peal of Minor. † First away from treble. First as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Butcher, 45 years verger of Merrow, who was interred this day.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 17 lb.

TONY OWEN Treble	JOHN E. COUZENS 4
CECIL V. EBBERSON 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 3	*OWEN GREEN Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*JANET MORGAN Treble	MARGARET PRITCHARD 4
†PAMELA J. DOLMAN 2	JEFFREY B. WEBB 5
ANN BARR 3	CLIVE M. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two different extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three different extents of Plain Bob, with six changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. Treble	C. JACK GIBSON 4
A. WILLIAM BIRD 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5
PETER KINDRED 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*JOHN C. PERRIN Treble	ANDREW M. MAWE 4
†DOUGLAS W. WOODCOCK .. 2	RALPH BIRD 5
*PETER J. MILTON 3	COLIN F. MCGILL Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First peal on the bells by a Sunday service band.

BINFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SANDAL TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CHRISTOPHER W. BLOOMER Treble	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS 4
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 5
ALAN J. FROST 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal in the method.

EASTHAMPEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*PAMELA M. JERVIS Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. BLOOMER .. 4
GILLIAN NEAL-SMITH 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES 3	JOHN D. ROCK Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal on six bells.

TEDBURN ST. MARY, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALEXANDER R. JONES .. Treble	*JOHN W. MANLEY 4
*CHRISTOPHER D. J. WEBB .. 2	DEREK JEWELL 5
SYDNEY F. SKINNER 3	GEORGE SKINNER Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY SKINNER.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Anthony Perry and Miss Jean Seward, married in this church this day.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEDYANA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent, one of Kent and Oxford, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

MARION L. LIDGEY Treble	V. MARY MATTHEWS 4
HARRY MILES 2	*S. ARTHUR READ 5
ARTHUR F. BURLEY 3	ALAN CARVETH Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

* First peal in four methods.

EWELME, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*PATRICIA REASON Treble	†RICHARD BAKER 4
FRANK GODDEN 2	REGINALD TUCKWELL 5
*JOAN BUSBY 3	*RONALD CARPENTER Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD TUCKWELL.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. First of Doubles in the tower. All the ringers except the tenor are Sunday service ringers.

COSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Nicholas', St. Remigius', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund, Reverse St. Bartholomew and All Saints.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROGER A. BREWIN Treble	DEREK M. SAWYER 3
F. KEVIN THOMPSON 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 4

ROYSTON WILMORE Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Rung for the Feast of All Saints, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Mary A. Carpenter.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

(Four callings.)

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

GEORGE GILBERT Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER 4
*JOAN BACON 2	HOWARD OGLESBY 5
†BRENDA STAINTHORPE .. 3	GEORGE COUSSINS Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all. First as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Admiral Sir Herbert Fitzherbert.

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

DOREEN CHAPMAN Treble	ANDREW BLAXLEY 4
MARY GARLEY 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5
THOMAS GARLEY 3	ARTHUR GARLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Rung for All Saints' Day, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, this being her first attempt for a peal.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents

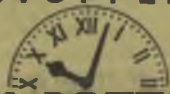
Tenor 9 cwt.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Treble	*FRANK ANDERTON 4
*THOMAS F. METCALFE .. 2	JAMES DICKINSON 5
*KEITH NEWBY 3	W. THOMAS TURNER Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal and first attempt.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(York Minster Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 14 lb.

*IRIS M. E. LEMARE.. .. Treble	MICHAEL MASKILL 4
SEDMAN H. STEEL 2	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD 5
MARGARET E. WILKINSON 3	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells.

Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

LLANFIHANGEL, RHYDEITHON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eardisland St. Mary's Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*SYDNEY DANIELS Treble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS 4
†JOYCE DAVIES 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
ROSEMARY BRAY 3	REGINALD HERBERT Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal away from covering bell. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung for All Saints' Day.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

W. GEOFFREY HAIR.. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
*D. KEITH LANE 2	*GORDON H. LANE 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

Rung for the Patronal Festival; also as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

STOKE-SUB-HAMBDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb.

ERIC NAYLOR Treble	VICTOR ROBERTS 4
S ARTHUR READ 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS 5
ERIC C. WADMAN 3	DAVID HOARE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

Rung on the Feast of All Saints' Day.

HANDBELL PEALS

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 22, 1958, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

IN THE OLD HARNESS ROOM, STEVENAGE BURY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(Ten different callings.)

*MRS. B. V. WADE Treble	W. LAWRENCE 3—4
*MISS M. A. SMITH 2	W. BROWN 5—6

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

* First handbell peal.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Oct. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1—2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN.. .. 7—8
FRANK LORD 3—4	*JOHN FREEMAN 9—10
JACK BRAY 5—6	†C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 11—12

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Maximus 'in hand.' † First 12-bell peal.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Smith 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, J. H. Cook 3, H. T. Bonshor 4, A. E. Hinman 5, C. E. Cooper 6, G. A. Bowcutt 7, R. H. Cook 8. First of Bob Major for all except 2nd and tenor. Rung as a tribute to the Vicar (the Rev. C. N. Daybell), who is retiring, and in appreciation of his 50 years' ministry.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, at St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Grandsire, 360 April Day and 180 Plain Bob): R. Mills 1, J. Hobbs 2, Miss B. Russell 3, G. Hawkins (cond.) 4, J. Davis 5, W. Bush (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Plank, former members of the band, on the birth of a daughter.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, J. Kape 3, J. Meads 4, A. Newton 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, F. Reed 8. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Betty Stephenson 1, G. North 2, A. W. Bond 3, H. W. Woolven 4, A. W. Gravett 5, F. Page 6, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 7, C. W. Riddlestone 8. For Evensong.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,080 Oxford and 180 Bob Minor: G. Crompton 1, C. Moxon 2, F. Cowling 3, T. Tarbatt 4, H. Rusby 5, M. Moxon (cond.) 6. To mark the patronal festival and the 99th anniversary of the bells.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 2nd, 1,312 Kent Treble Bob Royal (Granta Variation): G. A. Halls 1, Patricia A. M. Forster 2, M. R. Blore 3, J. B. Stennitt 4, E. Walklate 5, C. W. Walklate 6, H. Taylor 7, Vivienne M. Horton 8, P. J. Rigby 9, S. Walklate 10.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with treble leading and 6-8 behind): Sheila P. Miller 1, M. P. Howard 2, Evelyn M. Hicks 3, Patricia M. Howard 4, F. H. Hicks 5, G. F. Tizzard 6, J. A. Howard (first as cond.) 7, Miss K. M. Shepherd 8. First quarter by 1 and 2. First quarter by the local band for over 20 years.

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (tenor covering): Miss M. Wilson 1, Miss M. Park 2, Miss L. Bevers 3, Miss K. Branson 4, R. Bumphy 5, A. Best (first of Major) 6, C. R. Raine 7, R. S. C. Wilson 8, A. W. Lloyd 9. For the dedication festival.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carolyn D. Cockman (first quarter) 1, W. Robinson 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, W. Parrott 4, M. J. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the christening of Timothy Paul Robinson, second son of G. D. Robinson, a member of the band.

EWELME, OXON.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Kyd 1, P. Reason (first 'inside') 2, Joan Busby 3, R. Baker (cond.) 4, R. Tuckwell 5, R. Carpenter 6.

FARNSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ivy Roe 1, F. W. Midwinter 2, C. F. Briggs 3, H. Stevenson 4, W. L. Exton (cond.) 5. A compliment to M. W. Lewis, of North Muskham, who has departed for London University.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. V. Powell (first quarter) 1, T. J. Gundy 2, I. G. Jones 3, L. H. Colcombe (cond.) 4, A. Colcombe 5, F. Williams 6. For evening service.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 1st, 1,239 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 1, Miss A. Thackray 2, S. Ivin 3, P. J. Staniforth 4, B. Martin 5, J. A. Smith 6, R. Grant 7, S. Burton (cond.) 8, H. B. Bowley 9, H. Broughton 10, W. J. Root 11, A. Mann 12. Rung for the installation service of the new Provost of Leicester (the Very Rev. R. J. F. Mayston, C.B.E., M.A.).

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lake 1, F. Mills (first quarter) 2, D. Mitchell 3, C. Hughes 4, Miss V. Hester 5, R. Smith 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Evensong.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Kerley (12, first quarter) 1, F. Rowsell (cond.) 2, Desmond Kerley 3, W. Harford 4, David Kerley 5, J. Evans 6, G. Kerley 7, R. Westcott 8. Rung on the first anniversary of the Freeman of Llantrisant.

