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SOUTH CAROLINA

From Charleston, South Carolina, George W. Williams, ex-sergeant in the 377 Infantry, U.S.A., has written to the Vicar of Basingstoke one of those human letters on bellringing's appeal to the stranger. The story starts with Mr. Williams arriving early at a Basingstoke Church for vespers. He writes: 'A gentleman came and opened a side door in the tower and asked if we would like to see the bells rung. We were bewildered and curious and went up into the tower with him. We were even more bewildered when we found ourselves in the ringing chamber, and became thoroughly confused when seven other men joined us. To see the ringers form themselves into a mystic circle and begin their alternating jack-in-the-box antics left us completely baffled. When the bells in the chamber above responded to the urgings of the mystic circle and gave tongue to Grandsire or Treble Bob, methodically and unrelentingly crashing out their coursings, our amazement and delight knew no bounds.'

Next steps in Mr. Williams' story were the reading of Dorothy Sayers' 'The Nine Taylors,' and while at Yale University getting a copy of Troyte's book on change ringing and mastering the principles. To take up his narrative: 'You can imagine my surprise when I discovered of the dozen rings of bells in this country hung to be rung in changes, one was in my own town.' St. Michael's, Charleston, was built in 1761 and equipped with bells cast in England the same year. They were taken down and melted into cannon for the Revolution 1775, recast in England, taken down for the war between the States 1860, again recast in England and returned to their original frames in the belfry in 1869. For the last hundred years or so they have been played as a carillon on important occasions. This year a new electric ringer, in memory of the dead of this war was installed.'

'This summer I was asked to serve as substitute organist for St. Michael's. As soon as I could I wrote out several hundred changes in musical notation of Grandsire Triples. There was considerable interest in the city. Those who had been to England immediately recognised the changes; those who had never heard changes clamoured to know what the jangling was. I was obliged to write a letter to the paper explaining what I had been doing. My letter in turn evoked an inquiry from St. Paul's, Cleveland, Ohio, and I was

happy to send the organist there some scores of changes and the rules for making more. When the regular organist returned he was very much interested in what I had done. He is now carrying on the tradition I have re-established at St. Michael's. Thus the art of change ringing is being perpetuated in the United States. Per-adventure, the next stage, the ringing of the bells, will not be too far distant. The seeds are being sown.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

*WM. P. GARRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	†FRANK L. FISHER ... 7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 8
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3	†CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6	LESLIE G. BRETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WM. J. G. BROWN.

* 100th peal of Maximus on tower bells. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus. ‡ First peal of Maximus. A 96th birthday compliment to Robert H. Brundle.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Sept. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
HAROLD SMITH ... 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 9
ALAN F. THIRST ... 4	*GEORGE L. RODEN ... 10
AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 5	BARNABAS J. KEY ... 11
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6	WILLIAM WALKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

* First of Stedman Cinques 'inside.'

TEN BELL PEALS

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD ... <i>Treble</i>	E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 8
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 9
LOUIS HEAD ... 5	GEORGE WOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

A birthday compliment to the tenor man and the conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

*MALCOLM HARWOOD ... <i>Treble</i>	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 6
†ARTHUR CHALLINOR ... 2	WILLIAM GAYES ... 7
†CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 8
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4	†EDWARD SEED ... 9
ALAN A. POTTS ... 5	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER H. POOLE ... 6
RONALD W. HAYWARD ... 2	RONALD G. BECK ... 7
HENRY J. SANGER ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 8
FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 9
ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 5	WILLIAM E. TURNER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

In honour of the birth of a son to Mr. R. W. Hayward.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN SCOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	ALAN F. THIRST ... 6
*H. JAMES TURNER ... 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 8
JOHN S. WALTON ... 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 6½ cwt.

*THOMAS ABBOTTS ... <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5
EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 2	*GEORGE BAILEY ... 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	*ARTHUR MORRIS ... 7
VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 4	ALBERT WALKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GARDNER ... <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... 6
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 3	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' Also the first peal of Surprise Major upon the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... <i>Treble</i>	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	*DENNIS MADDOCK ... 6
GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	CYRIL VALENTINE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal of Surprise.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ARTHUR DICKERSON ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
ERNEST C. STAFF ... 2	CECIL POYNTZ ... 6
ERNEST A. HEAD ... 3	THOMAS SIMMONS ... 7
ERNEST WHITING ... 4	GEORGE POYNTZ ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.



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THAME, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb. in F.	
HARRY WINGROVE	Treble	JESSE HARRISON	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER... ..	2	HARRY JONES	6
HARRY W. BADGER	3	WALTER LEE	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER... ..	4	*ROBERT ARNOTT	Tenor

Conducted by DOROTHY R. FLETCHER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HUNGERFORD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.			
JAMES F. SMITH	Treble	MISS M. E. RICHARDS	5
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD	2	CHARLES J. GARDNER	6
GEORGE GILBERT	3	*WILLIAM W. T. DANIEL	7
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON... ..	4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM... ..	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WM. BIRMINGHAM.

* First peal of Bob Major.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.			
HERBERT W. IMPEY	Treble	FREDERICK A. FINCH	5
THOMAS G. BANNISTER... ..	2	WILLIAM WELLING	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	WILLIAM H. COLES... ..	7
GEORGE MARTIN	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.			
ALBERT RELFE	Treble	GEORGE BEENEY	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	6
WILFRED BOOTH	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	4	FRANK H. HICKS	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

A 76th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur R. Miles, the local captain, who has completed over 50 years as a ringer at the above church.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.			
JAMES FERNLEY	Treble	*GEOFFERY HOWELL	5
*STANLEY ARDEN	2	JAMES A. MILNER	6
*MAVIS BOTHAM	3	*ARTHUR HIBBERT	7
*ERIC SIMPSON	4	PETER LAFLIN	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

* First peal of Major.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.			
HARRY BAKER	Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEFF	5
PERCY PAGE	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
*MARK W. MARSHALL	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH... ..	7
*REV. P. J. BOULSOVER	4	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.			
W. E. MAULDEN	Treble	FRANK L. FISHER	5
*SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN... ..	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... ..	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
†R. W. M. CLOUSTON... ..	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

* 200th peal. † First peal in the method.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans'.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
THOMAS BARKER	Treble	*G. ALEC DIMMOCK	5
JACK CHARNOCK	2	ARTHUR HATCH	6
JOHN H. GARTSIDE	3	CYRIL CROSSSTHWAITE	7
*WILLIAM R. HAMMONS... ..	4	E. ROGER MARTIN	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSSTHWAITE.