LONDON.—At St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, on July 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Brown 1, Miss D. Crowe 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, J. Euston 4, G. Harvey 5, J. Rac 6, M. Williamson 7, W. Wilson (cond.) 8. Also at St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church, on October 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Brown 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, G. Parsons 3, G. Harvey 4, F. Ranson 5, M. Williamson 6, W. Wilson 7, J. Bell 8. Also at Holy Trinity Church, Wandsworth, on October 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Bell 1, Miss D. Crowe 2, B. Story 3, G. Harvey 4, F. Ranson 5, M. Williamson 6, W. Wilson 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8.

LYDD, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. S. Humphrey 1, Olive M. Boulden 2, Kathleen M. Yeo 3, Maisie Vantom 4, R. Swift 5, S. J. Boulden 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, A. L. Terry 8. Rung to commemorate the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury for the re-hallowing of the sanctuary, chapel and organ of this church, damaged by enemy action in 1940.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 Grandsire (Morris) and 960 Plain Bob): Ann N. Lepper 1, Jill M. Lane (cond.) 2, Valerie A. Bundy 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, P. G. Smart 5, R. Warren 6. For Evensong in memory of Mr. H. Butcher.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. Simpson 1, C. F. Briggs 2, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, A. E. Chilton 4, A. Simpson 5, W. L. Exton 6, J. W. Raithby 7, H. Stevenson 8. Rung on the first Sunday of this year's Gopher ringing.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 5th, 1958: 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. Guildon (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Fernley 2, Eileen M. Fearn 3, Margaret Boumphrey 4, Carol Fernley 5, B. Harris 6, B. Jones 7, L. Boumphrey 8. For harvest festival.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Terry 1, Mrs. E. S. Palin 2, Miss K. M. Walsh 3, W. S. Palin 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, N. Tumber 8. Rung for the christening by the Archdeacon of Canterbury of Andrew Paul, son of the Rev. and Mrs. M. Gilbert, of Ospringe.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Shalldcross 1, J. P. Partington 2, J. Kershaw 3, J. H. Fielden 4, M. D. Fishwick 5, G. S. Mills (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 26th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Darby 1, R. A. Jackson 2, Miss R. R. Corner 3, R. Elliott (first of Minor) 4, J. Pusey 5, N. J. Maggs (cond.) 6.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. C. Prosser 1, T. J. Gundy (cond.) 2, H. Taylor 3, L. H. Colcombe 4, I. G. Jones 5, F. Williams 6. For evening service, also a wedding compliment to Miss E. Prosser and Mr. F. M. Ford.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Jones 1, D. G. Mayell 2, E. E. Bray 3, L. B. Coles 4, F. C. Moxford (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. First quarter after recast of the 5th bell. It is over 2½ years since the bells were rung.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Chivers (first quarter) 1, Hazel Young (first quarter) 2, D. Hoar 3, E. Brown 4, J. Holbrook (first as cond.) 5, F. Carter 6. Rung to celebrate the acceptance of the ringers of 1 and 2 to membership of the Bath and Wells Association, and preceding the service enrolling them as members of the St. Nicholas company of ringers.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 19th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Ilkinston Variation): E. Whiting (cond.) 1, C. A. Thompson 2, E. A. Head 3, L. J. Minns 4, G. Gower 5, R. Plummer 6, W. J. Flatt 7, L. E. Etheridge 8. For morning service. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Hines (first of Major) 1, C. R. Catchpole 2, E. A. Head 3, E. Whiting (cond.) 4, G. Gower 5, R. Plummer 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, W. J. Flatt 8. Rung for the wedding of Leonard J. Mims and Miss Marion J. Lewis.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Chick (first quarter) 1, G. Walford 2, A. Chapman 3, C. Webber 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, F. Taylor 6.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gates (first quarter) 1, C. H. Ford 2, J. Rothery 3, M. Blackburn 4, I. T. Jones 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Edwards (first quarter) 1, Jill Creasey 2, R. Kemp 3, M. Edwards 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Bob Triples: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, M. Bland 4, A. Grainger 5, Miss J. Peacock 6, L. Woods 7, A. Ammerlann 8.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: E. H. Willows 1, A. Whiting 2, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 3, E. Walklate 4, B. R. Manning 5, J. Foster 6. A wedding compliment to Miss M. Turner and Mr. R. Barker, who were married on July 19th.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's Church, on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hurst 1, B. Holland (cond.) 2, A. P. Knights 3, F. Brightmore 4, L. Goodhall 5, J. Dunn 6, D. Holland 7, L. Leach 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam His Holiness Pope Pius XII. R.I.P.

SOMERBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Minor (540 St. Clement's, 720 Plain Bob): A. Stimson 1, J. Webb 2, H. Bonshor 3, C. Tyler 4, R. Tyler 5, C. Cooper (cond.) 6. For the patronal festival of All Saints, also a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Kenney.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Channon (first of Triples) 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller 3, J. Perrett 4, S. G. Peck 5, J. Wallman (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, M. Stanton 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heard 1, A. E. Bissat 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, J. W. Sangwin 5, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 6, C. Sangwin 7, R. C. Cann 8. Rung after Evensong, also a birthday compliment to E. Gilbert, ringer at this tower.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Burchnell (cond.) 1, Lavina Hulford (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. Olive Moxon 3, Eleanor Rose 4, B. Hough 5, Katharine Burchnell 6, N. Moxon 7, D. Hough 8. First of Triples for 3, 4 and 8. For Evensong.

SWINTON, LANCs.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Leah 1, Margaret Wheat 2, G. Barbara Cooke 3, G. Gee 4, A. Sharples 5, D. W. James (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

WALESBY, LINCs.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Doyle (first away from tenor) 1, R. C. Warburton 2, W. H. Longbottom 3, J. Sutherland 4, F. Kennington 5, J. Burton (cond.) 6. First quarter for 4 and 6.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 15th, 1,440 (720 Spliced Oxford and Kent, 720 Plain Bob): W. W. Cousins 1, J. Fox 2, W. R. Wiskin 3, H. Follen 4, E. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. For the inaugural service of the 1958-59 session of the Deanery Men's Fellowship.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Wilkes (first quarter) 1, Jill Fisher 2, J. S. Eastwood 3, K. Williams 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5, Pamela M. Gill 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Ireland 1, G. Walford 2, C. Webber 3, I. Hughes 4, D. North (cond.) 5, C. Baker 6. First of Bob Doubles 1 and 3. Rung to welcome the birth of a grand-daughter to the tenor ringer.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. A. Morton (first quarter) 1, F. Morton 2, J. E. Brough (cond.) 3, J. D. Smith 4, A. A. Jaques 5, J. Adams 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. I. O. Pugh, who was inducted on October 4th.

WOLLASTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 each of London and York): C. Stinton 1, S. G. Thompson 2, H. V. Cooper 3, S. Thompson 4, B. Sutton 5, F. G. Handley (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mrs. Cooper, mother of the third ringer, on reaching the age of 90.

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The sudden death of the Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia (Dr. H. W. K. Movill) on October 24th was marked by special ringing in many churches on October 29th, the day of his funeral. A peal was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and there was special ringing at Parramatta, St. Mary's (R.C.) Cathedral, Sydney, and at St. James', Turramurra. 'A very prince of the Church and a great Christian gentleman' is our correspondent's tribute to the late Primate.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Addington, Surrey, are grateful to Mr. Ralph Bird for his untiring efforts in training a local band, which successfully rang its first peal on October 25th, 1958, of Plain Bob Minor.

Mr. Fred Rogers, of Portsmouth, makes a very welcome appearance in the peal columns again after his illness over 18 months ago. The rest of the band wish him continued good health and many more peals like this one, which he rang in his usual brilliant style.

For family reasons Mr. Brian D. Threlfall is resigning the office of hon. secretary and treasurer of the Universities Association at the annual meeting to be held at Birmingham early in the New Year.

The Sunday service band at St. Peter Mancroft journeyed to Bury St. Edmunds on November 1st to ring a peal in honour of their former Vicar, the Rev. John Waddington, being installed that day as Provost of Bury St. Edmunds.

The band which rang the peal at Cossington would like to associate it with Ernest Morris, who would have been ringing but for the fact that he was called upon to act as verger for the Bishop of Leicester. For several years Ernest has been waiting for All Saints' Day to fall on a Saturday to ring an All Saints' peal, and we are sorry that he missed it!

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of London Surprise Royal at Wells Cathedral, the heaviest ring of ten in the world, is probably the most conspicuous feature of our peal pages this week. It will be noted that Mr. Edward Jenkins turned in the 56 cwt. tenor. But for business commitments, Mr. F. Dunkerley would have been a member of the band and they wish to associate his name with the attempt.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Andrew's Church, Stratton, Cornwall, was Charles Sangwin's 60th peal.

After the meeting of the Lewisham District at Greenwich, a badge of the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral was found in the ringing chamber. Will the owner please apply to Mr. A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

London ringers noticed 'a healthy improvement' in Miss F. Brown, of Australia, when she rang in a quarter peal at Holy Trinity, Wandsworth, during a visit to London. They suggest it may be due to the good atmosphere at Stoke Bishop.