* First peal of Triples. First peal in the method as conductor. W. R. Hammons' 25th peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

NETHRAVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
JACK MUSSELL	Treble	PETER ANGER	4
HERBERT ABRAMMS	2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5
LESLIE A. PAGE	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

First peal on the bells.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
G. ARNOLD PATRICK	Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	5
WILLIAM H. CURSON	3	ERNEST MORRIS	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Every call throughout the peal a single.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
HARRY COMINS	Treble	STANLEY N. BRISTOW	4
CHARLES GREEDY	2	CLAUDE W. J. TARR	5
HARRY PURCHASE	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

A birthday compliment to the treble ringer. First peal of Bob Minor on the bells.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.		Tenor 9 cwt.	
*GEORGE SPARKS	Treble	CLAUDE W. J. TARR	4
*STANLEY N. BRISTOW	2	†CYRIL J. STEVENS	5
HARRY PURCHASE	3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer's daughter. Also first peal of Oxford on the bells.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob.			
LEWIS H. BYWATERS	Treble	CYRIL PRINDEVILLE	4
BETTY SPICE	2	C. HENRY HARDING	5
RONALD J. SHARPE	3	BRIAN F. SIMS	Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.			
*VICTOR HURT	Treble	STANLEY MURPHY	4
ERIC SMITH	2	CLAUDE GIMBERT	5
WILFRED E. YOUNG	3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

* First peal. To celebrate the 78th birthday of Mr. A. Abrams.

CROXTON-KERRIAL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*H. GEORGE BAILEY ... Treble	HARRY ALEY ... 4
ERNEST BARTRAM ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
WALTER WHITE ... 3	† JOSEPH A. FENTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First away from tenor. † First Minor peal. The 126th tower in Leicester Diocese in which the conductor has rung peals.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 6 six-scores of Canterbury and 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*PETER G. MUTTON (16) Treble	JOHN SHATFORD (14) ... 3
ALLAN F. KIRKMAN (16) 2	BERTRAM F. LUMBERS (14) 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor	

Conducted by ALLAN F. KIRKMAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

KELVEDON ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 21 cwt.

*F. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	J. ELLIOTT ... 4
† J. PAPWORTH ... 2	C. BURTON ... 5
† P. J. EVES ... 3	W. ARNOLD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. ELLIOTT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor. Farewell to Canon R. W. Croft after 25 years as Vicar.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*ANTHONY E. BROOK ... Treble	FRED JEFFERY ... 4
GEORGE W. MOODY ... 2	JACK BRAY ... 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3	PHILIP BARNES ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

MAPERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

*PAMELA SPARKS ... Treble	*LOYD MCCREADIE ... 4
*MURIEL CRITCHELL ... 2	PERCY H. SPARKS ... 5
WALTER I. TILEY ... 3	*JOHN BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY H. SPARKS.

* First peal. An appreciation of Canon Bax on retirement.

BROAD BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 28 lb.

*WM. W. T. DANIELL ... Treble	† WILLIAM E. COURT ... 4
† WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... 2	CHARLES J. GARDNER ... 5
*IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods.

BERKSWELL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 4
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 2	GEORGE GARDNER ... 5
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Taylor, whose respective birthdays fall on the above date.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... 4
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

HORACE BENNETT ... Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR ... 4
*JOHN E. ALLEN ... 2	JOHN G. AMES ... 5
CYRIL WANDER ... 3	† STANLEY F. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. WANDER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Minor on a working bell.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 1-2	† CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
† WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8
	† JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Grandsire 'in hand.' † First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.' First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' for the Guild.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT 39, ALBANY STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor size 16 in B.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 1-2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: Miss Doris Dobbie. Witness: Mrs. S. B. Dobbie.

* First peal 'in hand.'

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15½ in B flat.

NORMAN W. FOX ... 1-2	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 5-6
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 3-4	† GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 7-8
	WALTER ALLWOOD ... 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † First peal on ten bells and first as conductor 'in hand.'

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 22, 1947, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND PLAIN BOB DOUBLES,

5040 CHANGES:

2,520 changes of each.

PETER NIX ... 1-2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 3-4
	LESLIE BERRY ... 5-6

Conducted by PETER NIX.

SHERWOOD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT 74, DORNOCH AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 1-2	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 5-6
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Witness: William Rickwood.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—At All Saints' Church on Sept. 7th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: D. Gibbons 1, J. F. Clarke 2, J. Draycott 3, Miss M. Beamish 4, Miss M. V. Godderidge 5, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 6, J. Gibbons 7, J. E. Moreton 8. First quarter of Caters for 5 and 10.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. Pawley 1, J. R. Flint 2, J. A. Flint 3, W. R. Drury 4, C. E. Carr (conductor) 5, T. C. Scarborough 6. A compliment to the Rector, the Rev. C. A. Turner, R.A.F. Branch Padre, on completion of 25 years in the ministry.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 14th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Crane 1, F. Stonton 2, H. Sear 3, W. Daniels 4, W. Sear 5, H. Sear 6, J. Marks 7, R. Cadamy (conductor) 8.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. H. Hoadley 1, T. W. Pankhurst 2, W. S. Dale 3, F. H. Hicks 4, G. Beeny (conductor) 5, A. Mewett 6. First quarter by 1 and 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's for the Ladies' Guild on Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Annie Brown 1, Mary Bennett 2, Mrs. Kimber (first quarter Grandsire) 3, Mrs. D. Bennett 4, Bertha Jordan 5, Norah G. Williams (conductor) 6, Mrs. G. Simmons 7, Mrs. R. Gilling 8.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Judd 1, G. W. Moody 2, A. Tomlinson (first in method) 3, F. Jeffery 4, Mrs. J. Bray 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6, P. Barnes 7, W. B. Bray 8.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—On Sept. 21st, at the College of SS. Mark and John, 1,320 Doubles (360 Grandsire, 360 St. Simon's, 600 Plain Bob): Jack King 1-2, Kenneth L. Brown (conductor) 3-4, Edwin T. Chapman 5-6. First quarter 'in hand' by all.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 of Oxford and 720 of Kent): Mrs. F. Bere 1, S. Smith 2, S. Bristow 3, J. Summerhayes 4, H. Purchase 5, E. Quicke (conductor) 6.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Pickering (age 13) 1, Miss F. M. Price 2, Mrs. G. Halton 3, A. Tarrier 4, H. G. Dwelly 5, W. Swain (conductor) 6. First quarter for 1 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Stephenson 1, M. Chilcott 2, J. Chilcott 3, W. Langdon 4, J. F. Smallwood 5, W. J. Paice (conductor) 6, H. Langdon 7, H. M. Page 8.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Eves (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Landon 2, Miss M. Mance 3, W. Barrett 4, P. J. Eves (conductor) 5, A. Bartholomew 6.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral on Sept. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: R. W. Sear (first quarter) 1, L. Boumphrey (first in method) 2, J. Hutchison (first quarter) 3, R. M. Preston 4, H. Sargent 5, W. Sear 6, F. Boumphrey 7, T. Winderam 8, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 9, A. E. Haynes 10.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.—On Sept. 14th, at St. Martin's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Rowe 1, J. Paton 2, G. C. Carter 3, A. W. J. Butler (conductor) 4, T. Bevan 5, J. O'Dell 6. A 63rd birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 2nd.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cornelius 1, R. Welch 2, R. Beale (conductor) 3, F. Welch 4, T. Hill (first inside) 5, T. Vickery 6.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' on Sept. 21st, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. S. B. Croft 1, Miss Jean Southerst 2, C. Ward 3, N. E. Chambers (first in the method) 4, H. Marcon 5, A. T. Lowman 6, J. L. Millhouse (conductor) 7, S. A. Chambers 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sept. 19th at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. D. Pilcher 1, J. D. Harris 2, Miss H. Dale (first quarter) 3, J. H. Hunt 4, A. T. Greenwood 5, F. W. Rogers 6, T. R. Taylor (conductor) 7, F. W. Burnett 8. A compliment to the Rev. E. E. Curtis, a member of the band, on his appointment as Vicar of All Saints', Portsea.