Mrs. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, is now busily engaged in collecting contributions for her grocery stall in connection with the Christmas Fair which is being held for St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, during the first week in December. Ringing friends near and far will doubtless help 'Our Bessie.'

Having received his first instructions in handling a bell on Armistice Day, 1918, Mr. Ivor Probert, of Burghill, Herefordshire, completed, on November 11th, 40 years' service as a bellringer. Ivor has rung some 20 peals for the Hereford Diocesan Guild and for several years has been captain of the local band. In the 1930's Double Norwich Court Bob and Cambridge Surprise were a regular feature of the Sunday service ringing.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS' 321st ANNIVERSARY DINNER

WITH traditional dignity the 321st anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths was held on November 1st at the Bridge House Restaurant beneath the shadow of Southwark Cathedral. A company of 151 stood to greet the Master, Dr. P. A. F. Chalk, as he made his ceremonial entry escorted by his senior steward, Mr. Wilfred Williams, and the junior steward, Mr. B. K. Lunn. The association of the Master with Cambridge University was marked by the presence of members of the University Guild and the Cambridge Youths.

As usual, the senior College Youths were honoured, but there was only one present, Mr. J. R. Sharman, with over 60 years' membership. Seven or eight members of more than 50 years' standing stood up to take wine with the Master. There was hearty applause when the senior Past Master, Mr. Alfred B. Peck, was similarly honoured.

The Master prefaced his remarks in proposing the toast of 'The Church' with a welcome to the company, especially visitors from Cambridge. The Society's visit to Cambridge this year was most pleasurable and they were received with warm hospitality.

They had no record of clerical ringers in the 18th century as far as he knew; it was not until the middle of the 19th century that clerical ringers came to the fore. The Rev. F. E. Robinson saw that time did not hang on his hands, as he rang 1,250 peals. In fact, a large number of clergy took up ringing and they had the founding of the Diocesan and County Associations. They had had many clerical members of their Society. Canon Colebridge was one, but as far as he knew not one had been Master.

Why did they ring? He thought the answer was that they enjoyed ringing. 'I do not think it is a bad thing to say we enjoy ringing, because most ringers feel at the same time they have a duty to perform as Church workers.'

The Master recalled the days when he rang at Much Hadham, where they took their surplices and cassocks into the ringing chamber, and that gave them just time to sing in the choir. There were many ringers who sang or who had sung in the choir. Within bell-ringing there was a wonderful fellowship and it would be well if they could extend that fellowship.

RINGING AT ST. PAUL'S

The Archdeacon of London (the Ven. O. H. Gibbs-Smith), in reply, said he wanted to acknowledge the debt the Church owed to ringers and he was very proud to be associated with the ringers at St. Paul's. The bells of St. Paul's, Westminster and Southwark were all rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the Provost of Southwark would agree with him that ringing was an absolutely essential service to the Church.

At St. Paul's there was no department which ran more smoothly and efficiently than the bellringers. Their service at St. Paul's was performed at a very high level; that was why, perhaps, there was so little interference from the Dean and Chapter. He was one of those agile enough to go up to the belfry, and the reason why he often went was because his young daughter, aged six, had such a passion for bellringing.

The service of ringers was taken very much for granted and yet ringers were the people who told the world about the Church and were their best publicity agents. 'In the name of the Church I thank you—for all you have done in the centuries past and for what you are doing to-day.'

The Provost of Southwark (the Very Rev. G. E. Reindorp), who proposed the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' mentioned in a witty speech his appreciation of the services of the ringers of Southwark Cathedral. They had some strange men in their Society. He recalled a tall, auburn-haired man who led a choir at a festival who was wearing not the hood of a doctor of music but the hood of a doctor of medicine. He afterwards found out that he was a gynaecologist, and the only adornment on the wall of his consulting room was a certificate of membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The Provost wished Mr. B. K. Lunn, who was giving up his office as junior steward in order to train for the ministry at Trinity College, Dublin, all success.

The secretary, Mr. John E. Chilcott, who replied, said he had received apologies for absence from Mr. Albert Walker, the Myers, of Plymouth, Mr. John H. Jones (Tamworth) Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, Mr. Harry Miles (Carbis Bay), Mr. Alan R. Macdonald (Poole), Mr. Joseph T. Dyke, the Rev. Norman Motley, Mr. J. Henry Fielden, Mr. W. Manser and Mr. Frank C. Price. He was sorry to say that both Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Dyke were ill, and he was sure they would wish him to send a message wishing them a speedy recovery.

MEMBERSHIP GROWING

It was his duty to report on the general health of the Society and he was very pleased to say that it was very satisfactory. They had a steadily growing membership and all activities continued to be well supported. They had made 36 new members during the year and, as they knew, they did not canvass for members. Those who had joined had come from Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cumberland, Cornwall, Ireland and Australia. Many were young but were well known as ringers. Mr. Smallwood was stirring up activity in Derbyshire and he hoped it would not be long before there was a College Youth peal there.

They had held their cycle of practices and meetings. The only change was that Cornhill bells were out of action. They in London were very fond of these bells and hoped that they would soon be restored. This year their county meeting was held in Cambridge, where the ringing arrangements were first-class and the meeting was well supported. Another exceptional occasion was the joint meeting with the Cumberland Youths at Beddington. They had never held a joint meeting before and it was hoped that at some future date, although not too soon, another meeting would be held.

In regard to peals, 16 had been rung during the year against 23 in the previous year (but that total included four Society peals in a day). The peals included one of Surprise Maximus, five Stedman Cinques (including one at St. Paul's and one of Past Masters), two Stedman Caters, two Surprise Royal, four Surprise Major and two Stedman Triples (one at Newport Pagnell by local College Youths).

LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood while the following, who had died during the year, were remembered, not all of whom were College Youths:—

Frederick W. Richardson, Frank Bennett, Albert C. Hardy, Alfred Barnes, James Fernley, John H. Brothwell, George W. Moss, Charles J. Camms, Charles W. Smith, Frederick R. Williams, Ernest H. Oxenham, Frank E. Pervin, William A. Lewis, John B. Hessey, Frederick Dench, Ernest E. Grimes, Frederick Vickers, Fred Russell, Joseph Hardcastle, William Vale, William Denyer, Mrs. Phyllis Poole, James E. Lilley, Felix J. Sutton, J. G.

Macdougall, Walter Sear, Alfred Jones, William J. Webb, William R. Catchpole, Herbert P. Cliff, William J. Paice, Leslie Sadler, George Foxell, John L. Morris, John Thomas, David Priestley and Percy Johnson.

The secretary said that the Rev. Llewellyn-Edwards, who was an old and valued member, when he died left the Society £150. The terms of the bequest were that the bells of a City church should be rung on Shrove Tuesday and afterwards the members partake of suitable refreshment. As the Society needed a new name book, although the honoured the bequest by ringing the bells of St. Lawrence Jewry, some of the money was spent on a very lovely name book. He would like to mention Mr. Russell Wilson, who was kind enough to present the beautiful skins with which the book was bound. The peal book also had been written up until the end of 1957.

Last year Mr. Peck announced that he was not standing as secretary, and the Society decided to respect his decision. Last December they made presentations to him and to Mr. Hughes. To Mr. Peck was presented an engraved silver cigarette case and lighter and to Mr. Hughes a cut glass and silver salad bowl. Together with these gifts was a list of subscribers. He was very pleased they were able to show in a tangible form the affection they had now for them.

'HOW LOVELY THE BELLS SOUNDED'

Mr. A. A. Hughes, who proposed the toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies,' said a few weeks ago he had an example of how much the public counted on their efforts to get first-class striking and perfect rhythm. The Rector of Aldgate's daughter was getting married, and the Rector wanted the bells, which were in a poor condition, to be rung for the wedding. They doctored the bells as much as they could. Seven of the eight men turned up and he said 'Ring seven,' and they rang 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. The eighth man turned up and they started very well. Soon there was a big bang. They rushed up to see what had happened and found that the seventh bell had fallen. He said 'Keep going.' Later, at the reception, a number of people came up to him and said 'How lovely the bells sounded.' That was perfectly true.

Mr. Hughes had a special word of thanks for the incumbents of the churches where they held their practice meetings. As to kindred Societies, they had with them representatives of Societies from all over the country and they gave them a hearty welcome.

The Rev. J. F. D. Triningham, Rector of St. Lawrence Jewry, and Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, of the Cambridge University Guild, replied.