PARRAMATTA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—At All Saints' Church on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Munday 1, G. Williamson (first as conductor) 2, W. H. Short 3, W. M. Rowe 4, B. Dunbar 5, T. Howell 6.

ROTHERFIELD.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Haffenden 1, L. W. Rogers 2, E. Bishop, jun. 3, A. F. Lewry 4, W. Rogers (conductor) 5, C. Brasier 6, S. T. A. Russell 7, F. Hammond 8.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 20th, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent and 180 of Plain Bob): C. Fordham 1, G. Self 2, W. Goodson 3, C. Orves 4, A. Cook 5, J. Bailey (conductor) 6. A wedding compliment to Ronald Francis (local ringer) and Miss Joan Noble.

SOUTH CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church on Sept. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Hughes 1, J. Hayward 2, D. Parsons 3, Edna George (first in method) 4, W. Claydon 5, J. Perrott 6, H. Simmons (conductor) 7, T. Blow 8, T. Talbot 9, F. Jones 10. Rung for the marriage of Mr. Fred Brownett (member of the local band) to Miss C. Widdows.

SPALDING, LINCS.—On Sept. 21st at the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Stanley E. Bennett 1, M. Telford 2, J. E. Allen (first quarter of Stedman) 3, R. Smith 4, A. J. Farr 5, W. Hollingworth 6, J. G. Ames (conductor) 7, D. Lawson 8.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. J. Leversuch 1, W. J. Nudds 2, J. R. Mayne 3, R. Wilkinson 4, R. Wenban 5, W. Wenban 6, J. E. Rootes 7, C. C. Mayne (conductor) 8.

STEVENINGTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Bonnett 1, Pat Gilbert 2, R. J. Sharp 3, C. H. Harding (conductor) 4, R. Chapman 5. For the wedding of Miss Marjorie Watson and Mr. Cyril Cowley.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Bob Royal: G. Duffield 1, W. Jarvis 2, H. Piggins 3, A. Upsall 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, J. Phillips 6, W. Storey 7, F. Wigmore (conductor) 8, H. Means 9, W. Freeman 10.

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Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe has passed another milestone—her 200th peal. The list should make interesting reading.

Was the peal of Minor at Springfield, Essex, on September 22nd non-conducted? Will sender please reply forthwith giving missing details?

Writes a correspondent: The tenor man in the peal of Bob Major (in hand) at Sittingbourne wanted his first to be steady and long. It was—2 hrs. and 44 mins.

Will the conductor of the peal at Pelsall, Staffs, on September 27th, please notify the Editor if the peal was rung for any association or guild?

At West Ham on September 21st, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in memory of the late Mr. F. Newman, but was lost through a rope slipping the wheel. The bells were not muffed by request.

Miss Mavis Botham, who rang her first peal of Major at Norbury, Cheshire, celebrated her birthday on the same day as her father, brother and twin sister. All were duly honoured by the peal.

The peal of Minor at Coppull, Lancs, was rung by veterans of the Lancashire Association who were all College Youths and Freemasons. After the peal the band visited the Coppull Lodge. At the festive board Mr. J. Booth and his daughter entertained the brethren with tunes on handbells.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations were extended to Mr. W. P. Garrett (aged 82) at the conclusion of the peal at Ipswich on September 20th on being the first to ring 100 peals of Maximus on tower bells, 98 of which he has rung at Ipswich and the other two at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

His peals include 14 different methods, seven of which were Surprise, he being also the one and only to ring in all the first peals of Surprise Maximus on an 'inside' bell. The peal was also rung as a birthday compliment to the Society's esteemed member, Mr. Robert H. Brundle, who reached the age of 96 on Sept. 18th.

Mr. C. Valentine has completed the circle at Frodsham, Cheshire.

Appreciative comments have reached us concerning the ringing of Diss bells last Sunday. One writer recalls his peals on these bells.

Guild and tower librarians would be wise to include Edgar C. Shepherd's 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters' in their libraries. Books like these are not reprinted.

Different stages in Stedman Cinques were in evidence in the peal at Walsall on September 23rd. It was George L. Roden's first and Arthur T. Dutton's 25th; Howard Howell's 75th of Stedman and 175th peal.

STOP PRESS.—The record peal of 14,144 London Surprise Major was rung in 8 hours and 25 minutes at Heydour, Lincs, on Oct. 4th.

The peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Claines, Worcestershire, was to the memory of Mr. T. W. Chapman, of Nuneaton, who was a very welcome visitor to Claines Church during his stay in Worcester, and to Mr. Robert Matthews, of Stourbridge, the doyen of Worcestershire ringers. They were both well known to each other and much alike in disposition and character.

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Yorkshire Association

REV. C. O. ELLISON ELECTED PRESIDENT

The September general meeting of the Association was held at Barnsley on September 20th attended by members representative of all the districts. The bells were available from 3 p.m. and made good use of in a variety of methods while a meeting of the General Committee took place in the vestry.

The general meeting took place at the Royal Hotel, when the chair was taken by the vice-president, Southern District, Mr. Dan Smith, supported by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, and the peal secretary, Mr. W. Barton. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. P. J. Johnson, J. Ambler, W. H. Senior, W. Ambler and B. Sutton.

Consequent upon the untimely but unavoidable resignation of the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, following an unfortunate road accident earlier in the year, the election of a successor was the principal business before the meeting. The general secretary reported that in accordance with instructions given at the annual general meeting, the sub-committee appointed to interview the Rev. C. O. Ellison, Vicar of Wetherby, had carried out their mission, and had been pleased to report to the General Committee that the Rev. C. O. Ellison had very kindly consented to allow his name to go forward, and, if elected, had promised to do all in his power to uphold and further the interests of the Association, and to prove a worthy successor to Canon Marshall. The committee, therefore, had very great pleasure in recommending that the Rev. C. O. Ellison be elected president.