Mr. M. P. Moreton proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and said if they looked at the first issue of 'The Bell News' they would find that the number of peals rung was small and the methods simple. By 1900 London Surprise was not so rare. 'The Bell News' had been succeeded by 'The Ringing World' and now they were getting many peals of Spliced Surprise. Without 'The Ringing World' they would not know what meetings were being held or read reports of meetings. The Central Council would be very difficult to organise; there would be no controversial matters; nobody would know what was being rung. If 'The Ringing World' ceased publication, however, the greatest loss would be of news of friends all over the country. He asked them all to do their best to keep 'The Ringing World' as a flourishing paper.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Cont.

Mr. Frank Smallwood, in reply, said he was very pleased to note that they were good enough to toast 'The Ringing World,' as it was their paper. It had been served by three very good editors. Perhaps they did not know there had been a fourth. Last year, when the Editor had a Continental holiday, he occupied the editorial chair for a fortnight and he had the pleasure of blue-pencilling the footnotes of the inevitable peal of Double Norwich. If they compared 'The Ringing World' of to-day with that of 20 or 30 years ago they would see a remarkable improvement in the quality of the printing. It was remarkably well printed and a credit to the Woodbridge Press and the Editor.

JIMMY DWIGHT, THE POET

The concluding toast, 'The fragrant memory of their Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago,' was proposed by the Master. He said of the Master of 1658, Peter Smith, they had no information. In 1758, unfortunately, the habit of recording the Masters' names in the name book had ceased. The Master of 1858 was James Dwight, and he certainly left his mark behind him. He took part in the first peals of Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques 'in hand.' The first was in 1851 and the second in 1854, and they were both rung for the Society. In 1861 a peal of 8,580 Stedman Cinques was rung at Cornhill, the then record length, in which he took part, and he was so pleased that he wrote an ode to commemorate the occasion. The last line read 'and Jimmy Dwight, the poet.' Not only was the ode produced at College Youth dinners but it was also sung.

The toast was honoured in silence.

During the evening a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by W. T. Cook 1-2, W. Williams (conductor) 3-4, M. V. Chilcott 5-6, B. D. Threlfall 7-8, John Chilcott 9-10, M. P. Moreton 11-12. To the great delight of the company Mrs. A. A. Hughes played a selection of tunes on handbells, accompanied by Mr. Stanley Fox.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master on the top table were the Provost of Southwark, the Archdeacon of London, the Revs. A. C. Blyth, H. J. Fynes-Clinton, E. G. Turner, J. F. D. Trimmingham, Messrs. J. E. Chilcott, C. G. J. Watts, A. A. Hughes, J. F. Smallwood, E. G. Fenn, A. B. Peck, F. E. Haynes, J. S. Mason, F. J. Cullum, F. C. Sharpe, H. N. Pittsow, B. K. Lunn, Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and P. Moreton.

Others present: Messrs. S. Atwell, B. J. Baker, S. H. Barker, C. A. Barron, J. Basher, A. W. Beard, R. H. Begrie, P. Betteridge, R. J. Bowden, S. St. J. Boyack, B. W. Brightley, G. F. Bryant, F. W. Budgen, D. Burnett, J. Chalk, A. P. Cannon, G. W. Cecil, M. V. Chilcott, D. G. Clift, W. H. Coles, F. E. Collins, R. J. Cook, W. T. Cook, J. H. Crampton, R. G. Cousins, F. E. Darby, P. Davis, S. H. Dearden, H. C. Edwards, J. P. Edwards, R. G. Edwards.

Messrs. S. Foskett, L. J. Fox, S. Fox, T. G. Fox, D. Fowles, J. H. R. Freeborn, the Rev. G. Galley, Messrs. J. G. Gipson, A. W. Gravett, W. T. Grice, C. Haines, R. Hamilton, F. E. Hansard, G. H. Harding, N. V. Harding, J. S. Hawkins, R. Heppenstall, R. W. Hinde, H. Hodgetts, S. Holgate, G. W. Holland, R.

J. Hooper, P. J. H. Hudson, W. A. Hughes, S. F. W. Kimber, W. H. Kingcott, D. Kirby, D. Langdon, E. H. Langley, A. F. Lewry, J. H. Lott, L. W. Look.

Messrs. G. McKay, F. W. Mackintosh, L. Mantering, T. E. Marks, W. Marsh, A. G. Mason, R. B. Meadows, B. P. Morris, E. Moore, H. E. Neill, D. J. Neil-Smith, C. E. Norris, R. E. Norris, W. F. Oatway, B. J. Ongley, D. Painter, D. E. Parsons, R. I. F. Parsons, A. J. Phillips, J. Phillips, J. G. A. Prior, D. Randall, J. Rea, L. A. Reece, A. S. Richards, W. A. Riddington, W. J. Ridgman, J. D. Rock, L. A. Rogers, A. G. Rose, E. J. Rowe, H. Rumens, R. K. Russ.

Messrs. G. Salmon, J. B. Sansom, V. Savage, T. J. Setter, J. R. Sharman sen., J. R. Sharman, H. Smith, H. Stalham, R. Sumner, B. J. Swinson, W. A. Theobald, A. F. Thirsk, H. E. Thompson, B. D. Threlfall, A. Toome, C. W. Towers, W. Turk, A. M. Tyler, G. W. Ward, J. A. Waugh, G. Webb, H. Weedon, J. O. Weller, F. White, T. W. White, W. Williams, C. E. Willmington, R. Wilson, A. C. Winn, H. W. Woolven.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

The second annual report of the College of Campanology for the year ending August 31st, states that it can record progress and there is evidence to show that with further publication of its aims, methods and achievements, such progress could be greatly extended. Wherever its work has been launched its efforts have been welcomed as meeting a need, in some cases where other efforts have failed. Of all the pupils tested this year only one is reported as having failed.

The record of achievement for the year is as follows:—Membership, 80; courses of instruction completed or under way, 7; panels, examiners, 15; tutors, 29; towers at which instruction is given, 26; learners, over 150; ringing talks given, 47; members whose status has advanced during the year, 26; members' ways of advancing ringing during year, 10.

The College records with pleasure the elections to fellowships of Mr. Ernest Morris, president of the College, life-long ringing instructor, record long real ringer and author of works on ringing; Mr. Frederick Sharoe, hon. consultant to the College (bells and towers), author and acknowledged authority in this field, president of the Central Council.

Officers of the College for 1958-59 are:—President, Mr. Ernest Morris; vice-president, Mr. Harry Miles; hon. chaplain, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; deputy hon. chaplain, the Rev. Malcolm Melville; hon. consultant (towers and bells), Mr. F. Sharpe; Press and public relations officer, Dr. F. S. J. Hatcher; principal, Mr. A. York-Bramble; registrar, Miss S. K. M. Knight; bursar, Surgeon-Captain A. Lawrey; students' delegate, Mr. Roger Baldwin. The four last-named constitute the Administrative Committee.

Correction.—The method rung in the peal at Morebath (page 705) was Grandsire Doubles, not Plain Bob Doubles. In the peal at Buckland (page 704) two 120's of Stedman were rung, not seven. The ringer of the third in the peal at West Hallam on June 28th should have been Edwin Walklate, and not Clive Walklate.

A PEAL WEEK-END IN THE DUKERIES

Mr. John Ketteringham, of Lincoln, kindly arranged four peals near Retford on October 24th-26th for friends from Derbyshire and the Southwell Guild. The writer nearly failed to make Gamston in time for the Friday evening peal, having completed 200 miles from Snowdonia, the last 20 in dense fog.

A good, fast peal of Bob Minor was accomplished on these nice Hedderly bells in ample time, however, though the conductor was feeling the effects of eight miles of tramping over 3,500 feet high Carnedd Llewellyn the previous day, and the long drive followed by a peal with only sandwiches since breakfast, before he crawled to bed at the Aldridge Hotel, Retford.

The drive to Cuckney next morning lay through Clumber Park, whose great avenue, tinged by autumn, merged into the misty distance. John had oiled these pleasant bells, and, with a young band, a peal in five Minor methods was completed before partaking of the welcome hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rooke, at Warsop.

On the way to Tuxford a slight detour was made to visit Laxton, which is the sole surviving village to use the mediæval three-field strip system for its agriculture. The recently augmented eight at Tuxford have the disadvantages of a long draught and very quiet trebles, but Herbert Rooke had boldly chosen to call John Ketteringham's new and interesting, but none too easy, composition of Little Bob Major. Fears appeared justified when 'Stand' was called after 40 minutes, but a second start was made and the peal successfully brought round. Fourteen-year-old Kenneth Ballington is to be commended on ringing the method without previous practice and on 'sticking to it' despite the sore hands of over six hours' ringing that day.

Next morning the old-style ten at St. Swithun's, East Retford, was visited in its fine central tower. There that remarkable veteran, Mr. John Segar, mystified and amazed us with his almost unique and uncanny ability to tap complicated methods on handbells, as well as with his composition systems, and an interesting hour was spent.

The afternoon peal was at nearby West Retford, a nice-toned six hung in the old style. Wath Delight had been chosen, but a conducting error in the second 720 caused a halt, and as one of the ringers had promised to be in time for a quarter peal at Cresswell that night it was fortunate that Kenneth, who had been excused this peal, turned up to see why we had stopped. He again showed his ability to master the unfamiliar quickly, and this time the first peal of Wath Delight Minor was successful.

Service ringing was at East and West Retford, and the kind people at the Aldridge prepared supper before the journey homeward through Sherwood Forest was begun.

D. P. J.

The peal at Isham, Northants, on November 1st, was the first to be rung by the local band since the war. Mr. E. M. Atkins, although not now often present with the band, has been a member since 1906, when the bells were installed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE SURVEY

Dear Sir,—Several of your correspondents have recently referred to the problem of depleted bands and silent bells and it is encouraging to read in a recent issue of the determined efforts being made by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association to get all bells in their Diocese ringing and fully manned. Possibly valuable ideas and information may result from their new and vigorous approach to this problem.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was one of the first of 18 Associations which have already promised fullest co-operation in the survey of Sunday service ringing being carried out by the Central Council, and its contribution promises to be a very valuable one.

The Yorkshire Association has already submitted its survey report to the committee, and several other Associations have their surveys well under way. It is hoped that within the next month or so many other Associations will undertake this worthwhile task.

Details of the survey were published in 'The Ringing World' of September 5th, and supplies of printed questionnaires for Associations to send out to towers are available on request from the Editor.

Members of Associations or Guilds can render a valuable contribution to service ringing by encouraging their Associations and Guilds to undertake as soon as possible the survey of towers in their areas as requested by the Central Council Committee.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK,
Convener,
Central Council Committee
on Sunday Service Ringing.

ELECTRICALLY-OPERATED RINGING

Dear Sir,—We hope that you will allow us a little space in your columns to ask for some advice.

In the bell-tower of St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, is hung a noble octave (tenor 41 cwt.), but we suffer the disadvantage of being close to two hospitals and a university college. All the practice that we are allowed is 1½ hours a week.

Consequently, when we read in 'The Ringing World' of March 28th of a peal rung at St. Andrew's, Histon, we were extremely interested to learn that there was employed a device whereby the clappers were tied and the bells sounded on electrically-operated handbells in the bell-chamber. For some time we have been trying to work out some such device ourselves so that we can practise at will, but without success.

We immediately wrote to Histon asking for details but have had no reply. Perhaps our letter was insufficiently addressed to reach its destination.

We therefore appeal to your readers. If anyone knowing how this contrivance works will be kind enough to send us the necessary information, we shall be extremely grateful.—Yours sincerely,

W. B. PITCHER, Secretary,
St. Peter's Cathedral Bellringers' Society.
13, Ashbourne Avenue,
Mitcham, South Australia.

'SALLIES IN MOTHBALLS'

Dear Sir,—I should like to add a little to Mr. Stevens' letter ('Ringing World,' October 3rd) and also to that of my dear old friend, Arthur Cross ('Ringing World,' October 24th).

I am afraid there are many 'good' ringers who put themselves first and their service to God and His Church second or even third.

I well remember at a meeting a few years ago congratulating a young lady on her excellent striking. She could ring in any method that was called for. I then asked her where she rang on Sundays. She said, 'Oh, anywhere I can get some good ringing; they only ring Grandshire Doubles at our church.'

I told this young woman what I thought of her and many others like her. I would mention that the young lady in question is not a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and I don't know that we want her.

It would be a good thing if some such ringers adopted the motto of a well-known organisation, 'Service, not Self.'—Yours faithfully,

JOHN FOWLER.

Cookham.

ST. CLEMENT DANES

Dear Sir,—I should be very grateful if any past or present members of the Royal Air Force and its associated Forces who would be prepared to ring on Sundays and/or on such special occasions as ringing may be required (these are not yet known, but no doubt April 1st will be one) at St. Clement Danes on a rota basis would drop me a line stating (a) how often they could come, and (b) whether morning or afternoon—Matins is at 11 a.m. and Evensong at 3.30 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

MR. PERCY JOHNSON AND HEADINGLEY

Dear Sir,—An omission of part of my memoir of the late Mr. Percy J. Johnson in 'The Ringing World' of October 31st and a consequent mix-up of dates, gives a wrong impression of Mr. Johnson's connection with ringing at Headingley St. Michael's, Leeds.

He went back to Holbeck, from Headingley, in 1906 (not 1936, as quoted in 'The Ringing World') and then rejoined the Headingley band towards the end of the first world war. He continued a member of the Headingley band, without a break, from then until the end of his life. Where the date 1944—given in 'The Ringing World' as when he rejoined the Headingley band—has come from I do not know.

Apocryphal the muffled peal of Superlative rung at Headingley as a tribute to Percy Johnson, which I conducted, there is a small matter which might be of interest. The report bears a footnote that it is my 300th peal for the Yorkshire Association. Since sending in the report I find that Mr. Johnson (my dear friend, Percy) rang in 150 of those peals—exactly one half of them.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BARTON.

Pudsey, Yorks.

KENT'S UNRINGABLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Following the example of our Essex correspondents, I am submitting a list of the bells in Kent which are either not allowed to be rung or are unringable. It may be of use to any ringing party organisation, or any potential 'tower-restorers.'

Rings of eight.—Sandwich (only the tenor ringable); Mersham (last rung about four years ago, many of the wheels rimless, tower locally supposed to be unsafe); Rochester, St. Margaret's.

Rings of six.—Hothfield (tower badly cracked, no ringing allowed); Kennington (tower locally supposed unsafe, since the front five bells all swing the same way; ropes removed and chiming apparatus installed 1951); Eastling (bells completely derelict, clocked); Elmstead (bells also clocked); Sheldwich (bells have been derelict for 50 years, two are out of their frames on the bell chamber floor, surrounded in sticks and filth); Southfleet (bells unringable); Lamberhurst (tower at present unsafe, bells not being rung); Sandhurst (bells supposed to be unringable).

Rings of five.—Ivychurch, Newchurch and Kingsnorth (all these towers supposed locally to be unsafe, bells not allowed to be rung in any of them); Canterbury, Holy Cross (frame and fittings shaky, brasses almost worn away, not rung); Godmersham (bells derelict, clocked); Preston-by-Wingham (frame and fittings unsafe, bells swing-chimed for services); Woodnesborough (bells hung for chiming only); Frinsted (bells disused and in poor condition); Bredgar (bells unringable).

The rings of eight at Birling and five at Brookland are almost unringable owing to the state and 'go' of the bells. I was under the impression that the ring of five at Nettlestead was not rung, but since there was a ringing meeting there earlier this year, I presume this situation has now been changed. The ring of six at Wouldham is ropeless, but otherwise ringable.

I am inclined to question the justification of the unringability of the bells at all the towers that are reputed to be unsafe. Most of the towers in question seem to be fairly strong, and no cracks are visible. I know that in at least one case the Vicar is responsible for the neglect of the bells.

I am hoping to make a survey of the unringable towers in Kent. So far my clientele has been entirely local; I would be very grateful to receive any information about any of the towers, especially those of Sandhurst and St. Margaret's, Rochester, of which my information is negligible.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

Kennington, Ashford.

FIRST PERFORMANCE OF PRINCIPLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Blagrove has, I think, omitted Washbrook's Surprise Principle from the list on page 699 of 'The Ringing World' of those in which peals have been rung. My 'Ringing Worlds' are temporarily inaccessible, so that I cannot quote the precise date, but I believe the peal was rung at Caversham in or about 1913.

I must say I feel rather doubtful about Maidstone Major and Cox's Caters, but in the absence of figures one can do no more than surmise that they were, perhaps, methods really.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

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CARLISLE'S 800 YEARS OF CIVIC INDEPENDENCE

TO celebrate Carlisle's 800 years of Civic Independence the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association held a ringing festival on October 18th, which was attended by ringers from all parts of the North of England and also Edinburgh. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Stephen's were rung throughout the afternoon and evening.

The ringers attended Evensong in the Cathedral, conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. Cyril Mayne), and Canon W. R. M. Chaplin (president of the Association) read the lesson.

The Dean, in his sermon, said: 'You are engaged in a very important piece of work because there is not a moment when you can afford to lift your attention from the ringing. It is a work which demands a tremendous amount of concentration, and you have to keep your minds on what you are doing the whole time.'

'When you are ringing you are doing God's service. It might be a good thing if, before you begin to ring, you offered up a prayer to God, a short prayer, that your work might be worthy. It is team work and an incentive, not to rivalry but to co-operation with others.'