Mr. W. Barton moved and Mr. E. Hudson seconded, and following supporting speeches by Mr. J. R. Brearley, Mr. E. Hudson and Mr. J. W. Moxon, the Rev. C. O. Ellison was unanimously elected president, and accordingly took over the chair. He was received with acclamation when he rose to thank the members for doing him this great honour, and he pointed out that he could add little to what he had already promised the sub-committee when they approached him, beyond saying that he was keenly interested in change ringing, and that any gifts he possessed would most readily be placed at the disposal of the Association. His first duty, of course, was to his own parish and that alone would have prior claim on his services.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens of Barnsley was moved by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who pointed out that this was the third general meeting to be held at Barnsley within the last ten years, all during difficult times and one in particular midway through the war years. This was seconded by Mr. H. Lofthouse and carried unanimously. A similar vote of thanks to the local company and in particular to Mr. Dan Smith was moved by Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. T. C. Ryder and carried with applause.

A discussion followed on the place and date of the next meeting, during which it was announced that the recast ring of 13 bells at Wakefield Cathedral would be dedicated on October 18th, and if arrangements could be made to hold the January general meeting there, it would give members an opportunity of trying the new bells. Mr. W. E. Critchley moved and Mr. E. Short seconded that the next meeting be held at Wakefield Cathedral on January 17th provided the necessary arrangements could be made. This was carried unanimously.

The President announced that the committee had considered the matter of a suitable memento to Canon Marshall in grateful acknowledgment of his very great work for the Association, and had appointed a sub-committee to deal with the matter. Mr. H. Lofthouse moved and Mr. E. Hudson seconded that the sub-committee be given full power to act and that the appeal be launched forthwith so that November 30th could be given as a closing date. This was carried.

Mr. Eric F. Lunn, of Barnby Don, was elected a member.

RINGING AT CUDDESDON

Most ringers would feel that a theological college situated in a village with a tower containing six bells should be used as a training ground for parsons of the future who could take an interest in bells and have a knowledge of elementary change ringing. At present this is the policy pursued at Cuddesdon.

On the writer's arrival last summer it was found that the bells had not been rung for at least 12 years, as the frames were said to have been condemned, but later this was found to be false. A few of the men of the village had rung in the past, but they said they were badly out of practice, also none of the students could handle a bell. However, we collected a band, and, thanks to the generous offer of a local tower some three miles away, we were able to get our men practising handling a bell, but it was hard work for one man to instruct six novices, especially when the instructor is still in the 'learner' stage himself. But we persevered and at last we tried our first open rounds—what a din! It was no use giving it up at this stage and so we continued to practise, cycling over to the tower once a week. During one practice we met Mr. White, of Appleton, who on hearing of our difficulties promised to come over to Cuddesdon and test the frames, which he duly did, and pronounced them safe to bear the stresses and strains imposed by the bells while they were being rung.

On December 4th, four months after arriving at Cuddesdon, we had our first ring in the tower, when the bells were heard to speak again after so many years. But there were many obstacles, the bells were hung in old frames, the gudgeons did not rest in ball bearings, and it was a great effort to keep the 14 cwt. tenor moving well; the lighter bells were either odd-struck or too badly hung to

enable them to be rung with ease, and the ropes were in a very bad condition. Yet these difficulties discouraged neither us nor the members of the old village band who, led by a very steady tenor man, were glad to be back in the belfry once again. And from then onwards there has existed a very happy and successful co-operation between village and college ringers.

Most of the 'change ringing' done was taken from cards hung on a stand in the centre of the ringing chamber, each man following the number of the bell marked on the card, and in this manner it was possible to ring a plain course of Grandsire Doubles. We were greatly helped by the arrival of a student who had spent some time on the early stages in change ringing, and he was able to give considerable assistance, and attempts were made at ringing a plain hunting course, each man following the path of his bell unaided, but with so many learners in the band it was impossible to obtain regular striking, and as a consequence ringers occasionally lost their positions. But we are persisting in this method of learning and it may be hoped that when our ringers, who now compose a band of twenty, arrive as curates in various parishes in town or country, they will with help be able to stand in with the local bands and ring a straightforward method and handle a bell with accuracy.

In conclusion, the writer would like to mention the consistent help and friendliness which he has met with in all ringers, and on his part to say that as our 'ringing parsons' come out into their parishes they hope that they may be at the service of the local band, as their parson and as a fellow ringer, joining in a service to the Church and a pastime which makes a fellowship which is hard to better.

DICK HART.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

70th ANNIVERSARY.

The 70th anniversary was celebrated at the annual festival, held in Durham on September 27th. Beautiful autumn weather prevailed and some 70 members and friends participated. Service was held in the Cathedral, and an address was given by the Bishop of Durham (Dr. A. T. P. Williams), who welcomed the Association to the Cathedral and expressed his pleasure at being with them. The Cathedral organist, Dr. Conrad W. Eden, was at the organ and rendered Purcell's 'Bell Anthem,' which, in this massive building, was most impressive.

A meeting of the committee was held in the men's singing room in the Cathedral cloisters, and the Cathedral bells were in use during the afternoon.

At the annual meeting, the president, Mr. K. L. Patterson, was in the chair. Apologies were received from the Bishop of Durham, the Dean of Durham and the Cathedral organist and from Miss J. S. Armstrong, Messrs. G. A. Pickering, K. Arthur, J. Smith, M. D. Oubridge, Canon A. B. Parry-Evans, W. J. Davidson, E. A. Gallimore and North Shields ringers.

The secretary's report showed that 27 peals had been rung during the year ended August 31st, in which 79 members took part. A pleasing feature was the number of firsts and the youth of some of the participants. Nineteen members had scored their first peal, amongst them Harry Surtees, aged 12, and Kenneth Pickering, aged 15.

The treasurer's statement showed a balance in hand of £116 6s. The 71st annual festival was to be on September 25th, 1948, in Newcastle, and it was decided to hold a half-yearly meeting in Sunderland in March, to be known as 'Joseph W. Parker Memorial Meeting,' and to be held on a date as near as possible to the late Mr. Parker's birthday. A vote of thanks was moved for the retiring

officers by Mr. J. Anderson, seconded by Mr. G. W. Park, and carried with acclamation.

The following officers were appointed: President, Mr. W. N. Park (Darlington); secretary, Mr. J. A. Brown (Chester-le-Street); treasurer, Mr. J. Ainsley (Sunderland); editorial secretary, Miss M. Fidell (Whitley Bay); auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird (Newcastle).

An excellent dinner was provided, at which the guest of honour was the Bishop of Jarrow (Dr. C. J. Dunlop), who has more than a passing acquaintance with the art. The president introduced the Bishop to the members and called upon him for the toast of 'The Association.' The Bishop gave a most stimulating and instructive address, during the course of which he suggested that the Association might with advantage get in touch with several of the colleges in the dioceses where teachers were being trained, with a view to giving a series of lectures.