At the tea, served in the Fraternity, and with the Town Clerk and Mrs. H. D. A. Robertson and the Dean and Mrs. Mayne as guests of honour, the secretary (Mr. J. W. Brownrigg) welcomed the visitors. He said although they could not find information about bells in Carlisle 800 years ago, there was a record by the Lanerost Chronicler that on the restoration of the Cathedral, after its destruction by fire, Bishop Strickland (1400-1419) 'raised the tower and furnished it with four bells.' One of those bells, the seventh of the present ring of eight, exists to-day. It would appear that bells existed in the Castle and Moot Hall as well as the Cathedral, as Sir Walter Scott writes when the Bold Buccleugh in 1596 rescued Kinmont Willie from the Castle, 'The bells of the Castle rang out, those of the Cathedral and Moot Hall answering them.'

Replying to a welcome, the Town Clerk said it was only that week during the visit

of H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh that he realised the importance of bells and bellringers. It was essential that the bells should be ringing while the Royal Party drove from the station to the Town Hall, and it was also essential that the bells should stop immediately the Royal Party arrived. The Cathedral ringers co-operated wonderfully and assured him that if a yellow duster was waved from the Town Hall the bells would stop in 25 seconds. This was done and the bells ceased with perfect timing.

Mr. Kenneth Arthur, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, expressed on behalf of his Association and other visiting ringers fraternal greetings. Carlisle and Cumberland, he said, would go down in the history of change ringing. The first peal in Cumberland was rung at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, in 1865 by the oldest Society of change ringers—the College Youths—and the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths got its name from the Duke of Cumberland.

The president of the Association thanked the ringers and wives of Carlisle for making the necessary arrangements and for providing such a wonderful tea. The ringing ranged from rounds to Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich, and some good striking was heard from both towers.

MR. RAT CAME TO INVESTIGATE

While a handbell peal was being rung in the old harness room at Stevenage Bury by a band which included two ladies a rat came to look at the band quite a number of times. The conductor, Mr. W. Lawrence, is unable to confirm whether the rat came out at the end of each six-score, but at the end of the performance he disappeared.

The peal, we believe, makes history. Each of the ladies rang a single bell.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—In reading my earlier letter (published on page 611) as an attack on Doubles ringers, Mr. Haines has completely misunderstood its import. The peal at Kislbury was cited, not for any 'idle critical' reason, but as a specific case where the C.C. Analysis Committee will, in order to complete its tables, have to decide how many methods were rung. It is my contention (and this is where Mr. Haines and I do cross swords) that there were only twelve methods, not 21, in that peal. A call CANNOT constitute a method, which is defined by its plain course—and no amount of cycling after a day's work (with or without tea) will alter that fact. And now, before Mr. Haines implies from this that I am objecting to all Doubles variations per se, perhaps he would care to turn to the peal columns on pages 493 and 557 of this year's 'Ringing World'?

As Mr. Dodds says, many of these variations are quite unknown to the majority of Doubles ringers. The following table, while not claiming to be exhaustive—it gives only one name for each variation, for example—may be of interest and, I trust, use.

PLAIN COURSE

Call:	Plain Bob	Reverse Canterbury	St. Simon	St. Nicholas	St. Martin	Winchendon Place
Plain Bob Bob:	Plain Bob	Southrepps	St. Simon	St. Giles	St. Martin	St. Miles
Rev. Cant. Bob:	Kennington	Rev. Cant.	St. Albans	St. Nicholas	St. Paul	Winchendon Place
Old Bob Single:	Old	St. Columb	Cassington	St. Thomas	St. Peter	St. Luke
Grandsire Single:	April Day	Clifford's Pleasure	Eynsham	St. Andrew	St. Leonard	St. John
Grandsire Extreme:	Besthorpe	Costessy	Shropham	Norwich	Mileham	Walsingham
All Saints		Little				
Plain Lead:	Seighford	Aston	Elford	Shareshill	Austrey	Ryton

Thus, for example, St. Simon's rung with a Grandsire single is Eynsham, and St. Martin's with a Reverse Canterbury bob, St. Paul. — Yours sincerely, CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

REDEDICATIONS

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX

The dedication of the two new trebles at Feltham, Middlesex, which took place on Saturday, October 25th, was a very happy occasion, attended by about 40 ringers and friends, including Mr. A. A. Hughes and his son, Mr. W. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who cast the two new bells.

The design and construction of the frame and the work of erection has been carried out entirely by the local captain, Mr. T. Price, Master of the Middlesex County Association. The work is a fine piece of engineering, and the 'go' of the new bells is absolutely perfect; they are steady and easy to handle, and in tone they blend admirably with the rest of the ring. The result is that Feltham now possesses a charming little light ten.

The dedication service, which was preceded by ringing on the old eight, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Calder). When the two new bells were dedicated, rounds were rung on the ten.

A lovely tea was provided by the local ringers in the Church Hall.

Afterwards the Rev. G. C. Taylor, president of the Middlesex County Association, in a few informal words, congratulated Mr. T. Price on his achievement. In reply, Mr. Price expressed his thanks for the help and advice given by Mr. W. Hughes during a number of pleasurable visits to the Whitechapel Foundry, and also to Mr. Stephen Gamble, of the local band, who had spent many hours assisting him.

Mr. Price mentioned a number of people present who had long associations with Feltham. Firstly, Mr. A. J. Lewis, who read both lessons at the service, and who had been the greatest help and encouragement throughout the project; he had been active in parochial affairs for over 50 years. Secondly, his brother, Mr. W. A. Lewis, who had attended the dedication of the original eight in 1901. Finally, Mr. W. Welling, of Old Windsor, who had rung a peal of Stedman Triples at Feltham just 50 years ago.

Ringings on the 10 followed. Methods rung included London and Cambridge Surprise Royal, Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Caters and a touch of Plain Bob Minor to try out the front six. The bells were much admired and enjoyed. J.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET

The fifth bell of Publow, which has been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., was rededicated at the 9.30 a.m. service on October 26th. After rededication the bell was pulled off by Mr. F. C. Mogford, and as the clergy and churchwardens returned to the vestry the bells were rung in rounds. Local ringers were very satisfied with the bellfounders' work.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Banbury and District Branch held its autumn meeting at Wroxton on October 18th when, in spite of the sunny afternoon which must have kept some members in their gardens, about 40 members and friends from London and North Berks assembled under the new Branch chairman, the Rev. T. W. Griffiths, of Great Tew. The service was conducted by the Vicar and tea served by the ladies in the Village Hall. Three new members were elected, one of whom is the great-grandson of Mr. F. Selwyn, the veteran ringer of Banbury, who was also present. The next meeting was fixed for Adderbury on January 3rd, and it was agreed to hold a dinner and social evening in Banbury on January 10th. After the business meeting there was further ringing at Wroxton and also at Hanwell.

SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING 1957

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Maximus 3, Cinquses 6, Royal 2, Caters 4, Major 4, Triples 3, Minor 1. Total 23.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Caters 2, Major 14, Triples 15, Minor 25, Doubles 19 (3). Totals 75 (3).

Bedfordshire Association.—Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 16, Triples 3, Minor 15, Doubles 1. Total 39.

Cambridge University Guild.—Royal 2, Major 12 (2), Triples 1, Minor 4 (2). Totals 19 (4).

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 2, Royal 9, Caters 1, Major 42, Triples 4, Minor 28, Doubles 17 (4). Totals 193 (4).

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—Nil.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Caters 1, Major 10, Triples 3, Minor 2, Doubles 2. Total 18.

Cumberland and N. Westmorland Association.—Minor 1. Total 1.

Derbyshire Association.—Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 27 (1), Triples 4, Minor 38 (2), Doubles 8 (1). Totals 81 (4).

Devonshire Guild.—Royal 2, Major 4, Triples 5, Minor 3, Doubles 3. Total 17.

Dudley and District Guild.—Caters 1, Minor 1. Total 2.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Caters 4, Major 9, Triples 4, Minor 4. Total 21.

East Derbyshire and Notts Association.—Doubles 1. Total 1.

East Grinstead Guild.—Major 2. Total 2.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Royal 2 (1), Major 15 (2), Triples 2, Minor 44 (2), Doubles 6. Totals 69 (5).

Essex Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 52 (1), Triples 5, Minor 57, Doubles 3. Totals 122 (1).

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Cinquses 1, Royal 2, Caters 5, Major 11, Triples 7, Minor 19 (6), Doubles 21 (1). Totals 66 (7).

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Royal 1, Major 9, Triples 5, Minor 5, Doubles 1. Total 21.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Caters 1, Major 12, Triples 2, Minor 6, Doubles 13. Total 34.

Hertford County Association.—Royal 5 (2), Caters 2, Major 28 (3), Triples 2, Minor 32 (5), Doubles 2. Totals 71 (10).

Irish Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 3, Major 5, Minor 1, Doubles (1). Totals 11 (1).