The thanks of the meeting were expressed to the Bishop by the president. An entertainment followed, by Paxton Lynn, the genial member of the Magic Circle, and Mr. Robert H. Gibson, tenor whose rendering of 'The Holy City' and 'English Rose' were greatly appreciated, the proceedings being brought to a close by a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A fitting tribute to the late Mr. J. Armiger Trolope was paid by the district's vice-president, Mr. A. W. Coles, at the meeting of the North and East District at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on September 20th, and those present suitably acknowledged by standing in silence.

Four non-resident life members were elected, these being Mr. E. E. Whitmore (Raunds), Mr. G. Watson and Miss E. Walklate (Burton Latimer) and Mr. W. H. Southard (Truro). Ringing took place at Kilburn and Willesden.

OBITUARY

MR. F. S. BAYLEY.

The death took place at his home at Fareham, Hampshire, on September 26th, of Mr. Frederick Shelburne Bayley, F.I.C., after a long illness resulting from a flying bomb destroying his former home at Meon.

Coming from a Kent family, his early ringing career was spent mostly in that county, becoming attached to St. Alphege's, Greenwich, amongst other towers. On going to London, being a College Youth, he was a regular attendant at St. Paul's Cathedral and had vivid memories of John Murray Hayes and James Pettitt. He rang several peals at St. Paul's when the late William T. Cockerill rang the tenor single-handed to peals of Maximus.

Later he made his home in the provinces and became a member of St. Mary's, Portsea, conducting the first peal of Stedman Triples by the local band in 1897. For a time he gave up active interest in ringing, but took it up again 20 years ago.

Mr. Bayley was a very proficient striker and method ringer and took part in the first peals of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Spiced Surprise by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. He also took part in the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major by the College Youths, which was rung at Curdridge, Hampshire. He had a charming disposition, and both he and Mrs. Bayley were never happier than when they were in other ringers' company.

The funeral service was held at Fareham Parish Church and cremation followed at Southampton. The Diocesan Guild was represented at the funeral by Messrs. G. Williams (Master), F. W. Rogers (hon. general secretary), W. Linter (hon. general treasurer) and W. Rowe (North Stoneham). F.W.R.

MR. ROBERT MATTHEWS.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association and particularly the Northern Branch have suffered a grievous loss by the sudden death of Robert Matthews, of Wordsley and Wollaston, on September 21st, after his return from a visit to Southport. He was at the Northern Branch annual meeting at Cleat on the previous day, and his sudden death has been a great shock to all his friends who were with him at this meeting.

Bob Matthews was in his 69th year, and he was a grand ringer and conductor, but he was an even finer man who gained the affection of all who met him by his genial disposition and his great unselfishness, for he was always just as willing to stand in a peal attempt or attend a practice for beginners as he was to take part in Spiced Surprise.

Until a few years ago he was a prolific peal ringer and had rung over 600 peals, more than half of which he had conducted. Included in these were 9,728 Superlative Surprise Major at Cleat and 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major at Brierley Hill, which latter is still the record length in this method. He had been a vice-president of the Association since 1927, and among other offices had held those of Master and Central Council representative.

The funeral took place at Wordsley, Staffs, on September 25th, and among those present at the church were Messrs. Albert Walker, George Fearn, E. Alloway and J. F. Harvey (St. Martin's Guild), F. Colclough (Dudley and District Guild), and representatives from the following towers in the Worcestershire Association: Selly Oak, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, Wollaston, Netherton, Brierley Hill, Halesowen, Wordsley and Kidderminster. The bearers were Messrs. John Bass, C. W. Cooper, William Gibbs and C. Skidmore, and handbells were rung at the graveside by Messrs. J. Bass, A. Walker and G. Fearn.

The bells at Wordsley were rung before and after the service, and during the evening half-muffled ringing took place at Brierley Hill, Stourbridge and Wollaston.

MR. JAMES PRESTON.

For many years a ringer and sexton at Kirkby Mallory, Leics., Mr. J. Preston died at Syston, Leics., on September 14th. Visiting ringers remember Jim and his wife living in the little cottage where there was always a cup of tea and a piece of cake available.

The funeral was at Kirkby Mallory on Sept. 18th. As a mark of respect the bells were rung half-muffled on Sept. 21st to 1,440 Plain Bob Minor by E. Sowman 1, T. H. Wright 2, G. Highton 3, F. Bailes 4, J. William Reynolds 5, F. R. Deacon (conductor) 6.

MR. HARRY STREET.

With the passing of Mr. Harry Street, St. Mary's, Walthamstow, band has suffered yet another loss in its ranks. Although Mr. Street was not keen on ringing peals, he was most regular in his attendance at the belfry on Sundays and practice nights, and was a safe ringer in most standard methods. A compositor by trade, in his early days he was apprenticed to Harvey Reeves, the founder of 'The Bell News,' and this was his introduction to our art, which held his interest for the greater part of 50 years. He died on Sept. 28th and was laid to rest at Walthamstow Cemetery on October 2nd. H.R.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

Thirty members and visitors from Leytonstone, Galleywood, Newmarket, Sudbury and Hadleigh attended the meeting at Harwich on September 13th. The Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Hole) conducted the service, and a collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 15s. 6d.

Harwich shrimps figured on the menu for tea. The Vicar presided at the business meeting in the absence of the Master (Mr. C. Ellis), to whom the secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy with wishes for a speedy recovery. Mistley was chosen for the annual meeting in January.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

An enjoyable meeting was held at Great Easton on September 6th, although the small attendance was disappointing considering the beautiful day. The bells were ringing before the service, which was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (Canon Widdrington), and Miss H. G. Snowden was at the organ.

Tea was served in the Village Hall by the local ringers and their wives, and this was followed by the business meeting. The District Master (Miss H. Snowden) presided. A joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild was discussed, and it was agreed that next summer would be a better time to arrange such a meeting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION WESTERN DIVISION AT OTLEY.

The quarterly meeting was held at the Parish Church, when a good attendance was recorded from a large area. Methods ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. The service was conducted by the Rector of Leathley in the absence of the Vicar of Otley. Tea was served in the schools by the members of the Mothers' Union.

The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson), who introduced the new president-elect, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, Vicar of Wetherby, who, having qualified for ringing membership, was duly elected a performing member of the Association. Thirteen other new members were also elected.

The meeting accepted with regret the resignation of Miss L. K. Bowling, who is leaving the district, from the committee, and it was hoped that Miss Bowling would carry with her happy memories of her association with the Yorkshire ringers. Miss Bowling thanked the members for their kind wishes for her future, and said she would remember with gratitude all the help that had been given her by the members of the Association.

Miss P. E. M. Barton was unanimously elected to the committee.

London University Tour Kent

37 TOWERS VISITED.

Fourteen members of the London University Society and three very welcome guests (not only because they had cars) met for the Society's Second Annual Ringing Week, held in Kent in the last week of August. Based on Folkestone, a fully-mechanised unit carried out highly successful ringing operations in 37 towers over a 30-mile radius of grand country in glorious weather.