Kent County Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 3 (1), Caters 2, Major 57 (5), Triples 24, Minor 57 (1), Doubles 10. Totals 154 (7).

Ladies' Guild.—Major 2. Total 2.

Lancashire Association.—Maximus 5, Cinquses 1, Royal 9 (3), Caters 4, Major 51 (2), Triples 17, Minor 24 (5), Doubles 4. Totals 115 (10).

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 7, Cinquses 8 (3), Royal 14 (5), Caters 14 (5), Major 72 (16), Triples 27 (4), Minor 28 (2), Doubles 21 (4). Totals 191 (39).

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 2, Cinquses 1, Royal 7 (2), Caters 2, Major 35 (8), Triples 12 (1), Minor 59, Doubles 11. Totals 129 (11).

Llandaff and Monmouth Guild.—Royal 1, Caters 3, Major 3, Triples 5, Minor 1, Doubles 7. Total 20.

London County Association.—Cinquses 1, Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 2, Triples 1. Total 8.

London University Society.—Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 4. Total 7.

Midland Counties Guild.—Major 16, Triples 6 (1), Minor 8, Doubles 2. Totals 32 (1).

Middlesex County Association.—Cinquses 1, Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 32 (1), Triples 2, Minor 10, Doubles 4. Totals 53 (1).

Norwich Association.—Caters 3, Major 46 (1), Triples 11, Minor 70 (3), Doubles 12. Totals 142 (4).

North Staffs Association.—Major 7, Triples 1. Total 8.

North Wales Association.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Triples 1, Minor 1, Doubles 1. Total 5.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 1, Royal 3, Caters 3, Major 61 (3), Triples 20, Minor 29, Doubles 14. Totals 131 (3).

Oxford Society.—Triples 3, Minor 1, Doubles 1. Total 5.

Oxford University Society.—Caters 1 (1), Major 11 (5), Triples 3 (2), Minor 6. Totals 21 (8).

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Royal 1, Major 10, Minor 15, Doubles 16. Total 42.

National Police Guild.—Nil.

St. David's Diocesan Association.—Major 1, Triples 1, Doubles 1. Total 3.

St. Martin's Guild.—Maximus 2, Cinquses 2, Royal 4, Caters 1, Major 30, Triples 2, Minor 3. Total 44.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Royal 2, Major 15, Triples 3, Minor 16, Doubles 5. Total 41.

Scottish Association.—Major 1. Total 1.

Sheffield and District Association.—Nil.

Shropshire Association.—Royal 2, Major 4, Minor 1, Doubles 4. Total 11.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Caters 1, Major 3, Triples 4, Minor 16, Doubles 3. Total 27.

Archdeaconry of Stafford Association.—Maximus 1, Cinquses 2, Royal 2, Caters 8, Major 16, Triples 4, Minor 6, Doubles 5 (1). Total 44 (1).

Suffolk Guild.—Maximus 1, Royal 8, Caters 3, Major 48, Triples 2, Minor 59, Doubles 14. Total 135.

New South Wales.—Nil.

Surrey Association.—Maximus 1, Caters 1, Major 11, Triples 3, Minor 6 (3), Doubles 1. Totals 23 (3).

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Cinquses 1, Caters 1, Major 4, Triples 1. Total 7.

Sussex Association.—Royal 1, Caters 4, Major 33 (2), Triples 8, Minor 11, Doubles 6 (1). Totals 63 (3).

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Major 2, Triples 1, Doubles 1. Total 4.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Major 3, Triples 7, Minor 1. Total 11.

Universities Association.—Major 2 (1), Minor 2 (2). Totals 4 (3).

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Royal 6, Caters 4 (2), Major 13, Triples 5, Minor 10 (1), Doubles 2. Totals 40 (3).

Worcester and Districts Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 32 (3), Triples 10 (1), Minor 11. Totals 57 (4).

Yorkshire Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 7, Caters 1, Major 33 (2), Triples 10, Minor 29 (4), Doubles 9 (6). Totals 90 (12).

Other Societies and Unattached.—Caters 1, Major 9 (1), Triples 1, Minor 4, Doubles 5. Totals 21 (1).

TOTALS: Tower bells 2,333; handbells 153.

GRAND TOTAL: 2,486.

Figures in brackets denote handbell peals included in the totals.

A FURTHER ANALYSIS

Particulars of Methods having had more than 10 peals rung in them during 1957:—

Maximus: Cambridge 14.

Cinquses: Stedman 15.

Royal: Cambridge 43, Plain Bob 24, Yorkshire 14.

Caters: Grandsire 40, Stedman 51.

Major: Spliced Surprise, 2-25 methods 58, Bristol 51, Cambridge 87, London 37, Lincolnshire 25, Rutland 18, Superlative 36, Yorkshire 109, Kent T.B. 48, Double Norwich 80, Plain Bob 190, Little Bob 10.

Triples: Grandsire 153, Stedman 71, Plain Bob 14.

Minor: 14 methods and over, 19.

Doubles: 7 methods and over, 40.

W. AYRE.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

H. MILES.

With thanks to H. L. Roper for additional valuable help.

WEDDINGS

Mr. Bryan C. Stirland — Miss Hazel Hancock

Many friends of both bride and bridegroom gathered at Christ Church, Ottershaw, on November 1st for the wedding of Mr. Bryan Stirland, of St. Mary's, Reading, to Miss Hazel Hancock, popular secretary of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

The bells were rung by local ringers before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Dudley Hiam). The bride, given away by her father, wore a full-length dress of white brocade. She was attended by Miss E. Loveland and Miss E. Hiley in blue brocade and Miss Penny Thompson in pink. The best man was Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd. As the couple left the church the bells were rung by members of St. Mary's, Reading, band.

The reception was held at the Otter Hotel, attended by 50 guests. The happy couple later left for a honeymoon in Plymouth, the bride travelling in a charcoal grey suit. During the afternoon a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Ottershaw to mark the occasion.

Mr. Trevor A. Cross — Miss P. Smees

On October 25th the wedding took place between Mr. Trevor A. Cross and Miss Patricia Smees at the Church of St. Mary and Nicholas, Leatherhead. The bride, who was dressed in white, was given away by her father. The service was conducted by the two curates of Leatherhead.

As the bride and bridegroom left the church the bells were being rung and 'fired' by the local ringers as a token of their best wishes to the happy couple. The reception, attended by over 60 guests, was held at the Prince of Wales.

After the reception and whilst the bride and bridegroom were getting ready for their honeymoon at Bournemouth, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung by the following: G. Mariner 1, Pauline Sprackling 2, A. H. Winch 3, F. Oakshott 4, A. Smith 5, Rev. C. Marshall 6, A. J. Smith 7, B. Hawkins 8, G. T. Butcher (conductor) 9, C. S. Jarrett 10. First quarter of Royal by 2 and 4.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY
IN S.W. HERTS

On October 18th Mr. Ken Dunstan arranged another three peal attempts near Watford. The programme seemed easier than the one in May, which included two rings of ten, but in the event the bells proved more exacting than expected. Pat Cannon set off in very brisk style on the tenor at Aldenham, calling Yorkshire, and a very fast peal would have been rung had not the sixth rope begun to disintegrate below the sally, necessitating a cautious finish.

The little six at Elstree in the afternoon promised to be an easy ring, but despite the beauty of tone of these new bells, the clappering left a lot to be desired and made some of the bells appear very sluggish, so that the band were beginning to feel rather tired for the evening peal at Bushey. The first peal of Evening Star Delight was successfully accomplished at Elstree.

A late start was made at Bushey, but the tenor man, Ralph Bird, who now joined us specially to 'circle the tower,' was fresh, and a good, brisk peal of Rutland was rung, completing the trio, these bells sounding best at such a speed, though work is needed to achieve it. Did Phil Davies recognise his excellent composition, it is wondered, for none 'let on' that he had participated in the first performance.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN

With a feeling of personal loss ringers in the Newark district learned of the passing of Mr. Arthur J. Chamberlain, of Southwell, on October 7th, aged 78.

A man of integrity, a ringer who, in his prime, would have a go at most things and stick at very little, and a friend of all learners was A. J. C., as he was affectionately known by most ringers in Nottinghamshire.

Learning to ring at Southwell Minster in 1894, at the age of 14, he remained a member of the Minster band for 64 years until the time of his death, during which period he rang in the region of 77 peals.

One of his favourite pastimes was composing 'date' touches, and for the young conductor there would always be a scrap of paper produced with a few musical touches for service ringing, especially Grandsire Triples.

A. J. C. was a lovable man. No varying moods or sarcastic remarks about his fellow ringers and, above all, he had a wonderful sense of humour and was never happier than when telling a joke against himself. Arthur Chamberlain will be remembered with gratitude for many years to come.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Minster in the evening following the funeral. The sympathy of all ringers in the District is extended to his wife and daughter and family. F. W. M.

CHARLES CHURCH, PLYMOUTH

On November 1st a plaque was unveiled at Charles Church, Plymouth, by the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Alderman G. J. Wingett, dedicating the ruins of the church as a lasting memorial to the citizens of Plymouth who lost their lives in blitzes on the city during the last war. Some 1,200 men, women and children were killed, 40 churches and 4,000 houses were destroyed. Prayers were offered by the Rev. J. A. James, Vicar of Charles with St. Luke's, whilst the Blessing was given by Dr. Norman H. Clarke, the Bishop of Plymouth.

The church was destroyed in March, 1941, and all that remained were the outer walls: the walls of the tower and spire also remained almost intact, but the very fine ring of 10 bells came crashing to the ground, a tangled mass of scrap metal. The church now stands within the Charles roundabout in the newly-constructed city.

Three of the present band at Emmanuel Church were ringers at Charles when the bells were silenced by a Government order in 1940—Messrs. J. P. Sims (captain), A. E. Perkin and H. H. Thomas (hon. secretary). The first two were married at Charles. Messrs. Sims and Thomas were present at the ceremony on November 1st. H. H. T.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

It was necessary to change the venue for the annual meeting of the Lewisham District from St. Luke's, Bromley Common, to St. Mary's, Bexley, on October 26th, as the date was unsuitable to the church authorities.

Mr. E. A. Barnett presided at the business meeting, when seven new members were elected, and the election of two non-resident members was ratified.

The secretary's report conveyed the impression of a satisfactory condition in general with reservations on minor points. There was one change in the officers, Mr. I. H. Oram (Chislehurst) was elected District Ringing Master in succession to Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham), who received a vote of thanks for his exemplary services. Messrs. A. G. Hill, A. S. Richards and Mrs. M. R. Andrews were elected hon. secretary and District representatives respectively.

The chairman paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. J. L. Morris, and the meeting's respect and grateful remembrance were expressed in the traditional manner.

The Vicar (the Rev. S. Hooper) conducted the service and Miss M. R. Andrews and her assistants undertook the catering for a company of about 50 most efficiently.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Royston Revisited

The last time a ringing meeting was held at Royston was in October, 1952. Between then and November 1st this year permission has been withheld, so it was with joy that the Northern District gathered there.

There was a good attendance, with friends from the Ely Diocesan Association as well. No business meeting was held, as the bells were only available from 5.30. J. S.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on October 25th, by invitation of the new Vicar of Clevedon Prebendary T. P. Nicholls.

Following ringing in the afternoon, the Association form of service was conducted by the Vicar. Mr. Ernest Caple played the organ.

In the course of his address, Prebendary Nicholls quoted passages about bells from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,' which was inspired by the death of Arthur Hallam, who is buried in Clevedon Churchyard.

Following an excellent tea at the home of Mr. Caple, the Vicar presided at the business meeting. The company stood in silence to the memory of Mr. John Thomas, after which the Vicar said that he had been a parson for 33 years and this was the first time he had addressed and attended a ringers' meeting. No new members were elected but 11 ringers from St. Andrew's, Clevedon, were welcomed back into the Association.

The annual meeting was arranged for Nailsea on the first Saturday in December, and the November practice at Publow. The Corporate Communion will be held at Clevedon on the fourth Sunday in April. The secretary also mentioned that some towers had not yet paid their subscriptions for 1958.

After votes of thanks to all who had contributed to such an enjoyable meeting, ringing was resumed in various methods under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight. M. J. H.

OUTING

EWELL, SURREY

The outing of Ewell bellringers into Wiltshire was something of a misnomer. Of the 60 people who took part only one-third were ringers. Towers visited were Amesbury, the three at Devizes, Southbroom, Bishop's Cannings (reputed to be the first church in England to have eight bells), Upavon and Andover. Messrs. C. W. Munday, R. Spittle and D. Spittle shared the supervision of the ringing and the outing was organised by Mr. J. E. Beams.

A Plymouth Worthy

Dear Sir,—Members of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers have been sorry to hear that Mr. W. C. Hiscott has been very ill, and underwent an operation in a Plymouth hospital in October. Several of his ringing friends have visited him in hospital and we are very pleased to report good progress and a cheerful countenance.

Mr. Hiscott commenced his ringing career about the turn of the century at Charles Church in Plymouth. After the first war, if my information is correct, he was for a time a member of Emmanuel Church band, subsequently becoming an honorary member of the Guild, and although he and Mrs. Hiscott went to reside at Liskeard, Cornwall, early in the last war, he has maintained his membership of the Guild.

When ringing recommenced he became a ringer at Liskeard, but we frequently saw him at our meetings. He has given up ringing, owing to his health, for three or four years.

All his friends in Devon and Cornwall, I am sure, extend to him, through 'The Ringing World,' of which I know he is a regular reader, best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery, and trust he will soon be at home in the delectable Duchy and able to listen again to the bells of St. Martin's, Liskeard, and perhaps take a walk on a mild frosty evening in the direction of the Cheeswring and again hear the bells of St. Cleer. H. H. T.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, including election of officers, at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. John-at-Hackney.—John Chilcott. 3333

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at Godmanchester (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3302

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Egham (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Good attendance by all members of the District earnestly requested.—H. Hancock. 3249

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Rye, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3.15 p.m. to 7 p.m.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 3308

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Aldington (6) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No names, risk of no tea.—C. T. H. 3263

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15th, in St. Dunstan's Church Hall. Tea 4.45 p.m.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3272

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Marden, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. 3261

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Next meeting, Upton, Nov. 15th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me. Willingham bells evening.—Geo. L. C. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3285

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 15th, All Saints', Poplar (10), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. St. Mary-atte-Bow (8) 6 p.m. Meeting in vestry; nomination of officers. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Hon. Sec. 3332

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Twickenham, Nov. 15th. Ringing at All Hallows' 3-4.30 p.m., St. Mary's 6.30-8.30 p.m. Service at All Hallows' 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting St. Mary's Parish Room 5.15 p.m.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3305

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warborough on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells at 3. 3312

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food—cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3331

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Balderton, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mrs. C. W. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton Hospital, Newark.—W. L. Exton. 3290

STEBBING, ESSEX.—Rededication of the bells by the Dean of Bocking, Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. 3288

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wolverton (6) on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 6 p.m. All welcome. 3314

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Handsworth, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No. 52 bus from Commercial Street, Sheffield; alight at the Plaza.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. 3316

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Burrington, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 3327

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3340

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter's, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise before Nov. 18th Miss C. B. Clayton, 66, Mansfield Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 3344

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Heighington on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, by Nov. 19th to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 3345

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Epping Upland (6) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 3329

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Ringing at St. Lawrence Jewry 3.15-4.15; St. Giles-in-the-Fields 5.15-6.15. Dinner, Bonnington Hotel, 7 p.m. Names, by Nov. 18th, to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage, Herts. 3247

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, North Mymms, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Bells (8), Service and tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 3348

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Caldicott (Mon.), Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by November 18th, please. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 3295

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at Clifton. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 19th, to Miss J. Mayes, 75, Broad Street, Clifton, Beds.—Anne E. Amor. 3335

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Surfleet, Nov. 22nd. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday previous, to Mr. C. Rawding, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 3292

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Holme Hale, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, 20th, to S. H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford. 3324

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at St. Leonard's. The secretary promises not to read the lesson. All Saints', Hastings, after tea. Names.—H. Reynolds, 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 3337

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Shoreham (8), Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Please note change of date. Bells 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 18th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 3325

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting in the Bromley area on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Details of towers and times to follow. 3334

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 29th at Bethnal Green. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. S. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford, Essex. Nearest station Bethnal Green, or 'bus from Liverpool Street to St. Matthew's Row. Gentlemen cordially invited. 3341

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—General meeting, Marsham, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 25th, to Mr. H. Carter, Clovelly, Buxton Road, Aylsham. Presentation to the Rev. Mr. Lillingston after tea.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 3330

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Wilton, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at South Newton from 6 p.m. Names, please, by 25th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3338

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting, Mitcham, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Christ Church, Colliers Wood, bells 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Rooms after. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath. Parish bells after meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 3328

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 7 p.m. Licensed bar. Tickets now available from the secretary, price 12s. 6d. each. There will be a short Evensong at St. Lawrence's Church at 5.15 p.m.—P. Dickinson, Sec., Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, Hants. 3339

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. John's Church, Surrey Road, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsons Triples: C. Conway 1, A. V. Davis 2, Joan K. Beazley (first on eight) 3, Mrs. A. V. Davis 4, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 5, A. H. Coote 6, H. A. Mitchell 7, M. J. E. Best 8.

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