The avowed object of the tour—that everyone should accomplish something he had never done before—was not forgotten, and, on the whole, very usefully achieved. People who arrived only in the round-ringing stage were soon trebling to Grandsire and Plain Bob with the best of them: a number of others got 'inside' and kept there; and although London Scholars' Pleasure belied its name to some, most got the measure of it by the end of the tour, and some well-struck touches of Oswald Delight, Original and Carshalton Bob Triples come to mind among the rather formidable collection of new methods previously set for homework by the Master.

Of the four peal attempts, the first (at Folkestone) was not so much lost as strategically abandoned: a rather mixed band had not shaken down sufficiently to do justice to this fine but heavy-going eight. The successes—Plain Bob at Cheriton and Kent at Lydd—were perhaps most notable for the gratifying number of 'firsts.' Bob Royal at Leeds came to grief after two hours—which was a great pity, since one unbiased listener was certain that it was quite the best striking of the whole tour.

More memories than can possibly be recorded here will doubtless enliven many an empty hearth during the coming winter: the detached wooden tower at Brookland, for one, built out of fotsam and jetsam from the seashore, and whose curiously atonic five were persuaded to render Stedman Doubles in the Hindemith Variation. This strange assortment of hardware, by the way, is visible as well as decidedly audible from the ringing floor—a useful purgatory, one might suggest, for nattering conductors. Then there was the very sporting six at Lymppne, rung from the chancel, and the equally tricky tinklers at Burmarsh, rung from a most exiguous vestry; the grand five at Eastry, surely one of the heaviest fives in the country; and then the cryptic telegram from London, which arrived too late to warn us off the bells at Wye, the front three of which magnificent eight were rung stayless and regardless.

The Society is most grateful to Mr. Willis, of Folkestone, for very helpful and active interest; to Mr. Peter Small, of Canterbury, for unfailing moral support, and unerring dragoonship in his home town; to our chauffeurs, who coped efficiently and patiently with the whims of the tower-grabbers and some abominable map-reading by their passengers.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A happy welcome was extended to the Society when they held their meeting on September 27th at Liversedge, whose ringers hold the Barnsley and District Shield and the Halifax and District Cup for good striking, etc.

The bells were rung up in peal at 3 p.m., and ringing continued until 4.45 p.m., when a splendid tea was arranged by the local ringers and wives. After tea handbells were rung in the Institute, while others wandered back to the tower to further enjoy the tower bells until the business meeting.

The president was chairman, supported by members from Armley, Batley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Leeds, Pudsey and friends from the Halifax Association.

Thanking the ladies for the excellence of the tea, Mr. John McGlenn said it was a grand effort in these times of rationing. The next meeting will be at Rothwell on October 25th.

LETTERS

NUMBERS FOR TEA AT MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—Cannot something be done about those ringers who make a practice of turning up for tea at meetings without having informed the secretary beforehand? Such thoughtlessness not only causes inconvenience, but often extra work and expense for those responsible for arranging the catering. No one objects to the odd half-dozen, who through unforeseen circumstances arrive for tea without notice, but when you get twenty, thirty and even more, this is going too far. If branch officials would insist that only those who have sent in their names get tea, then I feel sure it would go a long way towards making ringers realise their obligations in this connection.—Yours faithfully,

FRED BENNETT.

Wombourn, near Wolverhampton.

SHERBORNE TENOR AND THE LADIES

Dear Sir,—A recent week-end I spent at Sherborne. On enquiry I was informed that a Bath lady, believed to be Miss Williams, also a Bristol lady, had previously rung the Abbey tenor single handed.

Rambling on to the south of Sherborne, I saw in the middle of a farm field a tower covered with ivy. Investigating, I found it to be the remains of a small church and churchyard (tower and gravestones with part of the boundary wall only existing). In the tower there were three bell frames, and lying at the bottom the remains of two headstocks, all age worn.

In a small church on the main road, which I found being swept out for harvest festival service, I found three bells, one hung for tolling (now in decay), two by the font, one cracked and one good (approximately 3 to 4 cwt. each). There is no inscription or date.

'CURIOUS.'

LITTLE BOB AT RUNCORN

Dear Sir,—I regret that I made a mistake in claiming that the peal of Little Bob at Runcorn rung on August 30th was the first on the bells, but this information was supplied to me by the local ringers and the claim was made in good faith.

I learn with interest that the second peal in the method was rung at Runcorn and apologise for my error.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. GRIFFITHS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to offer my personal congratulations and also those of the other ladies in this district to Mavis Whitehead on the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus before attaining her 14th birthday. Well done, Mavis, and best of luck in your future efforts. I was very much hoping to ring in the peal and was greatly disappointed at having to withdraw from the band through indisposition.

Congratulations also to Kathleen Tilley and Alan Cattell on ringing in the peal, their first on twelve bells.

JILL POOLE.

KENT SCHOOL INFORMATION WANTED

Sir,—It is good to read of the six copies of 'Elementary Change Ringing' on their way to Long Beach, California. I hope shortly to be forwarding to the same place a history of a famous Norfolk ringing family to a descendant now living there. Doubtless a seventh copy will eventually be needed.

We have heard nothing of recent years of the activities of Kent School. Has the pursuit of change ringing died out or has the secretary of the Society forgotten the existence of 'The Ringing World'? The Kent School should be informed that a record of its efforts would be of interest to us over here.—Yours, etc.,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

Norwich.

Oxford Diocesan Guild

VALE OF WHITE HORSE BRANCH.

An attendance of 33 was recorded at the meeting at Buckland on September 20th, the Rev. C. G. Seymour Melford presiding, supported by Mr. R. F. J. Gilling (branch secretary).

Three Buckland ringers—G. Hooper, C. Haines and J. Hutt—were elected members. Mr. Pryor suggested monthly practices at one tower during the winter months, and after discussion it was decided to hold practices at Buckland on October 4th, November 1st, December 6th and January 3rd from 2 to 5 p.m. Shrivensham was selected for the next meeting.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. A. Dowds) for conducting the service, and to the ladies for providing such a bountiful tea. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) gave an encouraging address.

Ringings included the four standard methods and rounds for beginners.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

About 60 members attended the autumn meeting at Wyke Regis on September 20th, Canon A. W. Markby presiding.

It was reported that a fund was being started to enable Fordington bells to be rehung. The question of an appeal to the Guild for assistance was deferred to the annual meeting.

A suggestion that every member should subscribe one shilling per annum to a bell fund was also left over until the annual meeting in view of the increase in the annual subscription from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. that operates from January next.

New members elected were the Rev. G. L. O. Jessop, honorary, and Mr. G. Abbot (Wyke Regis).

A vote of thanks to the Rector for conducting the service and the ladies for providing the tea was proposed by Mr. Pink and endorsed by the chairman.

NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

The visit of the North Dorset Branch to Shroton attracted an attendance of 43, including visitors from as far distant as Redruth, Cornwall.

Business at the meeting included the election of Mr. C. Dupe Drayson (Ringwood), a life member, and the Rev. W. R. Mortimer, an hon. member. Subject to permission, the branch annual meeting is to be held at Gillingham in December. Thanks were voiced to the Rector (the Rev. R. M. Taylor), organist and choir for the service, and to those who provided the tea. Ringing also took place at Childe Okeford.

MR. E. MORRIS' LATEST LEICESTER TOWER

Ernest Morris attained another Leicestershire tower to his great total when on September 18th he added a peal at Croxton-Kerrial. This was his second attempt here, the first being 20 years ago when the tenor cast wheel and 'ye peal was lost.' The bells now go very badly and all very erratically; the frame rocks and groans; and it was only by perseverance and 'sweat' that the peal was possible. The second cast wheel frequently and the tenor goes very heavily. But the 5th! Its wheel is all askew and not only tends to cast the rope off, but grinds and jumps about very disconcertingly. It was left to E. M. to manipulate and he went home with a wet shirt.

This completes his 126th tower in the diocese, 125 actually being in the county. There now remains Bottesford (8) and Eaton (6) to be accomplished to complete all possible towers. The 'impossible' ones at the moment are St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester (8), Church Langton (8), Skeffington (5), Shawell (5) and Stapleford (6). The latter are hung for chiming only.

Norwich Ringers' Outing

This, for want of a better title, describes a new venture. A motor-coach left St. Peter Mancroft on September 13th at 7.30 a.m., filled with ringers from Bergh Apton, Loddon, Mulbarton, Norwich (St. Giles) and St. Peter Mancroft, and Saxlingham Nethergate; others were picked up on the way from Caston, Hingham and Watton. We proceeded rapidly, via Peterborough, to our first stop, Oundle, which was reached about 11.30. Here we enjoyed the use of a fine eight rehung by Taylors in 1934; the ringers of 2 and 3 stand on high boxes to see each other over the clock. Then to St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Tichmarsh, whose fine pinnacled tower contains a grand ring of eight recast by G. and J. in 1913. Then to Thrapston, where we noted that the Rev. F. E. Robinson called the first peal of Stedman on July 6th, 1899.

A coincidence took place here. One of our members produced a column cut out of 'The Evening News' of the previous day, in which it was noted that, amongst other old public house games, that of 'Ringing the Bell' still survived at the Fox Inn, Thrapston. Naturally we gravitated thither, determined to play the old game. We found the paper had made a misprint, and the game was actually 'Ringing the Bull'—an ordinary bull ring hangs from the ceiling by a string, of such a length that it is just possible to swing the ring on to a hook on the opposite wall. Clouston, who had first produced the paper reference, succeeded in 'Ringing the Bull' at the third swing, though nobody else got anywhere near! Lunch being at a 'dry' place, our visit to the Fox was doubly profitable.

Then to Raunds, a magnificent church with a fine ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) in a grand Early English tower, under the tower arch of which, inside, is a 15th century clock face. F. E. Robinson called the first peal of Stedman here on July 4th, 1899.

Finedon, another magnificent church, notable for its organ in the western gallery, was our next call. The eight here, of which we made good use, were also rung by F. E. Robinson for their first peal of Stedman, on February 7th, 1898. We noted on the wall the names of the ringers and steeplekeeper painted in 1686. On to the Wicksteed Park Pavilion, a sort of inland Blackpool, at Kettering, where we had a grand tea. Then at Kettering a touch or so of Grandsire Caters, etc., on a good ten. A fine peal board here records 5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 18 minutes, on February 28th, 1729.

Our last call was at Peterborough, where the fine recently rehung eight at St. John the Baptist's were made good use of. Finally we arrived home tired, but well content, and determined to run a similar outing next year. We are most grateful to the various steeplekeepers, to George Jeffs, of Thrapston, who made the local arrangements and accompanied us most of the day, and to Nolan Golden for his most efficient organising.

A. G. G. THURLLOW.

THE LADIES' GUILD

MIDLAND DISTRICT.

Members from Aston, Birmingham, Castle Bromwich, Desford, Erdington, Leicester, Nottingham and Solihull attended the Midland District meeting at Aston on September 27th, and the bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to various methods ranging from rounds on the twelve to Stedman Caters.

The Vicar of Aston (the Rev. F. F. Warman) gave a short address and a few prayers in the belfry, and a delightful tea was afterwards served at the Holte Hotel. At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Shepshed on Nov. 29th. Two new members were elected. It was proposed to send the best wishes of the meeting to Miss Iris Rowley, of Ibstock, for a speedy recovery from her illness.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change, one half above charge for each insertion.

All notices must be prepaid.

BIRTHS

LUNN.—On Tuesday, Sept. 30th, 1947, a daughter, Ann, to Alice, wife of George Leslie A. Lunn, at the County Maternity Home, Gainsborough. 2095

SMITH. — On Thursday, Sept. 25th, 1947, at 11, Lansdowne Terrace, The Grove, Twyford, Berks, to Elsie, wife of Harold Smith, a brother for Gillian (Michael John). 2119

WORTH.—On Sept. 25th, 1947, at West Park Hospital, Macclesfield, to Betty, wife of John Worth, a son (David John), a brother for Anne and Mary. 2119

DEATH

PERKINS. — On Sunday, Sept. 28th, 1947, after a long illness, Annie, beloved wife of Walter Perkins, passed away peacefully at 22, Queen Street, Irthlingbough. Aged 81 years. 2082

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

SET of eight small HANDBELLS, tenor G sharp, one minus clapper, some need springs padding; what offers?—C. Sharples, 19, Stonycroft Avenue, Blackpool South. 2085

SET of 32 HANDBELLS by Mears, of London, in chromatic scale of C; in excellent condition; offers to Godfrey, 9, South Parade, Caythorpe, Grantham, Lincs. 2090

VACANCY

APPLICATIONS will be considered from change ringers for a forthcoming vacancy for a qualified auto-electrician with large transport company outside England. Trade Union rates. Rings of bells available. Full particulars to Box 2107, 'Ringing World' Office, Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 2107

PUBLICATIONS

'Surprise Methods.'—About 160 unnamed Major Methods in Place Notation, including 70 unpublished by Gabriel Lindoff. Post free 1s., 3 for 2s. 6d. Postal orders only.—Corrigan, Ryedown Lane, Bitton, Bristol. 'The Church Bells of Berkshire,' Part X., price 1s. Supplied to purchasers of previous parts only. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 2035

'College Youths,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, the method and its proof,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 1s. (postage 1d.), from Hollebeke, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. 1946

MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting Canterbury, Sat., Oct. 11th. St. Alphege (6), St. Dunstan (6) available 2.30; Cathedral (12) evening only. Service St. Alphege 4.15. Tea White Swan, Northgate Street.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2014

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Cropredy, Sat, Oct. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 2020

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting Leeds (10), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names to Dr. E. E. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 2006

ESSEX ASSN.—Dedication of William J. Nevard memorial tablet in Great Bentley Church on Sat., Oct. 11th, at 4. Bells (8) available all day. Tea 5.—H. J. Millatt, Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 3025

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting Shepton Beauchamp (8), Oct. 11th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. T. Locke, Drayton. 2041

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting Hemyock, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silverton. 2064

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Penshurst, Oct. 11th, 3. Tea 5.—C. A. Bassett. 2062

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield District.—Next meeting Dronfield (8), Oct. 11th. Bring food.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2060

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove (8), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5; bring own food.—J. W. Cotton. 2078

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Potton, Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells (6), 3. Tea 5. 2055

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Western and St. Albans Districts.—Joint meeting Flamstead (6), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells 3. Service 5.—W. C. Hughes and T. J. Southam, Dis. Secs. 2056

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon (10), Sat., Oct. 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea in St. John's Hall 5.15. Names to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath. Hall also open from 3 (handbells, etc.). Social evening 8.—J. E. L. Cockey and A. W. Barker, Hon. Secs. 2053

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Sat., Oct. 11th, All Saints', West Ham (10), 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 5.45.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2073

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—Meeting, Brigg, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea at Glandford Cafe, Wrawby Street, 5 p.m.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 2094

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's Church, Bosley (6), on Oct. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas by own arrangement.—C. Lawton, Hon. Branch Sec. 2081

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Oct. 18th, at Deeping St. James (6 bells), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Bridge Hotel, for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 2014

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL.—New ring of 13 bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated on Sat., Oct. 18th, 2.30, by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Rev. Henry McGowan, D.D. All ringers most cordially invited. A limited number of teas will be provided in the Cathedral School (2s. per head). Tickets for tea may be obtained from Mr. J. H. Kirby, 99, York Street, Wakefield, on receipt of postal order for 2s., not later than Monday, October 13th. Tower open for ringing from 5.30 onwards. 2022

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Practice, Fittleworth (6), Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 15th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 2083

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—District meeting Horringer (8), Sat., Oct. 18th. Bells 3. Owing to catering difficulties please bring own tea. Eastern Counties bus leaves Cornhill, Bury St. Edmunds, at 2.25, 4.15 and 6.5, returning from Horringer at 5.50, 7.40, and 9.26.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec. 2066

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Oct. 18th, at Rochester Cathedral. Bells available 3. Service 4. Tea, City Cafe. Names for tea by Wed., Oct. 15th, to B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec., Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 2077

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Jubilee Service and dinner, Oct. 18th. Ringing Clerkenwell, 2.30-4; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30-4.30. Service, St. Giles', 4.30; preacher, Bishop of London. Dinner, Slater's, 393, Strand, 6.30. Money (12s.) to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 1963

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting Cranleigh, Saturday, October 18th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30 Please send names for tea by Oct. 13th to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 2047

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting Pilton, Oct. 18th, 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify Tuesday, Oct. 14th.—W. H. Nash, 4, Dovecotes, Street.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Curdrige, Sat., Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Oct. 14th.—J. H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 2086

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bidston (6), Sat., Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 2099

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSN.—Meeting, Oct. 18th, Swanwick. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. 2106

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Luton District.—At Leighton Buzzard, Sat., Oct. 18th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. C. Hillyard, Half Moon Lane, Dunstable. 2088

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Naseby (5 bells) on Sat. Oct. 18th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. All welcome.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec. 2076

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Helmsore, Sat., Oct. 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food.—J. Porter. 2098

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Peak Branch.—Youlgreave (8), 3 p.m., Oct. 18th. Cups of tea only.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 2101

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Burbage, 3 p.m., Oct. 18th. Tea, 5, The Hut, Grove Road. Names to E. Turner, Barain, Cowper Road, Sketchley Hill, Hinckley. 2097

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., Oct. 18th, St. Stephen's, St. Albans (6), 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. St. Albans Cathedral (12), 6.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2096

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Quarterly meeting, New Radnor, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday to J. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 2093

OXFORD GUILD.—Oxon District.—Annual meeting, Thame, Oxon, Oct. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Oct. 15th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 2092

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Frittenden (8), Sat., Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec. 2091

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Buriton (6), Sat., Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5, in the Five Bells, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 14th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants. 2100

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Chester Guild at St. Margaret's, Altrincham, on Sat., Oct. 18th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. approximately) 5 p.m. Names to H. Turner, 3, Frinton Close, Sale, by Oct. 14th. 2116

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Practice meeting, Sat., Oct. 18th, Ringwood. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea in Ringwood 5 (notify by Oct. 15th). Fordingbridge bells from 6.15 p.m.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 2104

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Acton (6 bells), Oct. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Refreshments provided. Names by 15th to Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 2111

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Warwick, Oct. 18th. St. Mary's bells (10), available 3. Tea, 5, at Warwick Restaurant. Business meeting in Vestry following tea. Names for tea by Wed., Oct. 15th, latest.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 2111

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey, Sat., Oct. 18th. For tea notify H. Turner, 3, Frinton Close, Sale, Cheshire. 2115

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Sat., Oct. 25th. Details later. Ringers starting at any London colleges this term are particularly welcome. Details, write P. R. Blackman, Hon. Sec., c/o Imperial College Union, Prince Consort Road, S.W.7. 2114

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewisham District.—Annual district meeting, St. John's, Erith, Sat., Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than Monday, Oct. 20th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2087

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Blofield (6), Sat., Oct. 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify names or numbers for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 21st. This is very essential.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 2100

OXFORD GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Meeting at Bicester (8), Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. Ambrosden (8) bells available. 2108

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sarum Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Downton (8), Oct. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea by Oct. 22nd to J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 2114

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.—The 10 bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Stafford (Rt. Rev. L. D. Hammond) on Sunday, Oct. 26th, at 11 a.m. Ringing until 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—F. A. Sedgwick, 10, Dam Street, Lichfield, Staffs. 2113

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UNIVERSITIES ASSN. — Advance notice.—The annual London meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 7th, 1948. Service 5 p.m., Southwark Cathedral. Book the date now.—E. S. John Hatcher, Sec. 2103

NORTH STAFFS ASSN. — St. James' Church, Audley. — Ringing practice, Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—R. Rowley, Swanley, Nantwich Road, Audley, Stoke-on-Trent. Phone Audley 352. 2112

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Practices at Highweek Wednesdays at 7 p.m. until further notice.—A. L. Bennett, Buckfastleigh. 2105

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD. — Will members who have changed their address without notifying me kindly do so to enable a correct record to be made? Will those unable to attend the annual meeting please send subscriptions? — H. G. Jenney, Hon. Sec., 23, Larch St., Leicester.

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